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# Youth Exchange News | Wisdom from a YEX alumna

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## YOUTH EXCHANGE E-NEWSLETTER

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### Youth Exchange resources



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### YEX alumna: "Don't ask what the world needs"



Elsa Soto Garcia's travel experiences inspired her to learn



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new languages, consider different perspectives, and join a Rotaract club back home. As she considers the direction she wants her life to take, she emphasizes the importance of following one's passion rather than focusing on the world's needs. [Read her story on Rotary Voices](#).

## Announcing this year's United miles winners

Through the generous support of United Airlines and the votes of people around the world, Rotary once again received over 2.5 million miles through [United's 10 Million Charity Miles Giveaway](#).

As a result, four students will receive free round-trip airfare for their 2013-14 exchanges: Valentine from the United States, Kim from France, Arturo from Peru, and Colton from Canada. We will share updates from these students throughout the year as they explore new cultures.

Tai, one of last year's United miles winners, sent a final report from Japan in which he describes the pride of preparing tea for his friends during a traditional Japanese ceremony, the adjustments involved in transitioning to a new host family, and his commitment "to make this world a better place through peace and understanding."

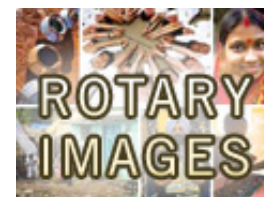
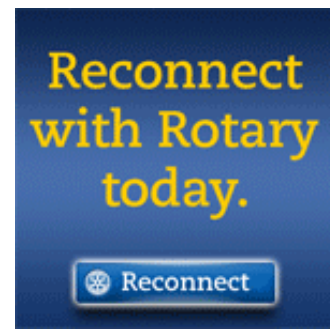
## Reminder: Submit inbound student data

When districts submit information about their inbound students, they help to create a snapshot of Rotary Youth Exchange activities worldwide. Make sure your district complies with the RI Code of Policies by sending data about inbound students to [youthexchange@rotary.org](mailto:youthexchange@rotary.org) at the beginning of each exchange, whether long or short term.

The information can be sent as an Excel spreadsheet, Word documents, or scanned copies of guarantee forms, as long as the content is legible and includes:

- Exchange type
- Student name and contact details in home country
- Gender
- Date of birth
- Emergency contact information
- Sponsor district
- Host district
- Host club
- Host parent contact details (if applicable)
- Host counselor contact information (if applicable)

Please submit student data for 2013-14 exchanges and work



with your partner districts to ensure that they do the same.

## A new Rotary.org is coming soon!

In August, Rotary will unveil its new website, which will offer a variety of dynamic features including:

- **A customized experience** — By signing in when you visit the site, you will get a view that's personalized according to your preferences.
- **Member profiles** — You can post your own Rotary profile and connect with Rotarians, clubs, and districts to exchange ideas and share upcoming events.
- **Enhanced search** — You will be able to easily search and navigate the site to find the information you need quickly.

## Post-exchange survey for students

You can help to improve the Rotary Youth Exchange program by encouraging students —both inbound and outbound — to [complete a post-exchange survey](#). The aim of the survey, which was developed by a group of Youth Exchange officers supported by the North American Youth Exchange Network and the Europe/East Mediterranean/Africa Youth Exchange Officers Conference, is to reduce the number of early returns and improve the quality of exchanges.

## Read all about the Lisbon convention



*Lisbon*

Rotarians and other members of the family of Rotary gathered in Lisbon in June to exchange ideas and make connections. [Read news stories](#), hear from individual participants on [Rotary Voices](#), and review presentations on [SlideShare](#).

### Your feedback about predeparture support

When we asked in our last issue what kind of support you provide for outbound students before they depart, popular options were safe-travel tips, connections with current inbounds or alumni, and cross-cultural training. [View the poll results](#) to learn more about what other districts are doing.

### Latest Youth Exchange Directory

The Youth Exchange Directory is updated and emailed quarterly, but the first edition of the 2013-14 directory will be available on 15 July on the Youth Exchange workgroup site. All district and multidistrict chairs should visit the site regularly by clicking on **Rotary Workgroups** on the [Member Access](#) welcome page. Note: In order to sign in, district and multidistrict chairs must use the same email address they used when they registered for a Member Access account.

If you help administer exchanges and do not have the most recent directory, contact your district or multidistrict chair.

### Answers to your policy questions

The [Rotary Code of Policies](#) (PDF in English) contains details regarding the Youth Exchange program. The most relevant sections are Youth Protection (2.110), District Finances (17.060), and Youth Exchange (41.060).

Translated versions of these sections are available on the Rotary Youth Exchange Workgroup site, which district and multidistrict chairs can access by logging on to [Member Access](#) or by contacting [youthexchange@rotary.org](mailto:youthexchange@rotary.org).

## Upcoming events

### [61st EEMA Conference](#)

*Rome*

30 August-1 September

### [33rd Brazilian YEO Meeting](#)

*Porto de Galinhas, Brazil*

7-9 November

### [2014 NAYEN Conference](#)

*Cancun, Mexico*

6-9 March

Do you know of an event we should add to this list? Email us at [youthexchange@rotary.org](mailto:youthexchange@rotary.org).

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