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Network Annual Conference**

February 29 - March 3, 2012
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R. Woodruff “Woody” Angst

The fundamental mission of Rotary is to promote world peace and understanding. Wow! This may be a greater challenge than eliminating polio as a disease on earth. Significantly, Rotary’s youth exchange program is the premier program in fostering the ideal stated in the Fourth Object of Rotary, “The achievement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace - - - -”



Life is participatory and our youth exchange students enthusiastically participate without reservation. They leave their birth parents to spend a year with host families in a far off country. They immerse themselves in the lives, activities, and culture of their hosts. They return as rebound students to serve as ambassadors for both their sponsoring and hosting countries. They literally become part of Rotary’s mission.

These students overcome culture shock in their host countries and reverse culture shock when they return home. They mature with an ethno relative perspective of their world and exemplify the motto of Rotary Youth Exchange, Changing the World – one Student at a Time. They tell their story with dignity and respect but also without judgment. We empower them to accept the mantle of leadership. They become recruiters, trainers, and responsible adults, as well as life time ambassadors for international understanding, goodwill and peace.

The young lives that we touch are forever changed in a positive way. The students whom we send throughout the world as participants in Rotary Youth Exchange complete a curriculum and graduate from a program with an emphasis in ambassadorial studies. Let’s continue our support and ensure the growth of this program in our districts.

Youth Exchange is Rotary’s greatest and most important success story!

On behalf of the North American Youth Exchange Network, I welcome you to our conference in Anchorage and invite you to take advantage of the fellowship and resources that the Conference and Host Conference Committees have assembled.

2012 NAYEN Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs

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Junso Ogawa	Conference Chair
Ed True	Member Services
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Kyle Barnes	Webmaster

The North American Youth Exchange Network supports the following websites for the benefit of member districts, overseas partner districts, and anyone interested in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

- <http://nayenconference.org/> for a historical reference to all conferences and their proceedings

- <http://www.yeoresources.org/> for an extensive reference library of youth exchange information

Thomas Martin

Chairman

District 5010

Alaska, Yukon Territory

Eastern Russia and Siberia



Rotary District 5010 and the Anchorage Host Committee welcome you to our District for the North American Youth Exchange Network Conference. As you will quickly learn, this is a very busy time of the year in Anchorage. The Fur Rendezvous, considered the largest winter festival in North America, brings many activities to Anchorage. You will also have an opportunity to see the ceremonial start for the world famous Iditarod sled dog race just a few blocks from our hotel on Saturday morning.

As you are all aware, the NAYEN Conference is an opportunity for networking, developing friendships and building bridges, all while making our world a better place to live "one hug at a time". When we meet with concerned parents that are sending their child half way around the world on an exchange we can explain that we personally know our counterparts from those far flung places. It is building these friendships that makes our program unique in the world of student exchange programs.

In Anchorage you can find world-class restaurants as well as microbreweries; a busy, lively city with the occasional moose in Town Square. It will be chilly but not nearly as cold as it was a month ago; our thermometers dropped to -20 in early February. And we have snow! Actually, we are on schedule to set a new record with over 10 feet of snowfall this winter. Just 40 minutes south of Anchorage, the Alyeska Ski Resort was recently rated as one of the top ski resorts in North America.

Welcome to Anchorage. Please enjoy your time in our city!

Kenneth (Ken) W. Grabeau

Rotary International Director – 2010-2012

Ken is Director of Rotary International for the Rotary years 2010 to 2012, and serves on the Board as Chair of the Programs Committee, Chair of the Rotarian Action Group Committee and special advisor to the Executive Committee. During the past year, he has led the Board's efforts in redistricting Russia east of the Ural Mountains as a new independent district, and he and Ruth have spent several weeks in Siberia, Russia as part of that process.



Ken and Ruth have both served as Discussion Leaders training incoming District Governors and partners at the International Assembly in San Diego. Ken was governor of District 7870 in 1997-98, and has since represented multiple Rotary International presidents at district conferences, served as the District 7870 delegate at two Councils on Legislation and RI Board observer at the 2010 Council, served as a National Advisor for the Permanent Fund for four years, was a member of the International Multi-district PETS Committee, is a charter member of the Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group and sat on the 2004 Nominating Committee that selected the 2006-08 Rotary International Director.

Ken is the only Rotarian to have participated in every one of the New England Multi-district PETS since its inception in 1988-89. He served as General Chair of that committee in 1998 during his year as District Governor. He has been a member of the Zones 31-32 Rotary Foundation Training Team and coordinator of the Public Relations and Rotary Image Task Force, Foundation Alumni Resource Group and Brisbane Convention Promotion Committee for Zones 28, 31, 32, 33 and 34.

Ken and Ruth participated in National Immunization Days in Cameroon in 2003 and Ghana in 2005. They have previously been involved in the development of Rotary in Western Russia where they held organizational meetings for a new Rotary club in Petrozavodsk and founded the first drug treatment center west of the Urals in Tver. They have made multiple trips into Central America, initially providing relief from Hurricane Mitch and ultimately organizing a multi-district committee that continues today to provide equipment, supplies and human services to areas of greatest need. Ken is immediate Past President of Pure Water for the World, an independent 501(C)3 not-for-profit that he took from a single club project to a successful Rotary partner that has provided clean water to over 500,000 people in six countries in Central America and the Caribbean.

Ken is the recipient of Rotary's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service. Both he and Ruth are Major

Donors, multiple Paul Harris Fellows, charter members of the Bequest Society, Benefactors and charter members of the Paul Harris Society.

Ken has served on and chaired the boards of United Way and Girls Inc., and has been a member of numerous other not-for-profit boards. He is founder, President and CEO of Monarch Instrument, a 34-year-old manufacturer of industrial instrumentation. His interests include photography, travel, model railroading and his restored 1952 MG, which sometimes even runs! He and his wife have lived in Nashua, NH for their entire 45 years of marriage and are parents of Glenn and Meridith and grandparents of four beautiful granddaughters

Lieutenant Governor Mead Treadwell

Mead Treadwell was elected as Alaska's lieutenant governor in November 2010. He is committed to helping Governor Sean Parnell strengthen Alaska's economy by filling the TransAlaska Pipeline, facilitating a gas pipeline, bringing affordable energy to Alaskans and standing up to the federal government to ensure access to our natural resources. On a national level, he has been influential in bringing about a national missile defense system, in shaping U.S. Arctic policy and in



A graduate of Yale University and the Harvard Business School, Treadwell brings a record of private and public sector success to his job as lieutenant governor.

Lt. Governor Treadwell is recognized as one of the world's Arctic policy experts. Treadwell was appointed to the United States Arctic Research Commission by President George W. Bush in 2001 and designated by the president as the commission's chair in 2006. Under his leadership, a new United States Arctic policy was developed and adopted by President Bush and is now being implemented by the current administration.

Other public sector contributions include serving as the city of Cordova's director of oil spill response during the Exxon Valdez oil spill crisis; working to launch the Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute, the Prince William Sound Science Center and the Rural Community Assistance Corporation; and serving Governor Wally Hickel's Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Environmental Conservation, where he helped to develop Alaska's oil spill regulations and established the environmental crime unit for the state.

As a private entrepreneur and investor, he has helped launch a series of technology, manufacturing and service companies including two publicly listed firms, and he was a founding member of the Yukon Pacific Corporation, which started the Alaska gas pipeline project.

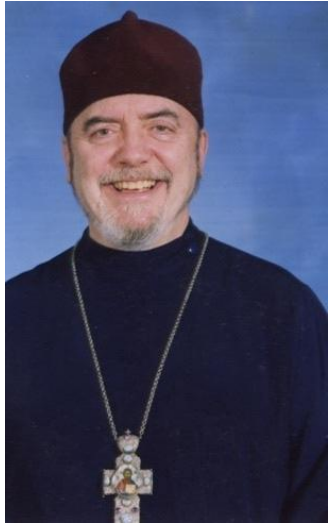
With his late wife Carol, he has three children. In her memory, he served as president of the Millennium Society, an international charity which raises scholarship funds and has established a series of scholarships in science education for young people in Alaska.

Father Michael Oleksa, Ph.D.

What's a culture? What's your culture? Do you have a culture?

Everyone does. The best definition of culture is "the way you see the world." But you can't SEE the way you see the world. Your own culture is always invisible to you. We can look at other people's cultures and not how they differ from our own, but we can't articulate our own very well.

Cultures are "ways of seeing." Rev. Dr. Michael Oleksa's presentations are devoted to a discussion of cultures and how they effect us all, how our own culture focuses on certain aspects of reality and neglects others. He speaks internationally on how cultures influence the way we understand each other and how to deal with this in a reasonable and appropriate way.



Father Michael Oleksa, Ph.D., was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He came to Alaska in 1970 from St. Vladimir's Seminary in New York at the invitation of the Alutiiq village of Old Harbor on Kodiak Island. Over the next three decades he served as a Russian Orthodox priest in over a dozen Alaska Native villages. In 1988 he completed his doctoral degree at the Orthodox Theological Faculty in Presov, Slovakia, with an emphasis in Native Alaskan History during the Alaska Russian period (1741-1867).

Recognized as an "Elder" by the Alaska Federation of Natives, a Distinguished Public Servant by the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska, and honored by the Alaska State Legislature and the National Governors Association, Dr. Oleksa is a storyteller who seeks to foster greater understanding across boundaries of race and culture. Father Oleksa is a leader in the development of cross-cultural education in Alaska, an educator of Alaskan teachers, and a student of Alaska Native languages and cultures. He recently has published a book in collaboration with the Association of Alaska School Boards entitled *Another Culture/Another World* that explores the great diversity and common humanity of Alaska's cultural mosaic.

2012 Conference Schedule

Hosted by:
District 5010 Youth Exchange

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Pre-Conference Sessions:

8:30 AM -5:00PM Registration Desk OpenMain Floor
Gift Exchange Table Opens
Children's Book Donations Received

9:00 AM–6:00PM Optional Tour of Musk Ox Farm, Dog
Mushing, Snowmobiling, Iditarod Headquarters.
Includes Lunch
*(Note: Tour Group will Proceed From End of Tour
directly to Welcome Reception and All Alaskan
Seafood Dinner.)*

9:00 AM–12:00 **Pre Conference Workshop**

Interactive Activities for Teaching About Culture: (Endeavor Room)

Be a participant in and learn how to facilitate these very powerful experiential activities for teaching about culture and cultural differences (Dennis White PhD. Wisconsin USA)

Note: Attendance will be limited due to the participatory nature of this session

Welcoming and Supporting Students with Disabilities: (Adventure Room)

How do you go about facilitating a successful exchange for a student with a disability? How do you get buy-in from the school? How do you find host families? How do you recruit students? (Cerise Roth –Vinson)

A Circle of Preparation: Best Practices for Outbound and Rebound Orientations: (Quadrant Room)

How can you make the most of limited time with students and their parents to prepare them for a successful exchange? How do you help students integrate all that they have learned and experienced

on their exchange into their lives back home. What kind of anticipatory guidance can you offer to ease the transition? (Chrysanne Manoles, Minnesota, USA)

RYE from A-Z: (Voyager Room)

Everything you need to know about Youth Exchange if you are new to the program or new to your leadership role. (Bobbe Fitzhugh, Wyoming, USA
Jon Greene, Nevada USA, Charlie Kelly, California, USA)

When Mother Nature Lets Loose: Preparing For a Natural Disaster and the Aftermath: (Fore Deck)

This session will build on the training that we have done in the past about pre-crisis management with a focus on the unique aspects of a natural disaster. (Guillermo Lopez Portillo and Don Peters)

Note: This session will not be repeated in the afternoon.

12:00 – 1:30 PM

Optional No Host Luncheon

1:30PM–4:30PM

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| 2:00PM – 3:00PM | Technology Training for NAYEN Board
(Resolution Room)
Robert A. “Bob” White, Session Leader
Note: Bring your Lap Tops |
| 3:00PM – 5:00PM | NAYEN Board of Directors’ Meeting
(Resolution Room) |
| 5:30PM | Buses begin to leave from Hotel Captain Cook South Entrance for Reception |
| 6:00PM – 8:00 PM | Welcome Reception and All Alaskan Seafood Dinner. Alaska Pacific University
Come in relaxed and casual clothes |
| 7:30PM | First Bus leaves APU for Hotel Captain Cook |

The following individuals have attended all thirteen conferences of the North American Youth Exchange Network (originally the USA - Canada Youth Exchange Network).

- Woody Angst, D5010, Alaska
- Al Kalter, D6970, Florida
- Terrance McNaughton, D6380, Ontario
- Tom Overbaugh, D7170, New York

Thursday, March 1, 2012

7:00AM – 5:00PM RegistrationMain Floor
Gift Exchange
Children’s Book Donations

6:45AM– 8:00AM **Breakfast and Fellowship**

8:00AM– 9:45AM **Opening Session**

Master of Ceremonies: Paul D. Reagan

Flag Ceremony and Welcomes

National Anthems, sung by:

- Canada, Dr. Mari Hahn, Professor, UAA
- Mexico, Ms. Zaide Manzano, Student, Service High School
- United States, Staff Sergeant Clint Whitney, US Air Force Band of the Pacific

Invocation by Matthew Nicolai in Yupik Language

Welcoming Messages:

- Ted Trueblood, District Governor, District 5010
- Kenneth W. Grabeau, Director, Rotary International RI President’s Personal Representative
- R. W. “Woody” Angst, President, North American Youth Exchange Network

“Welcome to a Remarkable and Unique Place on the Planet”, The Honorable Mead Treadwell
Lieutenant Governor, State of Alaska

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Oleksa

9:45AM– 10:15 AM **Break, Fellowship and Networking**

10:15AM – 12:15PM **Breakout Session One**

10:15AM- 11:15AM **Session 1-A.....Fore Deck
U.S. State Department Update**

This session will provide an update on the DOS rules and regulations. It will also provide an opportunity for dialogue about challenges with implementation and interpretation. This session is for participants

who are already familiar with the DOS regulations and have had experience with implementing them.

James T. Alexander, US Department of State, Washington DC
Junso Ogawa, NAYEN Director and WESSEX Chair, California USA

Session 1-B Endeavor Room
Welcoming and Supporting Students with Chronic Illnesses and Disabilities: Are We All Talk and No Action?

Are we all about eradicating polio but if you have polio don't bother applying to be an exchange student? How many of us actively recruit students with disabilities? How many of us have demurred when we have been approached about taking a student with special health challenges? How can we work together to open up exchange opportunities for students who are thriving and managing their disabilities and illnesses in adolescence? This session is an overview of the in-depth pre-conference session on Wednesday.

Cerise Vinson Roth, Mobility International USA (MIUSA) Oregon USA

Session 1-CAdventure Room
Culture Shock and Reverse Culture Shock

A presentation of the fundamentals of culture shock and reverse culture shock and how they are experienced by exchange students. The goal is to better understand and manage these events rather than attempt to avoid or eliminate them. The presentation involves lectures, PowerPoint slides and demonstrations. Participants will hear about other valuable resources for teaching about culture. Understanding these concepts is essential for anyone working with youth exchange. If you have never attended this session before it is foundational for future explorations about culture and crossing culture.

Dennis K. White, Wisconsin, USA

**Session 1-D Quadrant Room
More Than A Handshake: Developing and
Improving Written Exchange Agreements:**

Exchange agreements between international partners can help to eliminate dropped exchanges, inappropriate student placements and other misunderstandings. Clearly written agreements with ground rules that are “fair to all concerned” allow you to confidently plan for the year ahead, while building stronger relationships with your exchange partners around the world.

Al Kalter, Florida, USA

**Session 1-E Voyager Room
Canadian Visa and Immigration Issues**

We share the goals with all of our exchange partner nations of keeping students safe and our borders secure. Over the last few years some of our students have experienced challenges in obtaining their visas to visit or study in Canada. Learn about the changes in the visa application process and how you can make the process go more smoothly. Ms. Viel LeBlanc is a Consul and Immigration Officer with the Canadian Consulate in Los Angeles - and – she is a Rotary Rebound student to Mexico from Canada (1992 - 1993). You will find her dual perspectives to be invaluable!

Dominik Viel LeBlanc, Canadian Consulate, Los Angeles

11:15AM-12:00

Breakout Session Two

**Session 2-A Fore Deck
US Department of State Overview**

This session is for Rotarians new to their leadership role in RYE, who need an introduction and overview about the Department of State rules and regulations that pertain to high school exchange student programs.

**James T. Alexander, US Department of State, Washington DC
Junso Ogawa, NAYEN Director and WESSEX Chair,
California USA**

**Session 2-B Endeavor Room
The WESSEX Data Base**

The WESSEX database is a tool that allows you to capture all of the documents and information that you need to be in compliance with State Department and RI regulations. This session will walk you through all of the aspects and functions of the database – an electronic file cabinet for all of the administrative details of managing your YE program.

Mike Cloutier, California, USA

**Session 2-CAdventure Room
Canada : The Many Points of the Maple Leaf (Or
Canada: More than Hockey Pucks and Logging
Trucks)**

This is the second of an annual session on the diversity within each NAYEN Country. History and geography have influenced each region of Canada. Learn more about the subtle and not so subtle differences that exist within the boundaries of Canada. How different would the exchange experience be from region to region?

**Neil McDonald, BC, Canada
Lynn Stroshin, BC, Canada**

**Session 2-D Quadrant Room
Digital Docs Basics: DO Try This At Home! You
Don't need to Be A Professional or A Geek**

Do you get butterflies when people talk about scanning applications? Do you understand the alphabet soup of file names: PDF, jpeg, TIFF? Do you worry about how to share and store information in a secure way? What new, affordable and easy to use tools are available to help ease your administrative load?

This basic session is for those who do not feel very technologically confident or who need clear and simple guidance and advice about using technology to manage their documents. Bring the questions that you have been hesitant to ask. Leave with your confidence boosted and your administrative load lightened.

Robert A. White, Florida, USA

**Session 2-E Voyager Room
Preparing Students To Manage Their Own Health
and Safety**

Most high school students have depended on their parents to access health care for them. Many of our Students (especially from North America) are “security Impaired” . What do students need to know before departure about seeking help and health care when they are sick or hurt on exchange? What do they do with their insurance? How can we help them to be more aware of their surroundings? How can we frame alcohol and sex as a complication that can make increase their vulnerability and risk their health?

Maureen Considine, Washington State USA

12:15PM – 1:30PM	Lunch
1:30PM_ – 2:45PM	Second General Session
1:30PM– 2:30PM	On Line Youth Protection Training - Dennis White and Mike Clothier
2:30PM – 2:45PM	03-11-11 Reflection on Japanese Disaster 1 Year Later
2: 45PM – 3:00PM	Exchange Students and Service Projects; An Update - Leandro Araujo
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3:00 PM– 3:30PM	Break, Fellowship and Networking
3:30PM – 5:00PM	Country Rendezvous North American Youth Exchange Network Countries Canada (Resolution Room) Mexico (Endeavor Room) Europe, East Mediterranean and Africa (Quadrant Room) South America (Adventure Room) Asia (Easter Island Room) United States (Fore Deck)

- Constructive feedback on the conference -- what works and what does not work for them.
- identify national needs relative to their country that they would like addressed.
- identify needs for districts to have program consistency as well as a uniform national image.
- identify the districts represented at the conference compared to the number of districts in the country and discuss how to improve representation.
- identify the challenges to implementing youth exchange within the country and which is the greatest challenge.
- identify possible solutions for overcoming the greatest challenge to implementing the program.
- identify and discuss your own issues of concern or opportunities of interest for the program in your country.
- discuss the pros and cons for forming additional regional rather than national organizations.

The North American Youth Exchange Network is a multi-national organization. Therefore, this session is an important working opportunity for everyone from the three countries to meet with others from their own country. Similarly our friends from the other 15 countries represented at this conference are invited to meet concurrently with others from their region. Each group is to focus its discussion on issues of concern and opportunities of interest that the group identifies as uniquely relevant or immediately important to implementation of the youth exchange in that country or region of the world. It is anticipated that members of each group may form a committee and develop a plan to address a topic immediately or that the group may want to revisit topics as agenda items at future conferences.

6:00PM-8:00PM

**Reception Hosted by Rotary Youth Exchange
Districts in Mexico**

Wells Fargo Bank Museum

36th and C Streets

Transportation by motor coach from hotel.

8:00PM

Dinner on Your Own

The Abe Kuttothara Outstanding District Award is presented during the North America Youth Exchange Network annual conference to one district that is recognized by its sister districts for its superlative program, achievements and leadership. Prior Recipients are:

2000 ---- D6000
2001 ---- D5100
2002 ---- D5010
2003 ---- D5370
2004 ---- D7150
2005 ---- D5040
2006 ---- D6970
2007 ---- D7040
2008 ---- D5440
2009 ---- D5190
2010 ---- D7170
2011 ---- D5890

Friday, March 2, 2012

- 8:00AM-5:00PM Registration
 Gift Exchange
 Children’s Book Donations
- 7:00AM – 8:00AM **Breakfast and Fellowship**
- 8:00AM – 9:30AM **Third General Session**
- 8:00AM – 8:10AM Performance Poetry by Douglas Plume: Rebound to
 Switzerland from Alaska, USA
- 8:10AM – 9:00AM Collaborating for Excellence: The Rotary
 International Youth Exchange Committee and the
 Rotary International Youth Exchange Office
 Neil McDonald, Chair, RI Youth Exchange
 Committee
 Kate Hoepfel, Youth Exchange Supervisor, Rotary
 International
- 9:00AM – 9:30AM One Way Exchanges: Cultivating and Nurturing
 Youth Exchange Opportunities with New Partners
 Friedrich Neddermeier, German Multi-District
- 9:30AM – 10:00AM **Break, Fellowship and Networking**
- 10:00 AM– 12:15PM **Breakout Sessions Three**
- 10AM – 10:45AM **Session 3-A Fore Deck**
 Acquiring a US J-1 Visa: Smoothing The Path
 This session is an opportunity to share challenges and
 issues that Inbound students to the US have
 experienced in acquiring their J-1 visas. While Mr.
 Alexander’s expertise is not in J-1 visas, he will take
 our concerns and challenges back to the appropriate
 staff at the Department of State.
- James Alexander, US Department of State ,**
 Washington DC
- Session 3-B Endeavor Room**
 Navigating the Visa Labyrinth
 It is easy for parents and students to get lost in the
 winding path to acquiring a year-long student visa.
 The process is often a perplexing entanglement of

requirements, where the rules change in the middle of the maze. What are the options available to students and their parents? What skills and experience should parents be looking for when they seek assistance? What are the pros and cons of trying to do it yourself?

Theresa Bryant Tzell Park Travel
Ed Piekarczyk – It’s Your World Travel
Richard DeRock, D5060, Washington State , USA

Session 3-CAdventure Room
The Homebound Syndrome: A Sequel (To the Inbound Syndrome)

The Inbound syndrome is a near universal tendency for expatriates (not just exchange students) to bond very closely to the detriment of their immersion into the host culture. The homebound Syndrome examines the relatively new phenomenon whereby students can physically go abroad while mentally and emotionally never leaving home. This is largely due to instant electronic communication and partly due to intrusive parenting (sometimes called “helicopter” parenting). This session attempts to identify the issues and make suggestions for managing the related problems.

Dennis White, Wisconsin, USA

Session 3-DQuadrant Room
Capturing Data for Compliance and Efficiency: A New Data Base in The Works

This session is a presentation of a new RYE web platform that is being developed under the guidance of and in collaboration with the Ohio-Erie Multi District. Get a preview and offer suggestions for a data base that will help you manage the administrative aspects of your program.

Kyle Barnes, Washington State and South Carolina, USA

Session 3-E Voyager Room
Mexican Visa Issues and Security Update

We share the goals of all of our exchange partner nations of keeping students safe and our borders

secure. Learn how you can help your students make the process of obtaining their visas to visit or study in Mexico go more smoothly.

Additionally, Deputy Consul Rsmirez-Aguillar will provide an accurate assessment of the security concerns in Mexico. The majority of Mexico is safe and welcoming for exchange students. Popular media portrays a distorted view of Mexico (and other countries).

Deputy Consul General Adriana Ramirez-Aguilar, Mexican Consulate, Anchorage

11:00AM to 12:00

Breakout Sessions Four

Session 4-A Fore Deck Rotary International Program Reviews

What is it like to have a formal Rotary International Review? How can you use the review experience as a way to share your best practices and also receive constructive feedback on your program? How do you prepare for the review?

Facilitated by:

Kate Hoeppel, RI Headquarters, Evanston Illinois, USA

Session 4-B Voyager Room Using Popular Media To Teach About Culture: Outsourced

Youth Exchange Officers are always looking for interesting and entertaining ways to orient students to the concept of culture and the progression of culture shock. This presentation uses film clips from the movie Outsourced to demonstrate these concepts. Participants at this session will receive a free DVD with the PowerPoint, film clips, complete script of the session and two sets of discussion questions. Bring your own popcorn!

Dennis White, Wisconsin, USA

Session 4-CAdventure Room The Listening Project: Looking at The USA Thru The Eyes of Others

The Listening Project is a documentary Feature Film that puts a human face to world opinion of the US. It explores many facets of America's undeniable global

impact on the social, political and economic landscape of the planet. The film raises important questions about what it means to be a citizen in a globalized world. It is a great tool that can be used to help prepare Outbound Students from the US for the less than positive comments they will hear about their country. It is a wonderful spark for a discussion with US Inbounds at the end of their year. How has their impression of the US evolved/changed over the course of their exchange?

Peter Golombek, California, USA

**Session 4-D Quadrant Room
Managing Inbound Travel With A Balanced Policy**

What parameters does your district have in place to manage Inbound student travel? Can students do any travel by themselves? Is their ability to travel linked to their language skills? What do you do when your student wants to travel with their visiting parents from home? How do you design a balanced travel policy that allows them to take advantage of an opportunity that may come their way and provides for their safety? Bring your Inbound student travel challenges and bring your best practices to share.

**Jayne Neu, Washington State USA
Sofia Sotomayor, Baja California, Mexico**

**Session 4-E Voyager Room
Strong Allies For Your Program: The District Leadership Team**

How do you build a strong collaborative relationship with your District Leadership Team: District Gov. Nominee, District Governor Elect and District Governor? Their understanding and support can make an enormous difference in your program. How can you increase their involvement? What are all the avenues to keep them knowledgeable about the complexities of managing one of the best programs in your district.

**Chico Ferro, Brazil
Jon Greene, Nevada USA,
Guillermo Lopez Portillo, Mexico**

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1:30PM – 2:45PM	Fourth General Session
1:30PM – 2:15PM	Report from Working Group On Early Returns With Q&A and Discussion Work Group Members: Leandro Araujo, Brazil, Peter Golombek , California, USA , Dennis White, Wisconsin, USA Erwin Zeller, Austria
2:15 – 2:45:	Patience and Persistence Pay Off: Universal Health Insurance for RYE Students Neil McDonald , RI Youth Exchange Committee and Kate Hoeppele , RYE Youth Exchange Supervisor Rotary International Office
2:45PM –3:00PM	Annual North American Youth Exchange Network Business Meeting
3:00PM-3:30PM	Break, Fellowship and Networking
3:30PM– 4:30PM	Upcoming Youth Exchange Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RYE Pre-Convention Youth Exchange Workshop in Bangkok - Kitthanate Vasukiatcharoen, Thailand (via Skype) • EEMA 60th Anniversary Conference in Budapest, Hungary – Erwin Zeller, Austria • ABIJ-Brazil - Florianopolis – James Landmann, Brazil • NAYEN 2013 Conference in Orlando – Al Kalter, Florida, USA
6:00PM-7:00PM	No-Host Bar Reception
7:00PM-9:30PM	President’s Banquet Master of Ceremonies: Paul D. Reagan Introduction of R. Woodruff “Woody” Angst, President, North American Youth Exchange Network Keynote Speaker: Kenneth W. Grabeau, Director, Rotary International RI President’s Personal Representative

Presentation of Awards

- Achievement Awards
Lynn Stroshin, Director and Awards Committee Chair, North American Youth Exchange Network
- Abe Kuttothara Outstanding District Award:
Alan Wylie, Member, Rotary International Youth Exchange Committee

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Saturday, March 3, 2012

- 7:30AM-9:00AM **Meeting/debriefing (TBA)**
With Anchorage and Orlando and 2014 Conference Committee Members. What worked well? What didn't work so well? How can the conferences committees work together for a smooth transition from one conference to the next?
- 10:00AM **Watch start of Iditarod Sled Dog Race**
4th Avenue & G Street

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- Patricia Brown Heller Host Committee Chair
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May 3 to 5, 2012

Contact: youthexchange@rotary.org

EEMA

Budapest, Hungary

September 7 to 10, 2012

Contact: Erwin Zeller <http://www.eema2012.com>

Australia

Sidney

October 12 to 14, 2012

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October 23 to 25, 2012

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Orlando, Florida

February 14 to 17, 2013

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2002.....	Las Vegas, Nevada
2003.....	Orlando, Florida
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