

To Club Presidents, Secretaries and relevant Directors,

Happy New Year to all.

Just a reminder that we still have a unique opportunity for one or two couples (or singles) interested to join us in an exciting visit to NW USA/SE British Columbia in June 2020. Actual dates to be finalised by the participants.

Please pass this on to your Club Members when you recommence your exciting new year. Replies will be followed up at the end of January/beginning of February 2020 – so there is a little time to think about it. This item was in the recent District Bizz and is forwarded to you for your particular attention.

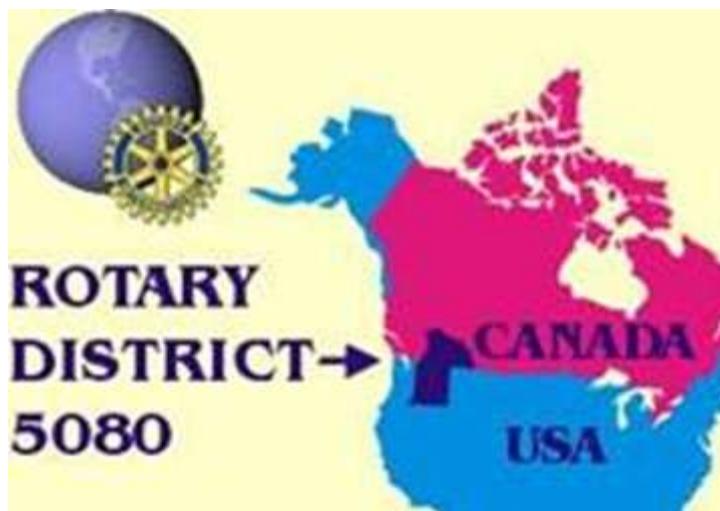


New Friends Await in Every Corner of the World

Sometimes great experiences sneak up on you when you least expect them.

Our Rotary Friendship Exchange visitors from British Columbia and Idaho in District 5080 have now returned home to Canada & USA after a most enjoyable exchange in October for Guests, Hosts and Host Clubs - Maitland, Regency Park and Adelaide.

Clubs in District 5080 have now proposed to host a District 9500 Team for a **“Spring fling” Exchange in June 2020**. Exact dates to be determined by the participants and Hosts.



We already have 3 couples interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, one from each of the Hosting Clubs. One single is also interested. **We need one or two more couples or singles from other Clubs in the District.** You don't need to have actually hosted to benefit from this unique opportunity. There is also an ideal opportunity to on-travel before or after the Exchange.

Rotary District 5080 is an international District that includes 61 Rotary Clubs located in south-eastern British Columbia Canada, northern Idaho and eastern Washington State in USA. They are joined in common by the waters of the mighty Columbia River system.

If you are interested in visiting District 5080, please contact -

Up 'til January 26th -

- International Team Leader, Jack Kelso (Rotary Club of Regency Park) 0411 616 186 mkelso@bigpond.com

After January 26th -

- District 9500 RFE Chair, Reg Hutchinson (Rotary Club of Adelaide) 0416 215 795 - reg-kaye@bigpond.com

What is **Rotary Friendship Exchange**? - one of Rotary's best kept secrets.

According to Rotary International (www.rotary.org/friendship-exchange) the Rotary Friendship Exchange Program is an international exchange program for Rotary members and friends that allows participants to take turns hosting one another in their homes and Clubs in another country. Its goal is to build international friendships, advance international understanding and goodwill through person-to-person connections across national boundaries.

It is an ideal example of this year's Theme - **ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD**

Yours in Rotary Friendship Service

Reg Hutchinson
District 9500 Chair,
Rotary Friendship Exchange