



On February 12, 2011, in Sacramento, California, Rotary District 5890 was recognized at the North American Youth Exchange Network (NAYEN) conference as the #1 district in Rotary Youth Exchange for all of North America, including Canada, the USA, and Mexico. The award recognizes the outstanding efforts of the numerous Rotary clubs / Club Youth Exchange Officers / Club Committees throughout our district and the tireless efforts of the district youth exchange committee. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this monumental award for District 5890.

Attending the conference were numerous Rotarians from Canada, USA, and Mexico, and visiting Rotarians from Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Denmark, the Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, Austria, Spain, Brazil, Ecuador. Many of the districts with whom District 5890 conducts exchanges were in attendance.

The recognition was given to our district based on the growth in numbers of youth exchange students sponsored and hosted over the past several years; on the growth of the district committee over the past several years; on the well established processes developed for interviews, orientations, and compliance; on our support to developing countries (Juan Quevedo from Nicaragua); and on the support our district has provided to neighboring Rotary districts.

Our district committee is pleased to have 25 students who will go abroad in August as our long term student ambassadors, and 14 students who are participating in our summer short term program. In addition, we will have 24 long term inbound students coming to our district in August. Clubs have already committed to hosting 20 of the students so 4 more host clubs are needed. Please contact a member of the District 5890 Rotary Youth Exchange Committee if your club would like the opportunity to host.

Finally, our inbound students have been invited to attend and participate in RI President Ray Klingensmith's International Convention in May. Although RI is covering most of the cost, a \$375 fee remains for each of our 24 inbound students. Currently 5 clubs have committed to sponsoring 1 student to the convention. Obviously more help is needed.

If your club can help by sponsoring 1 student (\$375) or by contributing at any level, contact Tony Sortino [sortino@cdstexas.com](mailto:sortino@cdstexas.com)