

Manon Gallois

2018-19 Rotary Youth Exchange Student

Manon arrived from France on August 27th and will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise and three host families until mid-summer 2019 when she will return home.



Manon's home is located in Wavrin, a small city with a population of 7,656. Founded in 1920, the city is located in the department of Nord of the French Region Nord Pas de Calais, within the Township of Haubourdin which is part Of the district of Lille.



Manon's parents are Laetitia, a clinical research associate and Fabien, a real estate agent. Her family also includes step mother Sophie and step father Sam. Manon has one sister, two step brothers and one step sister, all younger than her.



Manon's family on her mother's side



Manon's family on her father's side

Sponsoring Rotary Club:

The Rotary Club of La basse le Weppes, founded on 14 Feb, 1961, has a membership of 32 members (28 men and 4 women). The club is located in District 1520.

School Attended in France:

Manon completed her grade 11 at Institution Sainte-Marie, in the neighbouring city of Beaucamp-Ligny. This past school year, the school celebrated its 100th Birthday. The students, along with Manon, created a ceramic blocked loco for the school to celebrate this event.



Special Interests and Hobbies:



While in France, Manon played basketball since she was nine years of age. During the winter months she would slalom ski at least once or twice at some of the well known ski hills. She enjoys 'hanging' around with her friends, having fun, going to the cinema or downtown; and definitely shopping.

While in Kelowna attending school at Kelowna Secondary School, she hopes to make the junior

basketball team and to ski Big White.

While Attending Kelowna Secondary School, she is Taking grade 12 classes, including Leadership (her favorite), Mathematics, social studies and English during the first Semester, and English, Spanish, Food Studies and Physical Education in the second semester.



Manon's desire to participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program stems from a father's Experience:

Quote: "Since I was a child, my father always told me of his adventure when he was in Canada at the age of 17 as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. He always told me that it was the best thing that he could have done, and that it was a wonderful experience that provided him with a lot of memories. That is why I've always wanted to be an exchange student."



Manon was welcomed to Kelowna on August 27th by members of the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise