

# Bob Winter Memorial Fund

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**Rotary**  
District 5060



Rotary  
Youth  
Exchange

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The **Bob Winter Memorial Fund** was named after a long time Penticton Rotarian who was actively involved in the Youth Exchange program in District 5060. He noticed that some of the families sending a child abroad for a year were having problems paying the cost.

In his will, he left a substantial sum of money to Rotary Youth Exchange with the understanding that the money would be invested and the interest would be used to help deserving youth.

He hoped this act would inspire others to likewise donate to this fund so that the principal would grow over time and the fund could really make a difference in someone's life.



# Rotary Youth Exchange in District 5060

Each year, we send 30 to 40 students from our district to various countries around the world, including Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Argentina, Brazil, Thailand and Japan. In return, we bring in the same number of students from these countries and host them with Rotary clubs in our District.

But why do we do it?

It's all about PEACE.

The Youth Exchange program helps students around the world connect with each other and find out that everyone really has the same wants and desires. We're really not that different from each other and when we're friends, it's hard to go to war. Each student who travels to another country meets many other students, not just in the country they go to, but also other exchange students from other countries. They become our ambassadors to help spread Peace and Understanding.

When they return home, they continue through the rest of their lives to be ambassadors to Peace. Ask any adult who was with the program about the changes it has made in their lives.

**Rotary Youth Exchange is clearly part of the PEACE Program.**

Rotary Youth Exchange was started in Denmark in 1929.

Rotary International helped create the United Nations in 1945, continuing in the interest of PEACE.

Rotary sponsors up to 60 Peace Fellowships each year, sending qualified applicants to specialized Universities for up to 24 months to learn Peace and Conflict Resolution. Two students from District 5060 have graduated so far.

And finally, Rotary District 5060 is a Peacebuilder District, where we have committed substantial funding each year to pay for these Rotary Peace Fellowships.

# How Can You Help?

Our Outbound Students who leave for a year abroad need to pay a one price fare of \$7,200 U.S or \$9,600 Cnd., plus the cost of incidentals. The clubs in the foreign countries then host the students, feed them and give them a small allowance.

Our Clubs take care of the Inbound Students that arrive on our doorstep at a substantial yearly cost. Thank You.

But, we do not contribute to the Outbound Students 'one price fare'. In most cases, this is not an insurmountable problem for the family.

BUT, occasionally we see a student who is really deserving but is having difficulty raising the money either from family or on his or her own. When we see these really exceptional students, we would like to help, and that is where the Bob Winter Fund comes in.

Unfortunately, at current interest rates, the fund only yields enough to pay about \$1,000 per year. Divided over three or four students, it does not help as planned.

## You Can Help.

- We're asking all clubs to make a small annual donation to the Bob Winter Memorial Fund so that we can use half of it immediately to help our Outbound Students.
- Individual Rotarians, Rebound Students, their families and others are welcome to contribute. The donations are not yet income tax deductible.
- Note that one half of the donations will build the permanent fund so that in the future, it will be fully self sustaining.

**Make your checks out to:  
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