

D6110 YE Quarterly Newsletter

Bringing YE News to the Clubs of D6110

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Friends- 4-Dinner™ Youth Exchange's 2002 FUNdraising Event

By Monika Fischer-Massie, D6110 YE Fundraising Coordinator

The D6110 YE Team invites all D6110 Rotarians to a YE Fund-raising Dinner on Saturday March 16, 2002 (day before St. Patrick's Day). Proceeds will go in a "Reserve Fund" to guarantee a fixed-cost exchange for each student. Any overage goes to the D6110 YE scholarship fund. Here's how it works - **Having friends to dinner is a worldwide practice. In the spirit of International Youth Exchange we're asking you to invite at least "4" friends to your home, Rotarians & non-Rotarians alike, for a special dinner - your choice & design. Looking for a convenient excuse for a St. Patty's Day Party? - You just found it: A good time, a great cause!**

Invitations, a token gift, & a payment-envelope are provided by the district. The invitations tell your guests the nature of the dinner & the expectation for a donation to D6110 YE, of the dinner & the expectation for a donation to D6110 YE, of at least the equivalent to eating a similar restaurant dinner. Drinking, dancing & laughing are optional. ☺ **(Cont'd)**

YE Seeks Host Families for Inbound Students

By Mike Hulgán, D6110 Inbound Coordinator

We are still putting the inbound program together for next year, so your club can become involved in the most rewarding program Rotary has to offer, Youth Exchange. We are now receiving applications from around the world. Known inbounds are below, & we expect the list to expand:

Russia – 1 (unknown)
Poland - 1 (unknown)
India – 1 girl
France – 1 girl
Italy – 1 girl
Argentina – 1 girl, 1 boy
Taiwan -- 1 girl
Thailand -- 1 boy
Brazil - 1 (unknown)
Switzerland – 1 (unknown)
Belgium – possibly 1
Germany – possibly 1

If your club is interested in hosting a student for next year, make your selection as soon as possible. Please contact me at hulgan@southshore.com or at 870-449-4291.

Short-Term YE 2002 is off and running!

By Marti Dozier, D6110 YE Short-Term Coordinator

Our goal is to place 35 students outbound & inbound for the 3-4 week program & 2-4 students on the 2-3 month exchanges. Before the deadline, we had already answered 25-30 info **(cont'd)**

New Leadership for D6110 YE

By Les Crider, D6110 Co-YEO (2002-2003)

Using the old adage two minds are better than one, District YE will have multiple Youth Exchange Officers (YEO's) starting next July. Mike Hulgán (Yellville, AR) & Marti Dozier (Eureka Springs, AR) have agreed to be co-YEO's with Les Crider (Mt. Vernon, MO). The growth of YE in many directions seems to dictate increased people power to assure a quality program. If you have anyone in your club that would be interested in helping with YE at the district level please have them contact one us. Mike's email is: hulgan@southshore.com Marti's email is: martidozier@yahoo.com and Les's email is: les.crider@us.army.mil

D6110 May Lead SCRYE in 2002-2003

By Paul Reagan, D6110 YEO 2001-2002

Based on the current estimates of Long term Inbound & Outbound, (10 out & perhaps 15 in) Short-Term Inbound & Outbound (perhaps 20 or each) & New Generations exchanges (26 to 30), it is likely that D6110 will see its name printed near the top of the list published by SCRYE each year. D6110 should be no lower than 3rd & could even **(cont'd)**

D6110 YE opens College-Age Exchanges

By Paul Reagan, D6110 YEO (2001-2002), D6110 Interim NewGen Coordinator

Bet you thought Rotary would never get there, huh? I didn't. But they have! In the late '90s Rotary authorized exchanges for the age group 18 to 25. Rotary realized that there was only one Rotary program for that group-Rotoract (college-level Rotary) Viola, someone put forward the idea of college-age Youth Exchange. Thus, *it exists today, in our district.* **(Cont'd)**

More D6110 YE Students Preparing for Overseas Studies

By Paul Reagan, D6110 YEO (2001-2002), D6110 Outbound YE Coordinator

This year we have 9 (maybe 10) outbound students who are going to study abroad for one year. 5 of the students came from Fayetteville High School. **(cont'd)**

Thoughts on SCRYE 2002

By James Gerdes, Co-Rotex Coordinator

This year the annual SCRYE meeting had 37 different countries represented. At least 37 excellent reasons as to why the RYE program is a success, similarities alike. **(Cont'd)**

Friends- 4-Dinner™ (cont'd)

If you are a host, you are eligible to enter the **"Fun-Picture Contest"** to win a \$200 gift certificate, redeemable at any Wal-Mart store. Take a picture of the good time at your party, send it in; we'll enter you in the contest. A panel of former district governors & their spouses will judge.

For more information, please visit www.ri6110.org/rye/Friends_4_Dinner.htm, call Monika Fischer-Massie at (479) 444-0057, or email her at fischer@bmaster.com. If you want to be a host, please notify Monika by March 2, 2002 & let her know how many guests you will invite.

D6110 & SCRYE Stats (cont'd)

overtake San Antonio as the top district in the SCRYE. When we say TOP we're only talking about numbers of Exchanges. We still have a ways to go to match San Antonio in terms of an efficient organization which insures quality in all aspects of a YE program. But we have reason to be proud. It's time to take an "Attaboy" and "Attagirl." Please stand up and take a bow.

SOME SPECIAL YE DATES TO NOTE

- March 16** Friends4Dinner™ Fundraiser
- April 4 – 7** RYLA
- May 2-4** District Conference (Ft Smith)
- May 10-12** YE Float Trip on the Buffalo River (Rotarians, Host Families, Etc invited)
- May 12** Rebound Orientation at Campsite on Buffalo (Mandatory for Inbounds)
- June 5-9** Outbound Orientation Camp in TX (Mandatory for Outbounds)

NewGen Exchanges (Cont'd)

This spring break D6110 sends a team of 12 Architecture students & a professor of Architecture, from the University of Arkansas, to Holland to study Architecture. This summer D6110 receives a team of Dutch architecture students in return. They will be hosted in Fayetteville, & it is hoped, in Tulsa and Bartlesville

(Hello Tulsa and Bartlesville - would you?)

Both Universities are offering credit for the exchange.

For next year, think about getting the University in your area to participate.

Most universities already have exchange programs. Why not join their exchanges to Rotary & Benefit All Concerned. The students benefit by getting credit hours while exposing themselves to new cultures and ideas. The Universities & students are benefited by overseas Rotarians providing them with home hosting at no cost to the students, and some local Rotary entertainment at no cost. Rotary benefits by exposing more people to Rotary.

We all benefit by creating Peace through Understanding.

If you are interested, contact Paul Reagan at pr@bmaster.com

A Rotex's Thoughts (Cont'd)

as long as all sides are satisfied with the average results of the sharing of cultural differences & similarities alike. Friends around the world enjoying what we all have at only a given moment, the passing of time. Taking care of business one person at a time now, to make the global community that much more neighborly. When there are shared or adopted customs, there are more groups acting as one. A person modifies behavior, acting as if from another place or the host. On several occasions people thought me a native German. By all means a very them, then, we can all just be.rewarding feeling to be able to blend in so well. Only after I introduced myself as an American, just to see the surprise, & the way it makes them feel for the most part that, hey if they can be like us & we can be like them.

Short-Term YE (Cont'd)

requests -- which makes me think we are in for a pretty big year.

I've tried to call all with interest, encouraging their completion of applications. The application deadline was Feb 15th. **I've 7 outbound applications in hand; more are possible.**

We've had 1 (extra) family offer to host a short-term student, so we expect **8 inbounds**. Countries we are most likely place students in are: Finland, Belguim & France. Students expressed interest in visiting a variety of countries. Many requested Spanish-speaking countries, 4-5 for South American countries, & 1 for South Africa.

Outbound Students (cont'd)

That's what an active Interact club can do for YE. 2 more are sponsored by the Tulsa Rotary Club & 1 by the Tulsa Southside Rotary Club. Mid-Marion/Yellville sponsored 1 student. The "maybe" student is from Claremore, a city already with a student applying for 2003-2004.

Destination locations include Japan, Taiwan, Belgium, Brazil, Argentina, France, Scotland, Italy, Switzerland, & possibly Germany.

This year, for the first time, the District YE Matching Funds grants provided 1/3 of the costs to 2 applicants. Matching grants of 1/3 of the costs are available to allow students to go overseas for a year, based upon both need & merit. It is suggested that the student earn 1/3 of the costs & that the sponsoring club pay the final 1/3.