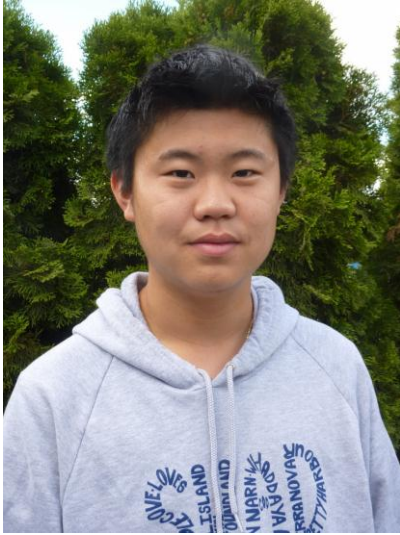


## *Terry Lee, the Club's Outgoing 2012-13 Rotary Youth Exchange Student*



Terry Lee from Kelowna was selected as the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise's Rotary Youth Exchange student for 2012-13. His youth exchange experience commenced in late August when he departed for France where he is being hosted by the Rotary Club of Tourcoing-Ouest in Tourcoing, France.

The Rotary Club of Tourcoing-Ouest (<https://sites.google.com/site/rotarytgouest/>) is a club with 40 members made up of men and women with various business, trades and industry careers. Pierre Decornet serves as the 2012-13 president of the club which meets every Tuesday and additionally once per month with the families of the Rotarians that are invited to the meeting.



**Tourcoing**....a small metropolitan area with approximately 115,000 people, located about 10 minutes from the northeast Belgium border. It is part of the "Nord" region. The city was the site of a significant victory for France during the French Revolution and was affected greatly by WWI and WWII.



### **Background on Terry....**

- The only child of Makmi Choi who works in sales and marketing in the wine industry
- Graduated from Kelowna Secondary School in June of 2012
- Actively involved in community and school activities and leadership
  - KSS Rotary Interact President
  - KSS Senior Class President
  - Mayor's Youth Forum Student Leader
  - Model UN Student delegate
  - Tennis player, coach and volunteer
- Hobbies include tennis, volleyball, debate and speech and playing cards
- Career aspirations – entrepreneur and government services (politics related)

### **Host Family....**

Terry's first host family is a family of seven, including five children, the oldest at 21 years and the youngest, both twin girls at 11 years. The family's 16 year old son is presently on a Rotary Youth

Exchange experience in Australia. The father owns a construction company and the family is actively engaged in hunting, tennis and playing cards.



### School Attendance.....

Terry is attending grade 1eréTerminale, a grade with 175 students, at Lycee de la Croix Blanche. He is attending classes in French, literature, natural science, applied science, history/geography, physical education, civics and English. Terry explains that the high school system is quite different from the Canadian high school as classes run from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm with a half-day on Wednesdays. School vacations are more abundant as the school is in operation for 8-10 weeks, followed by a one to two week break, throughout the year. Almost all academic classes are lecture based.

### Travel in Europe.....

Upon arrival in France, Terry was soon experiencing more of France and neighbouring Belgium with short trips to Lille, Vimy Ridge, Somme, Paris and Brussels. Terry's choices for travel during the year include several major French cities including Paris, Lyon, Marseille and Strasbourg, Greece, Switzerland, and a Euro Tour.



Terry expresses that he has enjoyed every minute in France. "It has been such a pleasure getting to experience the distinct French culture, its food, history, language and lifestyle," expressed Terry. He finds the people welcoming and interested in knowing more about him. "From the host family, to the schooling, and to the overall day-to-day life, the first ten weeks here could not have gone any better, he exclaimed.