

July 2018

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I am very pleased to announce that our District will be doing a Friendship Exchange with District 1913, Croatia in May of 2019.

A Friendship Exchange is a wonderful opportunity to gain a better understanding of another culture, share our culture and of course enjoy Rotary fellowship and fun. It is usually arranged between two districts or groups of Rotarians, and in this case will involve District 7010 and District 1913. We will be hosted by District 1913 Rotarians in their homes and follow an itinerary arranged by them. The tentative dates for our visit to Croatia are May 09 to the 19th. In exchange, we will host them at later date, likely the early fall of 2019. Participants are responsible for their airfare and expenses and some of the costs of the itinerary. Typically, that cost is approximately \$500 per person but it depends on the program the hosts arrange.

District 1913 has invited us to their District Conference May 09 to 11th and we will be hosted by Rotarians for about a week following the conference. The International Convention in Germany begins on June 1, 2019, so this gives you some time to visit other parts of Europe between the end of the exchange and the convention (if you are planning on attending it).

The Rotarians from District 1913 will most likely be coming to Canada in the early Fall of 2019.

Our team will consist of 20 members. This is a great opportunity to experience Rotary at a whole new level and although all Rotarians are invited to participate, if necessary first priority will be given to people who have not experienced a Friendship Exchange. PDG Margaret and Ron Walton have graciously agreed to co-chair the trip with PDG Brian and Dorothy Menton. PDG Margaret and Ron organized an Exchange to New Zealand during her year so have experience organizing the outgoing trip and the return visit. This will be the Menton's first Friendship Exchange.

If you are interested in joining Tony and me on this exciting adventure please contact either Margaret (mwalton7010dg16.17@gmail.com) or Brian (brian@bdinukshuk.ca) before August 30th. We hope to have the team members confirmed in September. The first team meeting will take place at the District Conference in October at which point a deposit of \$500.00 will be required.

Yours in Rotary

Susan Davidson
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