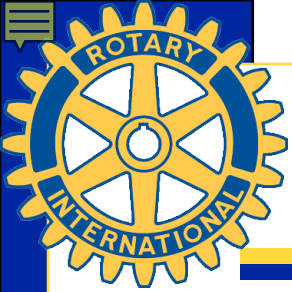


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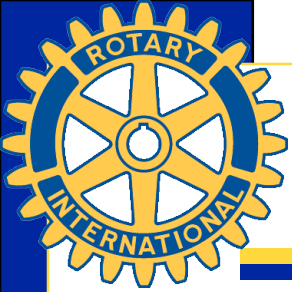
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## ...Food for Thought...

“The most powerful force in the promotion of international understanding and peace is exposure to different cultures. The world becomes a smaller, friendlier place when we learn that all people - regardless of nationality - desire the same basic things: a safe, comfortable environment that allows for a rich and satisfying life for our children and ourselves. Youth Exchange provides thousands of young people with the opportunity to meet people from other lands and to experience their cultures. This plants the seeds for a lifetime of understanding.”

~ Rotary International



# ...Who We Are Internationally...

1.2 million friends, neighbors and community leaders

in

200 countries

in

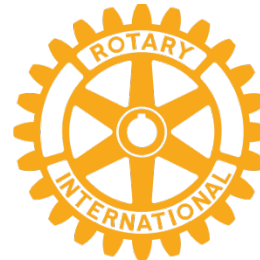
35,000 Rotary Clubs

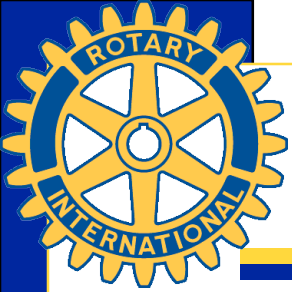
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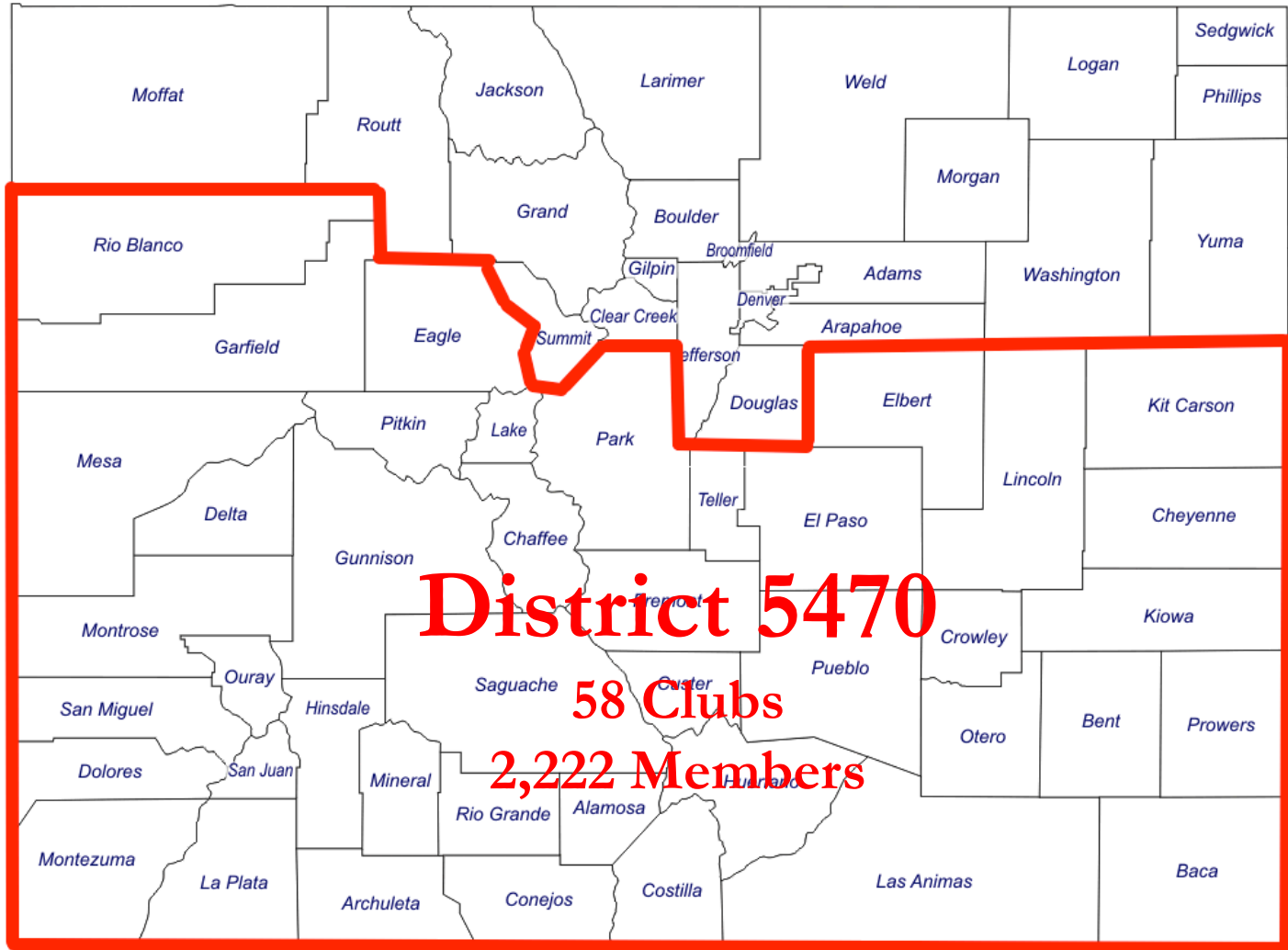
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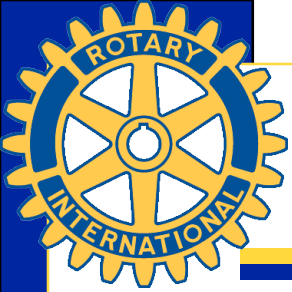
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# ...Who We Are Locally...





# ...What Rotary Does...

- We come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world
- Our differing countries, cultures, and occupations give us a unique perspective
- And most importantly, our passion for service helps us accomplish the remarkable in six areas of humanitarian focus:



Basic education and literacy



Disease prevention and treatment



Economic and community development



Maternal and child health



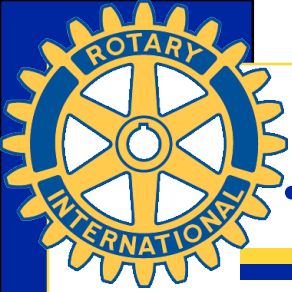
**Peace and conflict prevention/resolution**



Water and sanitation



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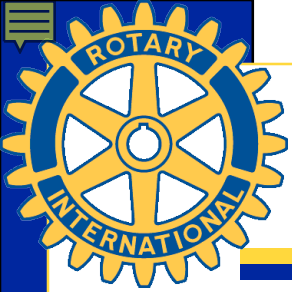


# ...Rotary Youth Exchange Benefits...

- By sharing your own culture and embracing a new one, you help foster global understanding and learn a great deal about yourself and your home country in the process
- Provide a broader view of the world and a deeper understanding of yourself
- Develop communication and leadership skills
- Advances international understanding and global peace!







## ...How Youth Exchange Operates...

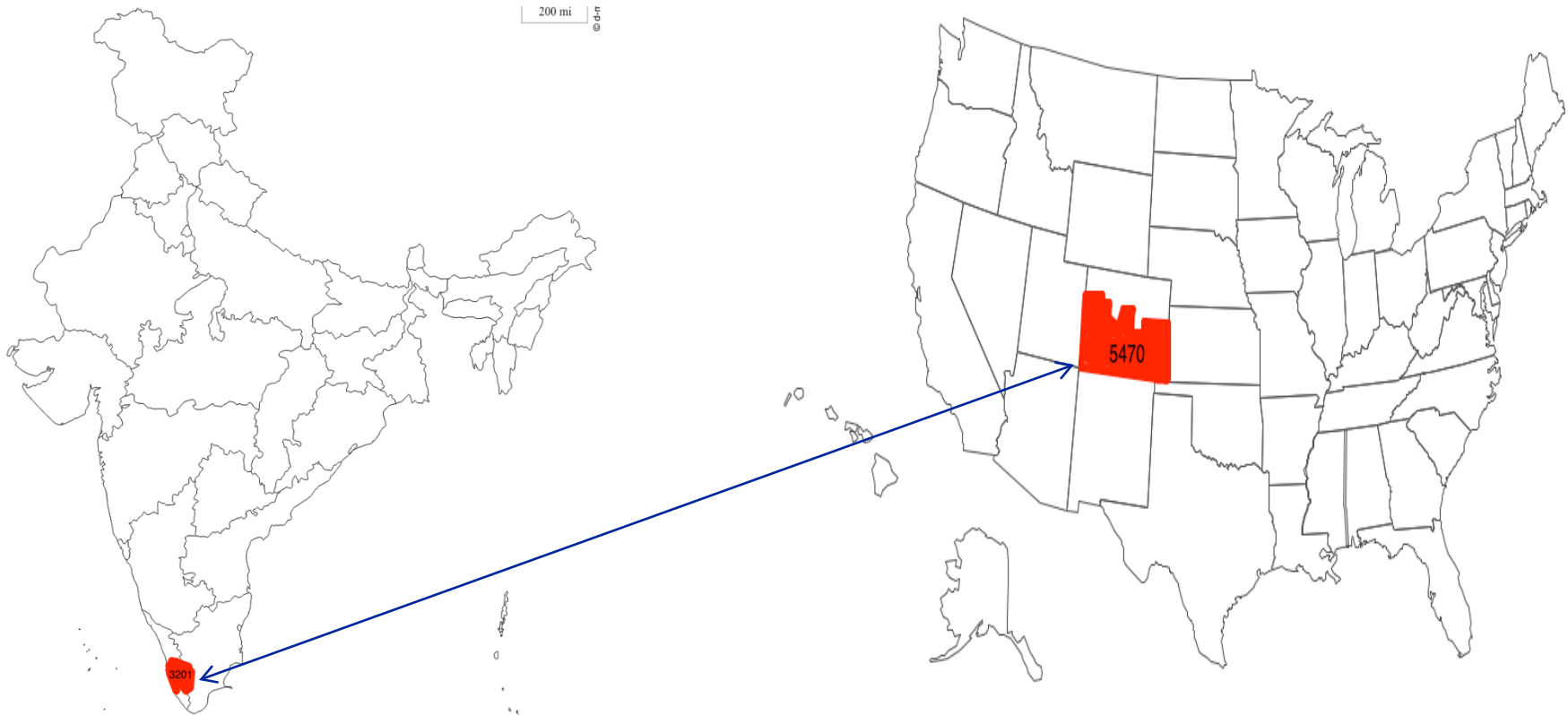
- As mandated by the *Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961*, the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) works to **build friendly, peaceful relations** between the people of the United States and the people of other countries through academic, cultural, sports, and professional exchanges, as well as public-private partnerships.
- We partner with the WESSEX Rotary Youth Exchange Program (16 Rotary Districts) for U.S. Department of State and Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) certification.
- All of our Rotary Youth Exchange volunteers are vetted through the U.S. Department of State, which requires annual background checks, reference checks, and passing of Youth Protection training.



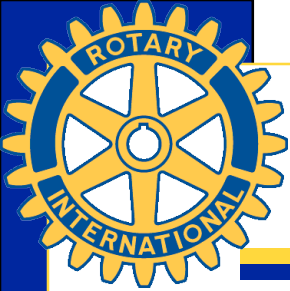


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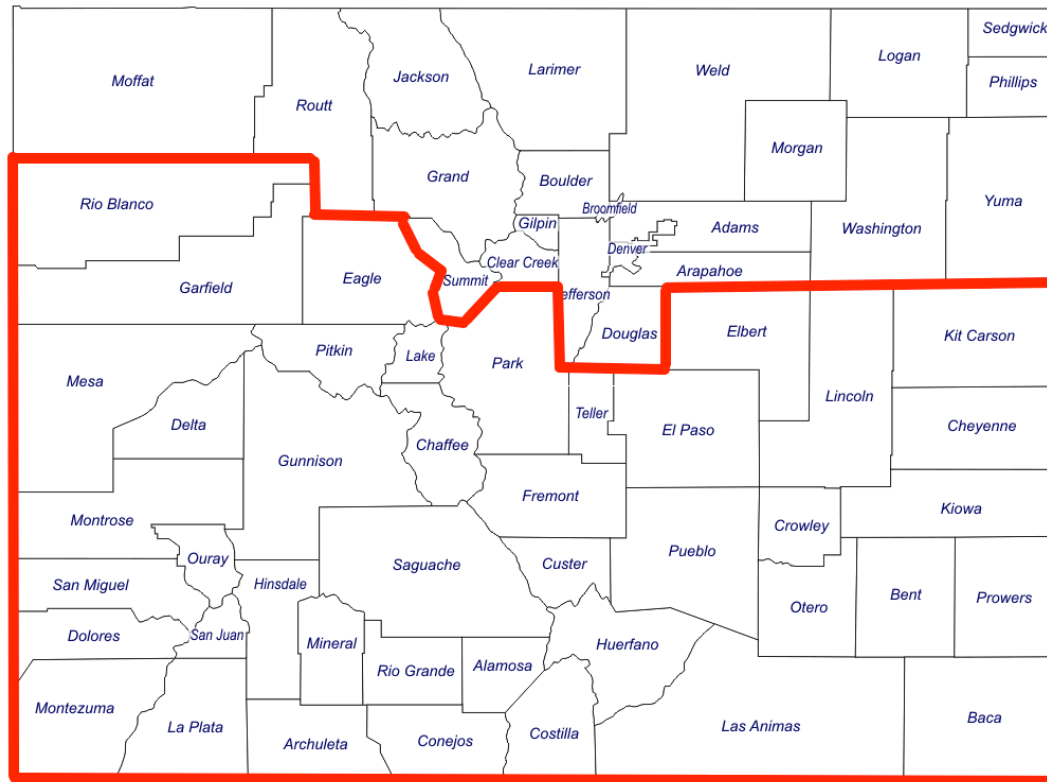
- A true exchange program: One student from one Rotary District exchanges with one student from another Rotary District:



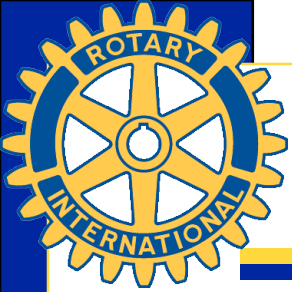
- 8,777 exchanges from 456 different Rotary Districts from 80 countries



# Every D5470 club can participate!



D5470 in 2016-17: 26 Clubs are participating in RYE by hosting an inbound and/or sponsoring an outbound, for a total of 54 student participants this year.



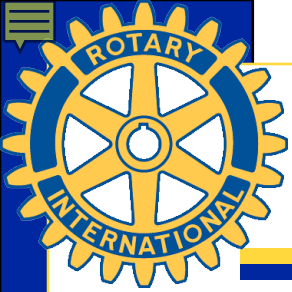
## ...Long-Term vs . Short-Term...

### Long-Term Exchange

- Immerse yourself in a new culture for an entire academic year
- Reside with 1-5 host families throughout your exchange (depending on country)
- Learn a new language, make lifelong friends
- Open to Rotarians and non-Rotarians
- **Comfortable with very *limited* communication with family and friends**

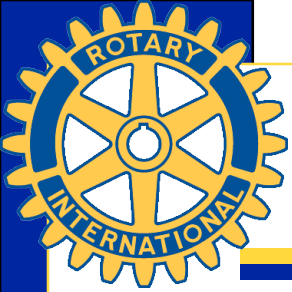
### Short-Term Exchange

- Not ready for a long-term exchange commitment? Consider short-term exchange.....
- A family-to-family summer exchange program
- Typically, the Colorado student will first travel to the international student's home and spend 3-5 weeks there, followed by the international student coming to the Colorado home for 3-5 weeks
- While Rotary facilitates the match, most of the logistics, including travel dates and flight arrangements, are handled by the families
- Open to Rotarians and non-Rotarians



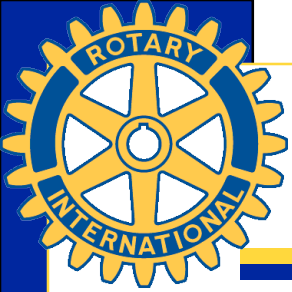
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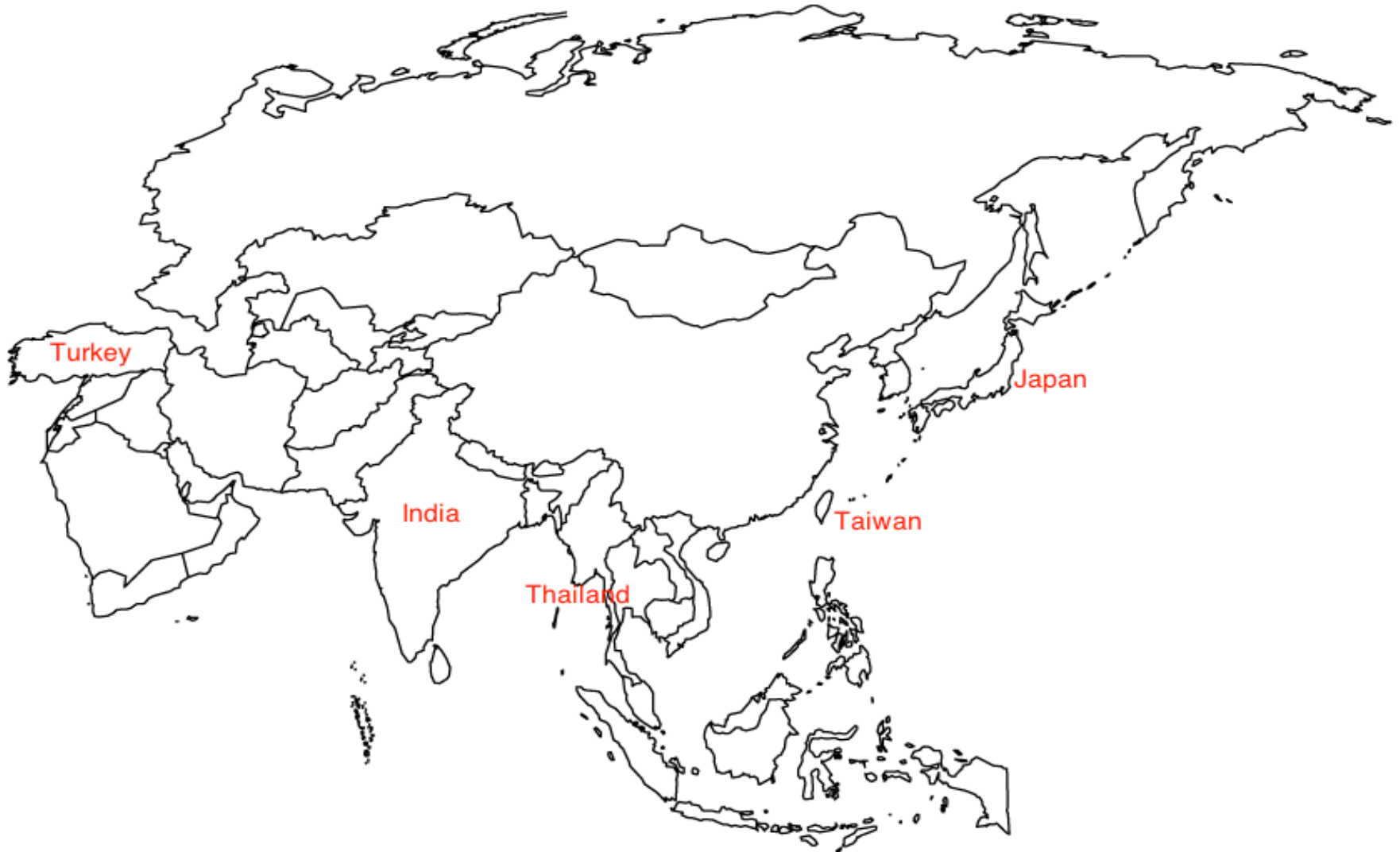


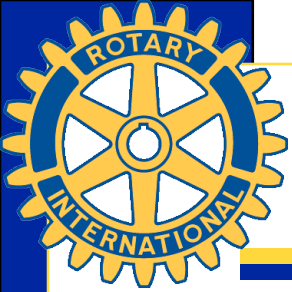
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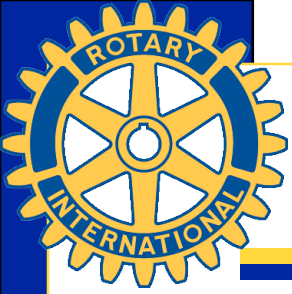


# Countries we exchange with...

And our first- ever exchange with Africa this year!







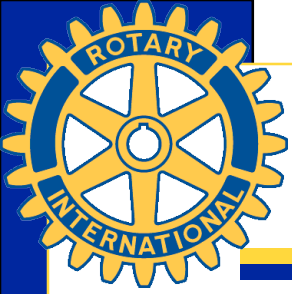
# Our Club's RYE Participation



# ...Inbounds...

- From the 24 countries we exchange with
- Hosted by Rotary Clubs throughout D5470
- Rotary Club is student's official HOST
- Host families are vetted volunteers selected by Rotarians
- Try to match host family and high school activities
- Help them learn about life in USA

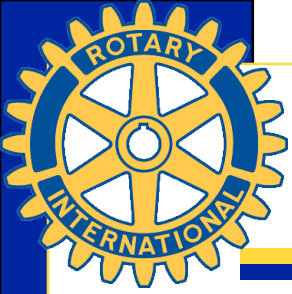




# ...Want to be involved?...

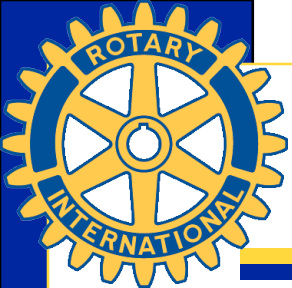


- Host an inbound in your home for 3-4 months
- Host an inbound for an afternoon, family dinner, service project
- Take an inbound to a sporting event, concert, or ski day
- Take an inbound on a weekend family getaway
- Promote RYE to local schools, prospective host families, and to students you know
- Recruit an outbound candidate



# Outbounds - What are we looking for?

- Resourceful
- Pay attention & follow directions
- Self-sufficient
- Kind
- Flexible
- Charming
- Helpful
- Grateful
- Positive attitude
- Happy
- Willing to try new things
- Knowledgeable about the US & your hometown
- Ambassador of Colorado, USA, and Rotary
- Good student – can you learn a foreign language IN a foreign language?



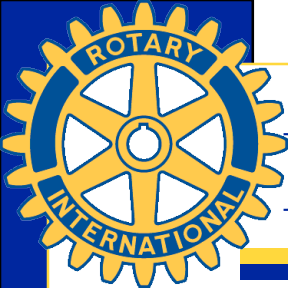
# ...The Rules...

Rotary Youth Exchange students are subject to rules known as the 4 D's:

1. No drinking
2. No drugs
3. No driving
4. No dating







# Frequently Asked Questions

- Program cost \$6500, there is a 6-month payment plan, scholarships available with club support
- District RYE budget is higher than total district budget. We receive \$2-2500 from the district and all other expenses are covered by our Outbounds' fees
- Emergencies – natural disasters, injuries, etc. do happen. The fee includes travel & health insurance.
- School credits are solely at the discretion of the student's high school
- Host families – our foreign partners assign 1-5 host families, which varies by Rotary district. We try to assign 3 families in our district to give student a variety of experiences and avoid putting stress on a single family
- Language learning is essential! Students should make extra efforts to learn as much as possible prior to departure.
- Consulate visits – many countries require a summertime personal appearance to issue a student visa
- Travel – students typically have a chance to take an official Rotary tour. Our district partners with other USA district to offer several options in March and June. Students are responsible for tour costs.



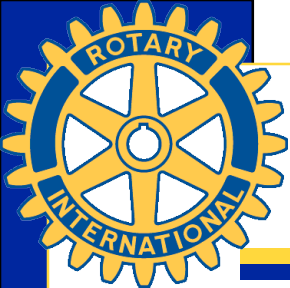
# How to become a volunteer...

## Volunteer application comes from your Youth Exchange Officer

- Complete application with and 3 references
- Pass a background check
- Take Youth Protection online training module
- Serve as Youth Exchange Officer (administrative), Counselor (emotional connection with student) or committee member

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [http://yehub.net/cgi-bin/MPR\\_get.cgi?pgid=vol](http://yehub.net/cgi-bin/MPR_get.cgi?pgid=vol). The page features a banner for "MOUNTAIN & PLAINS ROTARY DIST. YOUTH EXCHANGE 5470". Below the banner, the text reads "Mountain & Plains D5470 RYE Youth Volunteer Application/Affidavit". A paragraph of text states: "The Rotary Youth Exchange program and your local District appreciate your interest in serving as a volunteer, and we are confident that this will be a truly rewarding experience for you. The US State Department requires that we obtain the information on this form and conduct background checks on all potential volunteers. We assure you that the information that we receive will be treated confidentially, and we thank you for your assistance and understanding." At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Begin a new Volunteer application" and "Renew or continue my application".





# How to become a host family...

[www.mountainandplainsrye.com/host-families](http://www.mountainandplainsrye.com/host-families)

- Complete application with photos of home and 2 references
- Pass a background check
- Take Youth Protection online training module
- Participate in in-home interview by Rotary Club
- Accept the student as a member of your own family for 3-4 months

**Host Families**

It goes without saying that the Rotary Youth Exchange Program could not exist were it not for the willingness of families to open their homes to students they have never met. It's a leap of faith. It is not necessary to be a Rotarian, to be married or to have children at home to be a host family for an exchange student.

As parents, we want to expose our children to the world in a safe way. This is an excellent start. Our children need to see that other children from different cultures have the same dreams as they do. It builds tolerance and acceptance in a natural way ... by opening their eyes to a global community.

As adults, we want to continue learning and reaffirming our faith that people around the world are good. This is why we open our homes and welcome students for a short stay with the hopes that this can be the beginning of a lifelong relationship.

On behalf of the Mountain & Plains Rotary Youth Exchange Program, thank you for giving a Rotary Exchange Student a chance to see our culture through your eyes.

Sincerely,

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## ...D5470 Rotary Youth Exchange...

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