

Youth from around District 7410 gathered on Saturday, November 16 for the District's first ever Youth Concord, an opportunity for high schoolers, college students and international exchange students to come together, share experiences and ideas about service projects, learn about Rotary and develop friendships.



The high-energy day kicked off with some important messages from District Governor Karen DeMatteo (and Chickie too!). Table groups then had an opportunity to brainstorm ideas around fundraisers before jumping headfirst into an international scavenger hunt. If you've never before had the opportunity to watch young people try to sing the Rotary song or recite the four-way test with their eyes shut, we guarantee you you've been missing out!

After lunch, breakout sessions included an informational session on Rotary exchange, a discussion panel around leadership with two leaders of RYLA and of Rotaract, and a short seminar on mental health from Dr. John P. Seasock, consultant with Renaissance Psychological and Counseling Corporation Inc.



Students ended the day with some reflections on the connections they had made and many expressed excitement about the possibilities for next year's conference. If you know of youth who couldn't make it this year but would like to be involved in planning for next year, please drop us

an email! Both Chip ([chipjaeger@gmail.com](mailto:chipjaeger@gmail.com)) and Heather ([dpipheat@gmail.com](mailto:dpipheat@gmail.com)) would love to hear from you.