



# Rotary International District 5610

## Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) Pathway to Rebuild



### Discovery Results and Recommendations

#### Background:

At the 2017 District Leadership Training Seminar in Mitchell overwhelming support was displayed in finding a solution to maintain and grow RYE in a sustainable way. District 5610 Leadership and District Governor Steve Harrington committed to pushing this forward through discovery of the true **commitment** of time, talent and resources from each club.

**Discovery 1** - What level of commitment of resources is **District 5610** willing and able to achieve?

- RYE Trainor/Administrator position created and funded
- Hosting a one day training retreat, covering costs, for committed clubs **OR**
- Covering costs of RYE Trainor/Administrator to travel to each club that commits

**Discovery 2** - What level of commitment of resources is each **Club** willing and able to achieve?

- 4 Clubs Committed to Annual (Rushmore, Brookings, Madison, DT Sioux Falls)
- 2 Clubs Every other year (Luverne, Sioux Falls West)
- 1 Club every 3<sup>rd</sup> year (Sioux Falls South)
- 10 Clubs not interested/will not commit
- 34 Clubs did NOT respond and AGs did NOT seek out a response

#### Discovery 3 (NEW)

- Assess switch Multi-District from SCRUE to CSRUE (Central States RYE)
- Assess switch from RYEDS database to new database YEAH

### Recommendations

- **Continue with RYE Program for 2018/2019**
- **Execute Discovery 1**
- **Execute Discovery 2 commitments**
- **Direct AGs to complete assessment of 34 clubs**
- **Move forward on Discovery 3 options**
- **Reassess in the spring of 2018**

## Vision

*Educate and empower a team of District Youth Exchange - Officers, Coordinators, and Leaders who are volunteers, to ensure a life changing opportunity for students who will promote international understanding and peace through Rotary Clubs, host families, and communities.*

## Overview

RYE District Leadership has completed the pathway to rebuild District wide assessment to understand interest and commitment to continuing Rotary Youth Exchange in District 5610. (See Attached Discovery Results and Recommendations 9/8/17)

## 2016/17 Goals - Status

1. *Build a larger District Committee Structure which will allow for bite size workloads*
  - a. *Completed in 2016 – 6 positions remain vacant*
2. *More committee members will create more RYE advocates for outreach*
  - a. *District Wide assessment raised the awareness*
3. *Incorporating more service projects, cutting back on “Fun” activities, organized and led by students*
  - a. *Completed - transition has been well received with a service focus*
4. *Begin building Rotex Alumni group to aid in membership recruitment and retention*
  - a. *Rotarian stepped down*

## 2017/18 Goals

1. *Work on completing 16/17 Goals*
2. *Execute Recommendations from the RYE Pathway to Rebuild Discovery Results*
3. *Transition to new District YEO beginning July 1, 2018*

## Status

We have two exchanges (*two inbound/two outbound – Sioux Falls West/Italy and Madison/Spain*) for the 17/18 cycle; we expected the transition could affect this year.

**The team culture created with the District 5610 RYE Committee is growing and is a big reason for the success of the program. THANK YOU!!!!!!**



# Rotary International Youth Exchange Program



## Vision

*To ensure a life changing opportunity for students who will promote international understanding and peace through Rotary Clubs, host families, and communities!*

[Why Rotary Youth Exchange – 3 Minute Video](#)

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## Timeline: **24 month timeline**

- Spring Year 1 – District/Club - promote program internally/externally; Secure Host Clubs
- Summer Year 1 – Club/Student - Application submitted - August 31 deadline
- Fall/Winter Year 1 – Club interviews potential outbound students – September 30 deadline – submit to District for second interview and selection of students
- Spring Year 2 – District Orientations & securing international agreements
- June Year 2 – District Inbound/Outbound Retreat
- August Year 2 – Inbound Arrivals/Outbound Departure – 11 Month Term

**Currently promoting for Inbound/Outbound 2018/19 Program Year**

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## Proposed Club Volunteer Structure & Commitments

- Club Youth Exchange Officer (CYEO)
- Counselor
- Inbound Coordinator
- Host Family Recruitment Leader
- Bucket List Leader
- Club Outbound Coordinator
- Club Youth Exchange Interview Committee (3 people)
- Volunteer Commitment – Minimum 250 hours per cycle/per student
- Financial Commitment - Monthly Allowance \$100/month

*\*\*Volunteer Position Descriptions are available; District Committee is formed to support and ensure a successful Club Program; some positions may be filled by non-Rotarians\*\**

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## Basic Student Requirements

- Age 15 – 19 at time of departure
- Open to non-Rotarian and Rotarian students alike
- 11 Month Term
- \$5,000 - \$8,000 cost; Rotary administers free, saving students thousands of dollars