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Briefly Noted

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This picture is worth more than 1,000 words

District Conference April 26, 2008 Youth Exchange Flag Ceremony

Glenda and I were so proud to be there and support Zuzka and the other exchange students. We also got to see all the American outbound students that will be going to many different foreign countries next year. These are a small fraction of the 6,000 students whom Rotary supports each year—every year since 1947. Just think of the thousands of lives that have been changed by this Rotary experience.

I wonder if any of you know about the short-term exchange program open to students 15 to 18 years of age? These are summer exchanges from 3 days to a month, depending on what you decide. It is a very flexible program. Why wouldn't any student want to try that?

Then we saw the GSE inbound and outbound teams (and had a "reunion" with the two women from Madagascar who had stayed with us.) This four to six week program is for young business and professional people who, early in their career, can learn from their peers in a foreign country.

Plus we heard from two Ambassadorial Scholars with one to two year Rotary scholarships for advanced degrees. And you have already heard me praise the 70 World Peace Fellows Rotary sponsors around the world, not to mention the Interact Leadership program and the 4-way speech contest, Camp Venture and Camp Royal that are Rotary-sponsored programs for young people and were featured at the conference.

You should have seen some of the exhibits by other Rotary Clubs showing their variety of community service projects. I took this picture of Danville's Rotary Club's exhibit. Very impressive what they do during the year.

I apologize for not seeing that our club had our good works on display. The next district conference will be in Concord this October. I hope our club will be well represented. You will get so much out of it by rubbing shoulders with others who are living our motto, "Service Above Self."

See you next Friday. Bring a friend.

Paul



Jessica, Zuzka & a couple of their American friends



Our banner



Many Flags



The GSE Team





Having a good time with Dad

