

The Australian and Argentine girls looking to be placed in our district for January were sent back to ESSEX in hopes of finding another host district as none of our clubs were unable to host for various reasons.

From Israel;

For next year we have Seacoast and Kennebunk recruiting for an outbound. Bath has an inquiry from the high school for an outbound. I have a request for an outbound in two years from Rye, NH.

From Claudia;

I have had three contacts regarding Youth Exchange. The first one was in October and consisted of a phone call from Roland Gagne, PP of Biddeford-Saco, who had been contacted by Ron Brann in Gray, Maine regarding his son's interest. I believe that Israel picked up the questions on that as I did not receive a response to a follow up email.

More recently, Fred Horch from the Brunswick Rotary Club was contacted by Allen Delong, father of high school student Hunter, regarding his interest in a year-long exchange. My answer to Fred is below but my major pitch was that the club needed to commit to the sponsorship and see if there was sufficient interest in the club to proceed.

Sarah MacGillivray, PE of the Yarmouth Club, was contacted this week regarding a short exchange for a 17 year old student for this coming summer. Again, I encouraged her to check with the club as to its interest in committing to the project - not so much financially but in vetting and supporting the candidate.

From Eric; (incoming)

We have two RYE students right now--one in Japan and one here in Kittery. Michael Lombardi is doing well after a challenging transition. He enjoys his second host family and 'attended' a Kittery Rotary Club meeting via Skype just before Thanksgiving. We plan to Skype with Michael monthly. We are very proud of him!

Anna is our inbound RYE student. She has melded flawlessly with the Traip Academy student body. She is currently playing JV basketball and is enjoying learning a new sport. Last week, she attended an Interact Club meeting at Portsmouth HS along with some members of the Portsmouth Rotary Club. She shared her RYE experience with the students of Portsmouth HS. We have been challenged to secure a second host family for Anna, but we continue to work on it. We have a third host ready to go for mid March, however. Her current host family has been very gracious and welcoming to Anna, and we are grateful for that.

At last week's Kittery Rotary meeting, Anna joined 4 other international exchange students from Cultural Home stay International for a panel presentation about being a high school exchange student. The group did a great job!

From Sheila (Rotaract)

Larry, I have been trying to arrange a table (promoting Rotaract) at USM and hoping it will be January. This will be a great way to talk about Rotaract with students. It cost money but I don't mind this out of pocket expense.

Franklin Pierce and St Joseph's College have expressed an interest in talking about starting a Rotaract club. I'm hoping to meet with them both this month or early next month. I'll keep you updated.

Sheila has also reached out to Franklin Pierce University, Southern Maine Community College, Saint Joseph's College and York Community College about starting Rotaract clubs.

From Linda (Rotaract)

In response to what happen and why Bowdoin and UNE dropped out: It seems that the administration at Bowdoin College never got on board with the Rotaract Club there so the members lost interest. Linda made many attempts to contact them and offer assistance, but couldn't reach anyone. At the end of the last school year the Rotaract Club at UNE only had 2 members so they dissolved the club.

From Literacy

The top prize for the Four Way Test will be called the Cynthia Laux Memorial. Cynthia & Jeffery were pivotal to bringing this program to the district.

No new news from Interact, or RYLA.

We have the opportunity to send a Rotaract incoming President to PETS next year. Linda has reached out to UNH, see response below:

Hi Linda,

I have asked Jeremy and Cassy the incoming president and Vice President and another student who is actively involved to attend the conference and unfortunately none of them can attend because it is the start of our spring break. Jeremy lives in California and will be going home, Jess has prior spring break plans and Cassy has a guard competition. I misread, and am graduating this year so I will not be involved in the club next year.

I apologize again for the poor timing, is there any chance we could give our spot to a second member from UNE?

Thanks, please let me know.

Leah

Thank you,
Larry Marsolais

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