

MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE



District 5160

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IMPORTANT DATES!



Inbound Student dates:

- May 4-6, 2018: **District Conference** – MANDATORY Incline Village, Nevada. *Bring Blazers! Bring Pins for the District Governor! Bring a country display board* if you make one!!
- June 14-16, 2018: **Goodbye Weekend & Surf City trip** – MANDATORY. More details to follow!
- June 16-July 1, 2018: **Western Safari** – optional.

Outbound Student dates:

- **July 27-29, 2018: Outbound 2017-2018. Rebound Weekend (San Ramon)**
- **July 21-22, 2018: Outbound 2018-2019. Outbound Orientation 2 (Chico)**
- **Applications for the 2019-20** exchange year are **OPEN!** The application can be found online at <http://yex.rotary5160.net/outbound-students/ltep-application>

YEO/Counselor dates:

- Monthly reports due: 15th of each month.

Club dates:

- All Inbound Student dates, times, locations, etc., for the 2017-18 exchange year can be found at:

<http://yex.rotary5160.net/inbound-students/2017-2018-trips-2>.

Service Above Selfie...

"When I was working on a Rotary project to obtain a HFV (High Frequency Ventilator) for a local hospital, I had the opportunity to visit and hold the babies that are affected by diseases/conditions that require the piece of equipment. It was a very special moment."



Rachel Robbins –
(Outbound to Colombia,
2018-2019)



CONGRATULATIONS to us!

District 5160 RYE committee received a Silver Award at the North American Youth Exchange Network (NAYEN) 2018!!



WORDS to Live by....

From Inbounds and Outbounds when asked for favorite phrases or words in their host language...

(Outbound to Taiwan 2016-17) **Ri Ramshaw**

加油(jiāyóu) is a cool word because it literally translates to "to add oil" but doesn't have an English equivalent. It basically means good luck, keep going and it's what you yell at competitions (school sports for example).

(Inbound from Hungary 2017-18) **Enikő Bozóki**

"To meet in the middle" ☺ there is a song called "Meet me in the Middle" and I didn't know what is the meaning of this phrase, so my host parents explained it to me, and now I use it a lot when I talk to them cuz it's kinda "our thing" now.

(Outbound to Switzerland 2016-17) **Hailey Shapiro**

"Chuchichäschtl" is Swiss German for kitchen cupboard. It's just a lot of fun to say!"

(Outbound to Colombia 2016-17) **Katie Duffield**

My favorite word was "Cuchibarbi" from Colombia. It means an older lady who dresses like she's 17 or a Barbie doll.

(Inbound from Brazil 2017-18) **Gui Sudki**

My favorite phrase "Lets' get In-N-Out!" because it makes me really happy! "Flip Flop" is my favorite word because it sounds so cool. In Portuguese it's called "chinelos".

(Inbound from Taiwan 2015-2016) **Yi Lien Lu**

Yi joined the Mountain Bike Club and despite tough practices, injuries and being new to the sport she finished the season strong! "I think the one I love the most is "You are a bad ass." I heard this when I was in the mountain bike practice. After we finished our lap one coach said "You are a bad ass." and gave me five. At the time I smiled to him but I was panic inside cause I didn't know what that actually means!! I thought it's like something "bad". So I Googled it as soon as I got home. It means someone who's brave, who doesn't give up and that just made my day 200% better!

(Outbound to Sweden 2016-17) **John Picton**

"Lagom" doesn't have an English translation but it kind of means "the right amount" but not in a positive or negative way. hard to explain but a meaningful word for the Swedes.



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**Blast From the Past + Service Above Selfie = Caylee Burditt!!
(Outbound to Bolivia 2015-2016)**

The semester after I returned home from Bolivia some local JARs (Junior Active Rotarians) were tabling at Chico State to restart up the Rotaract Club that had dissolved when they graduated several years earlier. Although I was not a Chico State student, I was ecstatic to see the club forming and joined it.

That year, I was the Liaison, and attended the weekly Rotary luncheons in addition to the biweekly Rotaract meetings. By attending the luncheons, I became the face of Rotaract and relayed dates, invitations and other information between the clubs. Unfortunately, all but three of last years Rotaracters graduated, so this year we were starting from the bottom again.

I recruited students from Butte College, while the other two veterans recruited from Chico State. This year, we have a solid number of committed members. Unfortunately, many of them are unfamiliar with the Rotarian Organization, so much of our time has been spent educating them on the 4-way test and history of rotary, and bringing them to meetings to get to know the sponsor club. Because our sponsor club is a very big part of the community (over 200 members), most of Rotaract events are rotarian ones, where we teach the Rotaracters to professionally network through local service projects.

Now that we're on the local radar, the two returning Rotaracters and I have begun to reach out to neighboring Rotaract Clubs along with this years D5160 Rotaract Governor, Taylor Lee. To strengthen the relationships, and share updates between Rotaracts in our district, Taylor, my club and I took initiative in organizing the first multi-Rotaract, inter-district events. As this year's club VP, I took charge of the service project and social in Chico, while Taylor and the Cal Rotaract organized a conference in Berkeley. I made sure to include the exchange students in my plans, as for me -- a former RYE Ambassador -- the international network that Rotary has established is an impressive and underappreciated aspect which should be nurtured as much as the local networks. Unfortunately, the date of my event did not work for the other Rotaract clubs, however the service project and fundraiser are still happening, and next year's Rotaract will have a solid foundation to work off of.

Until then, I hope to continue to expose the newer members to this incredible organization's work. Next week we will be headed to Berkeley to do exactly that. Next year I will not be in Chico, but wherever I end up, I plan to remain involved with Rotary, Rotaract and Rotary Youth Exchange, as organizations like these are few and far between.

