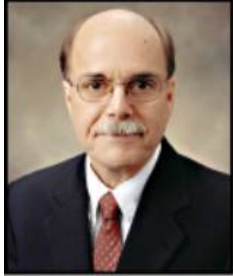


2008 Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention Meeting

12-14 June 2008

Los Angeles, California, USA

Message from the Chair



On behalf of the 2007-08 Youth Exchange Committee, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2008 Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention Meeting in Los Angeles.

By participating in Youth Exchange and attending this meeting, you have already demonstrated your dedication to what I believe is the most outstanding youth program in Rotary. We are doing wonderful work when we help thousands of young people participate in our long and short-term programs. We are helping open windows to the world for these students, as well as their parents, host families, school friends and hosting clubs.

We have had some significant challenges in Youth Exchange over the past few years and there are more ahead. We have found that many of those challenges have forced us to adapt in new, and often creative ways. One issue that stands above all others is assuring that we constantly improve the quality of Youth Exchange. This has been a central issue for the Youth Exchange Committees for the past three years, and it will continue into the 2008-09 Rotary year.

The Youth Exchange Committee has worked hard to create a program to meet current challenges. We will discuss ways to ensure the high quality of our program for the future. We will look for better ways to bring more young people together and prepare them for their role as future leaders. We will also address cultural differences among YEOs, so that we can communicate clearly when conducting our exchanges.

We also want to promote Youth Exchange to Rotarians who are unaware of this exciting Rotary program. For the third year we will be hosting a booth in the House of Friendship during the RI Convention. This year it will be done jointly with the other Youth and Young Adult programs, RYLA, Interact and Rotaract. We can use your assistance to staff the booth for a few hours during the convention. Please see me if you are willing to help.

The Youth Exchange Committee will also be leading a workshop at the Convention to promote Youth Exchange. Please encourage Rotarians who are not familiar with Youth Exchange to attend this session on Monday 16 June from 15:30-16:30 Room 502A.

Thank all of you for coming. On behalf of the entire 2007-08 Youth Exchange Committee, I hope it will be a productive and enjoyable meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dennis K. White".

Dennis K. White
Chair, 2007-08 Youth Exchange Committee

2007-08 Youth Exchange Committee

- Chair:** Dennis K. White, *D6220, USA*
- Vice Chair:** James Anthony “Tony” Black, PDG, *D1230, Scotland*
- Members:** Norberto Butendieck B., PDG, *D4350, Chile*
Stuart McDonald, *D9810, Australia*
Jaci Williams, *D5770, USA*
Walter Wyser, *D2000, Switzerland*
- Director Liaison:** Bernard L. Rosen, *D2170, Belgium*

Findings Committee

- Chair:** David Ferrell, *D4550, Brazil*
- Members:** Ariane Carriere, *D7040, Canada*
Jon Greene, *D5190, USA*
John Mensinger, *D5220, USA*
David Moreman, *D7570, USA*
Craig Nelsen, *D5030, USA*
Roy Parsons, *D1220, England*
J.R. Thompson, *D5470, USA*
John Wakefield, *D9690, Australia*

Sergeants-at-Arms

- Chief:** Kathy Bauer, *D5790, USA*
- Assistants:** Hipo Chen, *D3520, Taiwan*
Nick Giannone, *D5890, USA*
Ted Krisanda, *D7470, USA*
Tom Martin, *D5010, USA*
Iain Shaw, *D1230, Scotland*
Geraldine M. Sheridan, *D7260, USA*

Discussion Group Leaders

- Co-Chairs:** Karin Treiber, *D5950-5960, USA*
Chrysanne Manoles, *D5950-5960, USA*
- Members:** David Anderson, *D9790, Australia*
Rolf Andreetti, *D4200, Mexico*
James Anthony "Tony" Black, *D1230, Scotland*
Dan Bronson, *D7450, USA*
Wally Buchanan, *D5320, USA*
Nancy M. Cassel, *D5500, USA*

Roger Cline, *D6330, USA*
Allan Davis, *D5080, Canada*
Ray Fields, *D5100, USA*
Eric Marcus, *D6670, USA*
Stuart McDonald, *D9810, Australia*
Herman Meier, *D2290, Norway*
Betty Muliadinata, *D3400, Indonesia*
Gordana Nardini, *D1910, Croatia*
Friedrich Neddermeier, *D1850, Germany*
Bob Palmateer, *D7080, Canada*
Ana Maria Pimenta, *D4760, Brazil*
Sally Saddler, *D5010, USA*
Rudolf Sterkel, *D6420, USA*
Lyn Stroshin, *D5040, Canada*
Jerry Tambe, *D5300, USA*
Ivan Vianna, *D4760, Brazil*
Jaci Williams, *D5770, USA*
Walter Wyser, *D2000, Switzerland*
Erwin Zeller, *D1910, Austria*

RI Secretariat staff (in blue shirts) and sergeants-at-arms (in blue and yellow caps) are available to help answer questions.

Preconvention Venue

All preconvention meeting events will be held at the Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC) unless otherwise noted.

Mobile Phones and Pagers

As a courtesy to those attending the meeting, kindly turn off all mobile telephones and pagers during the meeting sessions.

Simultaneous Interpretation

This meeting will be conducted in English. Based on preregistration figures, simultaneous interpretation in Japanese will be offered during the plenary sessions and workshops taking place in the plenary hall (Concourse 151). Personal radios are available for a nominal fee. If you have other language needs, please notify a sergeant-at-arms to help you locate a colleague who can help provide informal interpretation.

Lunch

There will be no organized lunches during the Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention Meeting. However, a number of informal dining options are offered in the surrounding environs.

2008 RI Convention Youth Exchange Events

The Youth Exchange Committee present at the 2008 Rotary International Convention on Monday, 16 June from 1530-1630 hours in room 502A. In addition, the Youth Exchange Committee will have booth space with Interact, Rotaract, and RYLA in the House of Friendship. The House of Friendship will also contain a Youth Village with the theme "California Dreaming." Please refer to the *2008 RI Convention Program Book* for details.

All events take place at the Los Angeles Convention Center unless otherwise noted.

All information was current at the time of publication but is subject to change.

Thursday, 12 June 2008

- 0900-1700 **Youth Exchange Officers Meeting Registration**
Location: Kentia Hall
- 0900-1200 **Media Training Workshop** (by invitation only)
Location: Concourse 150B
- 1400-1500 **Sergeant-At-Arms Training**
Location: Concourse 150B
For Committee Members and Sergeants-at-Arms
Kathy Bauer, D5790, USA
- 1500-1600 **Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention Leaders' Meeting**
Location: Concourse 150B
For Committee Members, Sergeants-at-Arms, Discussion Group Leaders,
Panelists, Presenters, and Findings Committee Members
- Facilitated Discussion Training*
Karin Treiber, D5950-5960, USA
Chrysanne Manoles, D5950-5960, USA
- Findings Committee Training*
David Ferrell, D4550, Brazil
- 1730-1900 **Opening Plenary Session**
Location: Concourse 151
- Welcome*
Dennis K. White, D6220, USA
Roll Call of Countries & Flag Ceremony
- Introduction of 2007-08 Youth Exchange Committee*
- Introduction of RI Staff*
- Opening Remarks*
Dennis K. White, D6220, USA
- Address by RI President-elect*
RI President-elect Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee, D3650, Korea

Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning

Stuart McDonald, *D9810, Australia*

Walter Wyser, *D2000, Switzerland*

1900-2100 **Welcome Reception – Cash Bar & Hors D’Oeuvres**

Location: Room 409AB

Friday, 13 June 2008

0800-1800 **Convention Registration**

Location: Kentia Hall

0830-1030 **Plenary Session II**

Location: Concourse 151

What I Learned from Youth Exchange

Julia Soper, *D7430, USA to D5010, Russia*

20 Years Later - Life after Youth Exchange

Terri Sawyer, *D7350, USA to D4470, Brazil*

Rotarian Sawyer presents her experiences as a Youth Exchange Student in Brazil and how these encounters apply to her role as the current Youth Exchange Officer in District 5420.

Illustrative Skits Al Kalter

Panelists will represent two fictional countries, Alphatoria and Betavakia, to illustrate different ways Youth Exchange programs are conducted, concerns that often remain unspoken between Youth Exchange partners, and possible solutions to common problems.

David Anderson, *D9790, Australia*

Al Kalter, *D6970, USA*

Paul Reagan, *D6110, USA*

Terri Sawyer, *D5420, USA*

Iain Shaw, *D1230, Scotland*

Address by RI President

RI President Wilfrid J. (Wilf) Wilkinson, *D7070, Canada*

1030-1100 **Networking and Refreshment Break**

Location: Concourse 151 Foyer

1100-1115 ***Instructions for Discussion Groups***

Location: Concourse 151

1115-1215 **Discussion Groups on Skits**

Locations: Concourse 151
Concourse 150A
Concourse 150B
Concourse 150C

1215-1315 **Lunch Break (on own)**

1315-1430 **Plenary Session III**

Location: Concourse 151

***Reports by Discussion Group Leaders
Karen and Chrysann)***

What Every YEO Needs to Know About Cultural Differences

We prepare students to understand cultural differences in order to help make their exchanges a success. However, as YEOs we often neglect the need for our own cultural awareness training. This presentation emphasizes what we need to know about culture so that we can better perform our roles as YEOs.

Dennis K. White, *D6220, USA*

Youth Research Projects for Outbound Preparation

As part of their Outbound orientation program, District 5020 assigns their students an assignment to be completed before they depart. The project includes in-depth research on the part of the world where they will be living, offers students suggestions about language study, and requires them to submit a detailed plan as to how they will achieve functional fluency pre-departure. The activities enhance and enrich their experiences abroad and ease their transition into a new culture, community, and family.

Maureen Considine, *D5020, USA*

Announcements

1430-1500 **Networking and Refreshment Break**

Location: Concourse 151 Foyer

1500-1545 **Concurrent Workshops**

Workshop A: Youth Exchange for the New Club Youth Exchange Officer

A presentation on Youth Exchange duties for the new club Youth Exchange officer and other Rotarians new to the program.

Location: Concourse 150C

Ana Maria Pimenta, *D4760, Brazil*

Jaci Williams, *D5770, USA*

Workshop B: Recruiting Students Using Internet Social Groups

A presentation on how to use internet programs, like Facebook, to promote Youth Exchange.

Location: Concourse 151
Paul Reagan, *D6110, USA*

Workshop C: Cross-Cultural Orientation Using Popular Film

Orienting Inbound and Outbound students can be a challenge. Popular films contain a wealth of information about crossing cultures that students will actually watch. This workshop presents the concept of using popular films to learn about culture and demonstrates how to do this with excerpts from *Dances With Wolves*.

Location: Concourse 150A
Dennis K. White, *D6220, USA*

Workshop D: Managing Early Returns

Presentations and discussion on the challenges faced by students and their return home. The session will include how Youth Exchange officers can help students, discussion on reverse culture shock, and ways to maintain contact with former students.

Location: Concourse 150B
Joanne "Joey" Marshall, *D6250, USA*
Tom Marshall, *D6250, USA*

1600-1645

Concurrent Workshops

Workshop E: Youth Exchange for the New District Youth Exchange Officer

A presentation on Youth Exchange for the new district Youth Exchange Officer and committee members. Highlights include tips for managing program paperwork and a question and answer session.

Location: Concourse 150C
Ana Maria Pimenta, *D4760, Brazil*
Jaci Williams, *D5770, USA*

Workshop F: Dealing with Rebound Students

Presentation and discussion on how to coordinate a successful rebound orientation session. Topics include reentry culture shock and strategies to build upon the personal growth students gained abroad.

Location: Concourse 151
Carter Fjeld, *D5060, Canada*
Jack Sabey, *D5060, Canada*

Workshop G: Camps

Presentation and discussion on types of camps and how these programs can be successfully implemented and promoted.

Location: Concourse 150B
Erwin Zeller, *D1910, Austria*

Workshop H: Short-term Youth Exchange and New Generations programs
Presentation and discussion featuring Short-term and New Generations exchanges and how these programs can be expanded and promoted successfully.
Location: Concourse 150A
Ursula Gervasi, *D1980, Switzerland*
Walter Wyser, *D2000, Switzerland*

1645-1715 **Plenary Session IV**
Location: Concourse 151

Benefits of Data-based Applications
Philippe Caron, *D1620, Belgium*

1900-2130 **YEO Banquet Reception (Cash Bar) and Fellowship Banquet (RI Ticketed Event)**
Location: 502AB

Welcome
Dennis K. White, *D6220, USA*

Invocation
Dennis K. White, *D6220, USA*

Introduction of RI President-nominee (Tony – a fellow Scotsman)

YEO Banquet Address
RI President-nominee John Kenny, *D1020, Scotland*

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0800-1900 **Convention Registration**
Location: Kentia Hall

0830-0945 **Plenary Session V**
Location: Concourse 151

Update by RI Staff
Niki Zohrab, *Youth Exchange Supervisor, RI*

The Benefits of the Short-term Youth Exchange program
John Mensinger, *D5220, USA*

Strategic Planning for the Future of Youth Exchange
Ivan Vianna, *D4760, Brazil*

Instructions for Discussion Groups
(Karen and Chrysanne)

0945-1030 **Discussion Groups on Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning**
Locations: Concourse 151
 Concourse 150A
 Concourse 150B
 Concourse 150C

1030-1100 **Networking and Refreshment Break**
Location: Concourse 151 Foyer

1100-1200 **Closing Plenary Session**
Location: Concourse 151

Reports by Discussion Group Leaders (Karen and Crysanne)

Report on Youth Services Resource Group

Friedrich Neddermeier, D1850, Germany

General Coordinator, 2007-08 Youth Services Resource Group

Invitations to National and Regional YE Meetings

Introduction of 2008-09 Youth Exchange Committee

Thanks to 2007-08 Youth Exchange Committee

Invitation to Birmingham, England

Closing Remarks

James Anthony "Tony" Black, D 1230 Scotland

Dennis K. White, D6220, USA

1200 **Adjourn**

2008-09 Youth Exchange Committee

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Vice Chair: Yoshihiro Sekiba, PDG, D2830, Japan

Members: Norberto Butendieck B., PDG, D4350, Chile
David Moreman, PDG, D7570, USA
Jaci Williams, D5770, USA
Walter Wyser, D2000, Switzerland

Adviser: Friedrich Neddermeier, D1850, Germany

Director Liaison: Paul A. Netzel