Kenna McEwan

2016-17 Out-going Rotary Youth Exchange Student Profile

Kenna McEwan from Kelowna, British Columbia, departed for Austria on August 08, 2016 to commence a year as a Rotary Youth Exchange student.

She attended and completed her grade eleven studies at Kelowna Secondary School in June of this year where she excelled in her academic studies and was on the 'Principal's Honor List' and on the school's 'Work Ethic Distinction List.'

Among Kenna's many achievements and community endeavours, Kenna has been a team member of the 1st place soccer team in the 2015 Kelowna Cup, has received a 'Letter of Recommendation' from city of Kelowna, has been a successful competitor at Regional Debate competitions has volunteered at Cottonwoods and at a youth camp, coached a grade eight girls' soccer team, been an active member of the school's Interact Club and the Model UN Club, served as a MC at a local government conference and attended the Southern Interior Youth Parliament as the Regional Secretary.

Kenna is the daughter of Chuck and Collen McEwan of Kelowna. Kenna's brother, Cole, is 14 years of age.

Kenna expressed that the seed to participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange program had been planted in her early years as a result of her mother's outstanding experience as a Rotary Youth Exchange student to New Zealand. Kenna shared many reasons for her participation in the program which she pointed out would enable her to grow as a person and as a highly contributing community member.

While Kenna is being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise, it is the Rotary Club of Villach Park that is hosting her and providing her with many exciting cultural and other experiences .
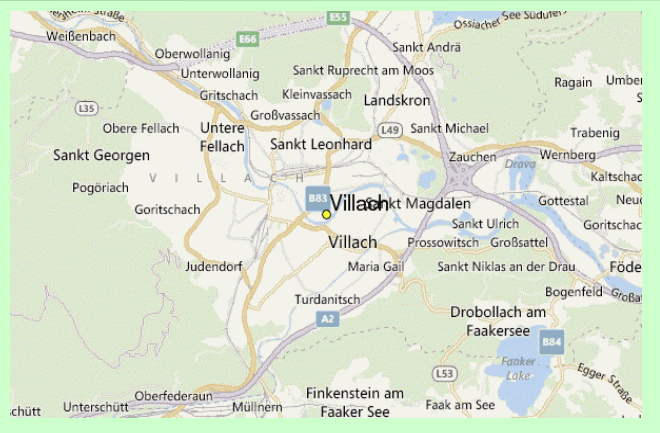
The Villach Park club was chartered as recently as June 10, 2000. It now enjoys a membership of 38 members, with 37 of those being female members. The club is based in Villach, Austria.

Kenna's Host City……

The Rotary Club of Villach Park is a thriving Rotary club within the city of Villach which is located in the federal state of Carinthia, Austria. With a population of over 60,000, and an area of over 135 square kilometres, it is the 7th largest city in Austria and is the railway gateway to most parts of Austria and to the Italian border.

Villach is an old city with roots dating back to Roman times, when it was first called Santicum. During the Second World War, it was heavily bombed, but today no one would realize that this was the case as it has been completely restored.