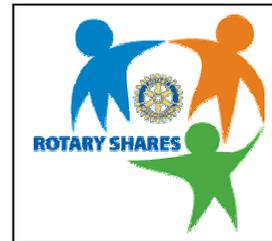


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NEW EXCHANGE STUDENT ARRIVES

CLUB SAYS FAREWELL TO MARY LIIV

to return soon to start studies at New Mexico State University.

Host families are nearly always needed for our exchange student, and the host family does not necessarily have to be a Rotary family. Here are the basic requirements:

- Live in the Coronado or Franklin District
- Preferably but not necessarily, a family with High School Students
- Provide transportation to and from school and to and from school activities.
- Provide a single bedroom in the home.
- Criminal background investigation of the heads of household.
- Use of the family computer if needed.

If you want more information, or want to be

one of the host families for Salome during her stay in El Paso, contact Lorrain Huit at her work phone at 581-5179 or on her cell phone at 630-3312 or you can contact Dave Driscoll at 845-5300 or on his cell phone at 525-2233.



Salome Koller

Salome Koller who hails from the town of Gais in Switzerland is our new exchange student. She arrived in El Paso on August 4th.

Salome's father, Guido, is a tax advisor while her mother, Ruth, works as a teacher.

Meanwhile, many Club members joined Mary Liiv, our exchange student from Estonia, at Leo's Mexican Restaurant on July 25th to wish her a farewell after spending the past year with us in El Paso. However, Mary is planning



Mary Liiv (left) is joined by Ann and Club President Elect, Jesse Allen at Mary's July 25th farewell



Mary Liiv (left) and Club member Lorrain Huit at Mary's Farewell



THE REPORT FROM GIRLS RYLA

By Dana Vogelmeier

Girls RYLA was held at Manzano Mountain Retreat the week of July 16th. There were 65 girls from all over New Mexico and West Texas. These girls are the cream of the crop in their schools. They are high achievers either academically, in sports, in music, etc. We had some wonderful singers who led patriot songs during the flag ceremony in the morning.

Each cabin begins the week by creating a team name, a team cheer, and assigning each member to a committee. The various committees are for the Flag Ceremony, Meals (invocation), Skit, Yell Off, and Newspaper. This is a great opportunity to begin the bonding process and to begin the conversations about a "team."

Each night in the cabin, the counselors would facilitate different pieces of a large Leadership Series. This program includes: Planning, Knowing your Resources, Team Dynamics, Representing a Team, Building a Team, Setting an Example, Leading a Project, and Communicating. This provides the girls with some great insight to what it means to be on a team and to lead a team. We would also work in some of our personal

experiences as leaders and lessons learned to add some real life flavor.

In addition, the counselors and junior counselors led programs on the following topics:

- Financial Awareness for Teens (how to build a good credit, how to read a credit report, credit card tips)
- Interviewing Tips, What to Wear and Basic Work
- Etiquette Personal etiquette (manners)
- Salsa Dancing
- Public Speaking
- They created a new product that they had to present with a marketing plan to the entire camp.
- One evening was dedicated to teen issues discussion.

Throughout the week, they learned lessons in Rotary and learned the Four Way Test. There were Rotary speakers as well.

The girls climb a rock wall, participate in a trust fall exercise, go through a low ropes course, and a high ropes course. This year - I completed the high ropes course and it was exhilarating!

At the end of the week, the girls competed in the

Olympics. There were some goofy games, like

passing water balloons, a scavenger hunt, passing oranges under their chin, Yell Off (cheer), a skit, a poster competition, etc. This was really fun and the anticipation about who would win was exciting! Almost every cabin had the chance to win at something because of the variety of things they did. There were some that were more sports driven and some more creative driven.

Also, on the last night, each cabin had one person represent them in the Speak Off where the camper talked about their experience for the week. They were amazing! (There were a few tears!) This year's winner will speak at the District Convention in April 2008. She was a camper from Farmington and her dad is a Rotarian.

I have been to RYLA for the last three years (thanks to Kathleen who invited me the first time!!) and every time brings a new experience. I really appreciate the opportunity to go and have a wonderful time. Next year, I will be Jackie's Program Director. That's a new challenge and I'm very excited about it! It can be an exhausting week - there's a lot to do and not a lot of sleep - but - it is very much worth it! I can't wait for next year!

The 4-Way Test

Members of Rotary use a simple test to guide their actions in life. Here it is:

“The 4-Way Test of the things we think, say or do:

1st Is it the TRUTH?

2nd Is it FAIR to all concerned?

3rd Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER

FRIENDSHIPS?

4TH Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?”

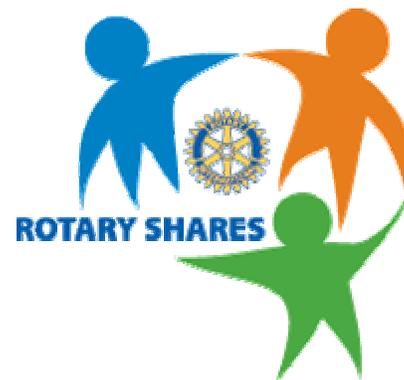
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