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AUGUST 2023 MEETING PROGRAM

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High Speed Rail Alliance Executive Director, Rick Harnish

The High Speed Rail Alliance is working hard at making fast trains a reality. Their goal is to make America realize that high speed trains provide freedom, opportunity, prosperity and a cleaner, more just way to connect. Read more at hsrail.org

Integrated Network Approach in a nutshell



3 types of track serving many types of trains. A big-picture plan makes them work together.

Shared-Use Lines are the foundation



Many types of trains: heavy or light, long or short

Regional Lines maximize value



High-speed trains: short and light

High-Speed Lines boost volume



Track focused on
long and heavy trains

- 90mph max preferred
- Many highway crossings
- Mostly diesel

Track focused on
short and light trains

- Up to 160mph
- Few highway crossings
- Electric preferred

Track can only handle
short and light trains

- Up to 250mph
- Zero highway crossings
- Electric above 125mph



Club Leaders

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Dr. Robert Steinberg

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Rebecca Tanaka

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Marianna Zeidler

Maryville Academy

Dr. Robert Steinberg and Marianna Zeidler joined Rotarians from Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove and River Cities on Saturday, July 29th from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM at St. Mary to prepare beds for new plantings in the fall. St. Mary's old church facility is being remodeled to house unaccompanied minors until they become 18 years of age.



What is Friendship Exchange?

Friendship Exchange is an international exchange program for Rotary members and friends that allows participants to take turns hosting one another in their homes and clubs.

Participants may travel as individuals, couples, families, or groups, and may be Rotary members or not. Among its benefits are: Broaden international understanding; Explore a profession or job in a different context; Build enduring friendships; Gain opportunities for active project involvement and support; Learn about a region’s people, food, languages, customs, and history; Find Partners for grants; and Establish a foundation for peace and service. This can be done virtually or in person in a way that builds peace.

In the past, our District 6440 has had Friendship Exchanges with New Zealand, India, South Africa, and the UK to name a few.

Meet Andrea Lorenzana

Back in April 2021, our club had received a letter from the Club Rotario Tegucigalpa Sur in Honduras recommending Andrea for a youth exchange opportunity utilizing matching grants. Unfortunately, all youth exchange programs had been canceled at the time due to the pandemic. Meanwhile, Andrea made the best of her schooling graduating with honors, and securing herself a student visa to pursue college studies in the U.S. She arrived in Illinois early August, and is currently being hosted by the family of our 2021 Vocational Scholarship winner Adriana Ulloa-Alonzo, in their tiny 2 bedroom rental.



Marianna Zeidler took the students shopping for a new laptop that Andrea needed for her studies in Digital Design, which start August 21st at the College of Lake County. Educate The Children’s founder and Rotarian, Prem Advani made the purchase possible.

From left to right: Adriana Ulloa-Alonzo, Andrea Lorenzana and Carlos Ulloa-Alonzo.



Plan for the next 2024 Rotary International Convention in Singapore | May 25 – 29, 2024

Registration Rates	01JUN23 – 15DEC23	16DEC23 – 31MAR24	01APR24 – 29MAY24
Age 31 or Over	\$500	\$595	\$695
Age 30 or Under	\$175	\$225	\$275

Doris Lim and **Marianna Zeidler** are already gearing up for the **2024 R.I. Convention in Singapore**, to take place May 25-29, 2024. Apart from participating in International Service Projects, Rotary International Conventions do bring the “international” nature of our organization. Rotarians from all over the globe gather and share not only their culture, but their projects, their ways, their language, and approaches to service. Rotary is not only about a club; there are Rotary Action Groups, Rotary Fellowships, Rotary Friendship Exchanges, Rotary Initiatives and Global Organizations that share the vision and collaborate with Rotary Programs.