

Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE)

Composition:

The District RYE Chair is appointed by the person who will be the District Governor (DG) when the term begins. The appointment shall be for an annual term. In consultation with the DG, the chair appoints the Inbound and Outbound Team Leaders. The chairpersons shall jointly work to facilitate the District's RYE program. The chair may appoint additional members to serve depending upon the size of the District's RYE program.

Exchange Programs:

District 5970 will facilitate opportunities for youth to participate in the following programs:

- Inbound
- Outbound
- Short term

Responsibilities:

- Develop District RYE program guidelines and rules for students that comply with RI policy.
- Provide information to Rotary clubs on Rotary resources to help strengthen clubs' youth exchange activities.
- Ensure that all persons vetted for the Youth Exchange Program are cleared and reported to the DES.
- Manage the District inbound and outbound activities per RI and Central States Rotary Youth Exchange, Inc. (if District a member).
- Coordinate youth protection efforts within the Youth Exchange program.
- Implement risk management policies and put a crisis management plan in place.
- Maintain effective lines of communication between all program participants, including students, host families, counselors, and club and district officers.
- Promote the program through District and club Web sites, advertisements, and news stories throughout the District.

District Relationship to Central States Rotary Youth Exchange, Inc.

Central States Rotary Youth Exchange, Inc. (CSRYE) is a separate organization governed by its own Board of Directors. CSRYE partners with member Districts in placing inbound Rotary Exchange youth in the United States Rotary Districts, as well as assisting with the placement of District outbound Rotary Youth Exchange students to international assignments.

District 5970 is a partner member of CSRYE. The District Governor is a voting member or delegates a voting proxy representative to attend in his/her place. The District Governor or

Representative, and the RYE Chairperson and others should attend the annual meeting of this group. The District Governor or representative should attend the Central States Rotary Youth Exchange summer conference held in Michigan.

District Inbound and Outbound Committee chairpersons also attend these events of CSRYE, along with the exchange students.