



Rotary Messenger

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- Tom Kishaba – 2009-10 Outbound Exchange Student to Japan
- Kathy Kishaba – Mother of Tom
- Mark Goulet – Father of Oliver Goulet
- Jerry Moen – guest of Julie Pangallo and Prospective Member

Make-ups

- Robin Shih – Amarillo, Texas (July 30)

Leave of Absence

- Sherry Mohr (5/7/2009 – 11/7/2009)
- Barb Wiedenbeck (7/21/2009 – 10/21/2009)

The 4-Way Test

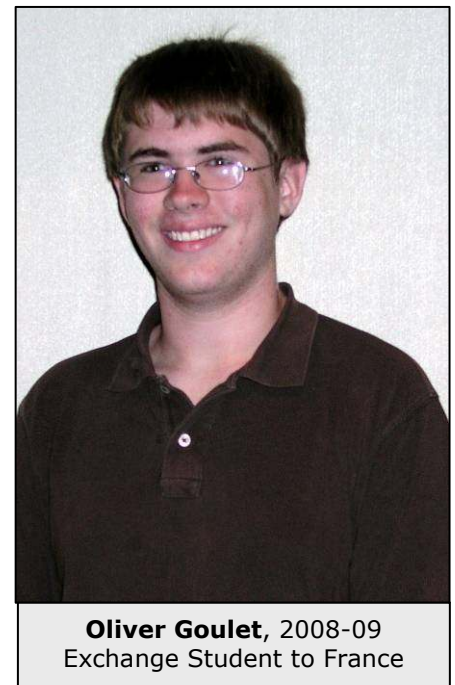
Of the things, we think, say or do:

1. Is it the 'Truth'?
2. Is it 'Fair' to all concerned?
3. Will it build 'Goodwill' and 'Better Friendships'?
4. Will it be 'Beneficial' to all?

Year of an Exchange Student in France presented by Oliver Goulet

(Thank you to Robin Shih for providing this Program Summary.)

Oliver Goulet, our 2008-09 outbound exchange student, lived in the Provence region of southern France in a small town called Bagnols-sur-Cèze. He stayed with three different host families, each one introducing him to a unique part of French culture. His first host family, the Fontaines, lived in a very typical Provencal atmosphere in the outskirts of Bagnols. They were the ones to bear the brunt of Oliver's initial language challenges, though when he left their home after three months, he was already fluent in French. During his time in France, he had the opportunity to visit Paris three times, once for the fall vacation, once for Christmas, and once for spring break. His great aunt Claudette was born in the USA, but has lived in Paris for about 35 years and thus speaks both languages fluently. The first visit to Paris he enjoyed lunch at Le Train Bleu where he enjoyed the best Baba au Rhum he'd ever tasted and was introduced to French high cuisine. After lunch, they toured the city to visit the major monuments plus a few less well known spots. He saw the Mona Lisa, the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, and much more.



**Oliver Goulet, 2008-09
Exchange Student to France**

His second host family lived in a village called Sabran. In some ways, they shared the experience of being foreigners in France as they are Swiss and introduced Oliver to Switzerland and Swiss culture. He spent his holidays with them in a small town outside of Zurich. One of the experiences that will stay with him for years to come was a hike to get up to a restaurant for dinner. It turned out to be a 2-½ hour hike up a mountain! At last, a glow appeared at the summit ablaze with a welcoming light. They then enjoyed a great dinner of Swiss fondue consisting of bread dipped in cheese and kirsch. He didn't quite realize what kirsch was until he accidentally dropped a piece of bread into a cup and, thinking it was just water, popped it into his mouth. After dinner, they skied down the mountain... Oliver's first time on skis. They used a ski with a stool like thing sticking straight up out of the ski with little handles on either side of the stool. They were expected to sit on the ski and just zip down the mountain, except unlike the rest of the group, Oliver hadn't ever been skiing. It was a lot faster going down than

Our Calendar

August 17 – Living in Spain
During the Spanish Civil
War by Angelo Armendariz

August 24 – The World of
Professional Bike Racing by
Tom McCarty

August 31 – Raising Alpacas
by Vince Schroeder

September 7 – No Meeting due
to Labor Day Holiday

September 14 – Club Assembly

September 21 – District
Governor Dean Dickinson

September 28 – Classification
Talks by Jon Fields, Bill
Klish and Timothy Wood

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climbing up and was well worth the dozens of times being completely covered in snow.

His third host family are wine growers and showed him a part of the important wine culture of France. He was often brought out into the vineyards and showed the various parts of viticultural work. He learned how to tell when a vine is diseased or healthy, how a vine should be trimmed to get the best quality grape, and how the grapes are harvested, among other things. Gaeton, his host brother, really brought him into French teenage society and culture like how to speak French like a French student including all the slang and colloquial sayings that definitely wouldn't be in the dictionary.

Per Oliver, "Not only did I have the time of my life on this exchange but I was exposed to situations that made me think globally, adapt, and take responsibility. The Rotary exchange program gives students the rare opportunity to step outside of the world they've always known. At the end of the year students, like me, can't wait to stretch their cultural boundaries again. This puts them in a perfect position to engage in the amazing things this world has to offer. This experience, despite how scary it seemed to me when I left, went on to be one of the best years of my life. I'd like to thank the Rotary clubs of Eau Claire and Bagnols/ Pont St. Esprit. I know firsthand how much work Rotarians put into the exchange program and I hope that this presentation demonstrates how much this program has meant to me."

New Members Inducted into Rotary

Timothy Wood, Bill Klish and Jon Fields were formally inducted into our Rotary Club:

- Timothy Wood, sponsored by Jerry Reinecke, is in Printing Sales with LaCrosse Graphics, Inc.
- Bill Klish, sponsored by Marcia Van Beek, is an Emeritus Professor with the Baylor College of Medicine.
- Jon Fields, sponsored by Jerry Reinecke, is a business coach and the owner of The Growth Coach.

Please be sure to introduce yourself to Timothy, Bill and Jon and welcome them to Rotary. On September 28, they will present their "classification talks" at which time we will have an opportunity to learn a little more about their professional and personal lives.



Timothy Wood

Bill Klish

Jon Fields

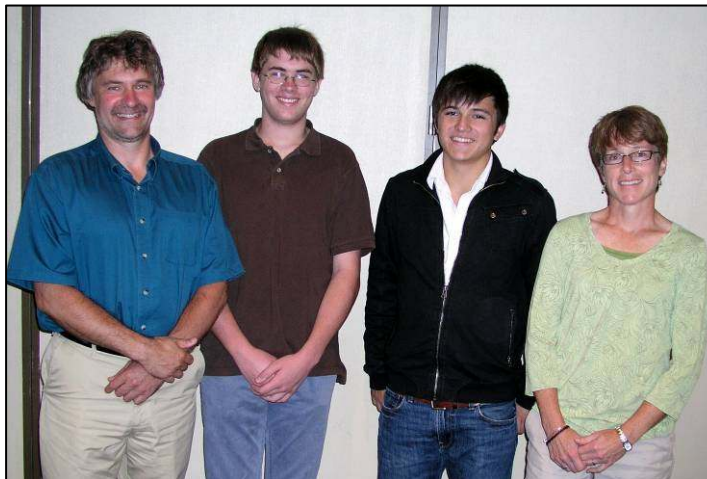
Tom Kishaba to Spend Year in Japan

Our Outbound Exchange Student for the 2009-10 Rotary year is **Tom Kishaba**. On August 20, Tom will leave for Japan to spend what will prove to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Tom attended our August 10 meeting to enjoy Oliver Goulet's presentation and to thank Rotary International and our Club for this great opportunity.



Pictured with Youth Exchange Officer **Robin Shih** (center) are outbound exchange students **Oliver Goulet** (left) and **Tom Kishaba**. Oliver recently returned from France and Tom will be leaving for Japan next week.



Pictured left to right are **Mark Goulet**, father of Oliver; **Oliver Goulet**, exchange student returning from France; **Tom Kishaba**, exchange student heading to Japan; and **Kathy Kishaba**, mother of Tom.

Greeters and Classification Talks Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Classification Talks</u>
August 17	Timothy Wood and Jon Niebergall	None
August 24	Angie Niska and Julie Pangallo	None
August 31	Jon Fields and Mary Reinert	None
September 7	None - No Meeting - Labor Day	N/A
September 14	Bill Klish and Chris Seelen	None