



## **Hosting** a Rotary Youth Exchange Student...

in Rotary International District 5910

### ***A Summary\* of Host Club Participation***

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**Committee, etc.** – While it is possible for one Rotarian in a club to manage the youth exchange program for his/her club, the work is easier and more fun if a committee is appointed to share the various responsibilities.

A **Rotary Counselor** and a **Local Coordinator** (may be same person) are required for the student, and two to three host families must be selected, vetted and oriented. The first family must be selected well ahead of the student's arrival, but others may be determined later in the year. The Counselor serves all year as the student's advocate, but he/she also represents host families in any negotiation between a student and the host family.

Unless a **Club Youth Exchange Officer** (RYE Committee Chair) is appointed for this job, the Counselor also serves as liaison between the student and the club and usually as the "Club Contact" for the District Youth Exchange Committee. The Counselor is also responsible for enrolling the student in school, for setting up a bank account for the student, for supervising his/her travel, and for moving the student from one host family to another. Indeed, the Counselor is the host club's representative in most matters related to the student – a very key appointment.

**Relation to the District RYE Committee** – Exchange agreements are made by Rotary districts, and the District 5910 RYE Committee assists host clubs with all matters related to hosting a student. It provides orientation and regular check-up meetings for all students and handles paperwork with cooperating districts, RI and the USA State Department.

In turn, the host club is responsible for insuring that their student follows district and RI rules for inbound students, for such matters as getting their student to district meetings (such as for Orientation and the District Conference) and for reporting information about host families and the student's location.

**Cost** – Host clubs furnish their student with a monthly allowance of \$100 per month and usually a few incidentals. Thus, for a normal 10 month stay, the total cost for the year is usually about \$1100-1200 for the year..

\*See Host Club Handbook for details.