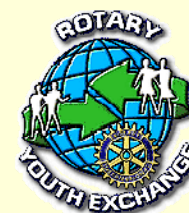


Selection and Orientation

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THE IPOD GENERATION

THE CHALLENGE OF: CONNECTION & COMMUNICATION



**Rotary Youth
Exchange Officer**

**What's wrong
with the good old phone?
Now it's MSN, Skype
Cell phones, Text Messaging
Web cams.....!**



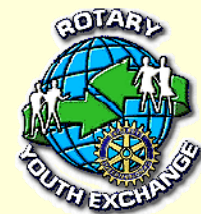
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**I can't believe
my host family
doesn't have a
computer!**



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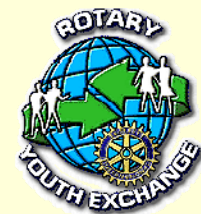
- **The 15 year old student of today was the 20 year old of Yesterday with reference to social and sexual freedom or liberty**
- **Rules and expectations set by Parents and Rotary Youth Exchange are continually challenged**



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The challenge of selection and training the student with:

- **Adaptability**
- **Resilience**
- **Flexibility**
- **Stress tolerance**
- **Cooperation**
- **Tenacity**



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*The use of Rebounds in all areas of
selection and training to bridge the
Generation gap of the Club and District
Committee*

*A major resource in selection and
training*



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The Selection Procedure:

- **Club selection**
- **District Interviews and selection including rebounds:**
 - Saying “no” to the club selection!!
 - Medical and diet issues??
 - Age and maturity??
 - Parental influence??
 - Assigning the country??



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Selection Focus:

Adaptability:

- **Tactfulness in dealing with conflict**
- **Willingness to listen to others views**
- **Ability to adjust quickly and effectively**

- **Question? Tell me how you resolved a difference of opinion with someone when working on a project.**



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Resilience & Flexibility:

- **Maintain enthusiasm after disappointment or rejection**
- **Take criticism in stride**
- **Bounce back quickly**

- **Questions? Describe how you react when you become frustrated?**
- **Tell me how you handle deadlines, difficult people and silly rules?**

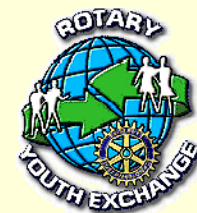


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Cooperation:

- Understands importance of rules and expectations
- Responds positively to direction and counsel
- Listens well and responds appropriately

- Question? When you have been corrected or given counsel, how do you want it presented to you?
- Can you give an example?

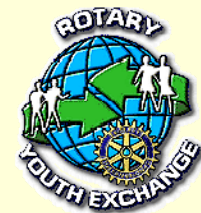


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Tenacity:

- **Overcoming obstacles**
- **Staying with the task until completed**
- **Know when to quit and when to stick with it.**

- **Question? When things don't go your way what did you do? Give an example.**



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The Training Focus:

- **Rotary & the student**
- **Home ties and communication**
- **Attitudes & problem solving**
- **Host family communication**
- **Travel while away(permission???)**
- **Keeping healthy and safe(abuse & harassment)**
- **Law & Travel**

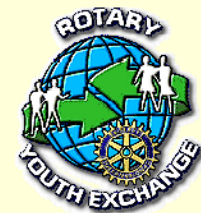


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Training Focus Cont'd

- **Language training**
- **Culture and culture shock**
- **Insurance issues**
- **Costs**
- **Gifts and presentations**

- **Others??**



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Study your Country with Essay Requirements of Students on:

- **LANGUAGE**
 - **Climate**
 - **Religion**
 - **Education**
 - **Health**
 - **Government**
 - **Sports**
- Geography**
 - History**
 - Economy**
 - Food**
 - Current events**
 - Teenage activities**



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Rebound Students at Orientation

- **Representing all countries**
- **From different exchange years**
- **Involved in all training presentations.**
- **Encourage rebound/outbound connections**
- **Stay in contact with the rebounds**



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Rebound Parents at Orientation

- **Adult perspective on exchange preparation & foreign communication**
- **Provide comfort for new outbound parents.
“bin there done that”**
- **Provide financial perspective**



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- **A LITURGY FOR EXCHNAGE STUDENTS**

- **We are one**
- **Yet we are many**
- **We speak a single language**
- **Yet in different tongues**

- **We are joined together**
- **Yet we live in separate lands**
- **We are one**
- **Yet we are many**

- **How can I see my sisters tears?**
- **When I do not know her pain**
- **How can I carry my brothers load?**
- **Unless my path intersects his journey**



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- **How can I celebrate a strangers joy?
When I do not know the dance?
We are one
Yet we are many**
- **Teach me that I might know
Show me that I might see
Though we are many
Yet we are one**



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