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I am Gwendolyn Fassler, a seventeen-year-old Rotary Youth Exchange student from Appenzell, Switzerland. I am the daughter of Hampi and Christine Fassler. Appenzell is a small town, located in the Alps in the German speaking part of Switzerland. My father is a traditional artisan, who works with leather, and my mother is a kindergarten teacher. My older sister, Nathalie, is a law student at the University of Lucerne. My interests are painting, reading, hanging out with friends and exploring new things. Suzanne Trollan is in charge of the program



Rotary Youth Exchange (read more at <http://goo.gl/dY0si>)

As a Rotary Youth Exchange student, you'll spend up to a year living with host families and attending school in a different country.

Whether you participate in Rotary's long-term or short-term Youth Exchange programs, you'll learn a new way of living, a great deal about yourself, and maybe even a new language. You'll also be an ambassador, teaching people you meet about your country, culture, and ideas. You can help bring the world closer – and make some good friends in the process.

For over 75 years, students and host families have broadened their horizons through Rotary Youth Exchange. More than 80 countries and over 8,000 students each year participate in the program, which is administered at the regional level by Rotary districts and at the local level by Rotary clubs.

Globally minded
Rotary clubs are made up of volunteers who are involved in community service, emphasize high ethical standards, and work toward peace and understanding in the world. Over 1.2 million Rotarians in more than 32,000 clubs create the extensive network that provides support for Youth Exchange.

A commitment to youth
Rotary maintains a strong connection to youth and young adults. Besides Youth Exchange, Rotary clubs sponsor youth service clubs such as Interact, Rotaract, and RYLA and offer career development and mentoring programs.

Rotary is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all participants in its programs, including Youth Exchange.

Low costs
Rotary club volunteers administer the program at the local level, which helps keep costs low for students and their families. These volunteers often offer years of experience with students, host families, and fellow Rotarians who are involved in the program.

Photo: Rose Mary Cheek



Michael Stumpff

Just finished reading (again) the Rotary Four Way Test and have to say, that it prompts me to question just how much better off we would all be if we all adhered to these few words a bit more. This is really a restatement of the so-called "Golden Rule." None of us would really want to be treated as we often treat others (or at least advocate treating them). I would suggest that this "Test" also runs along the same track as a certain statement from the Sermon on the Mount, where the Pharisee asked what was required to attain salvation. He was told simply that when he did for and unto the least of mine, then did he unto me. Certainly our Four Way Test requires us to treat all business associates equally, despite their disparity in dollar value to our respective businesses. One might think that this goes a bit deeper philosophically than necessary, but I would maintain that the Rotary mission is to bring to business and (ultimately) to life in general, the precepts of honesty, fairness, compassion and the respect for each individual human life, despite its not being very important to us monetarily. I believe that and would find no value in Rotary if I were to believe that our Four Way Test was merely lip service and that I simply belonged to a social club that existed solely to enhance our individual/collective reputation(s) in the broader community. Rotary is International in its scope and reach and needs to serve as a model for what is possible when decent people simply say no to bigotry, greed and indifference. I am not naïve, and I know the full extent of bottom feeding that goes on every day. But as I learned long ago, the "lost" causes are the only ones worth fighting for because they can be won, and, when they are, the satisfaction of doing the right thing is a feeling not to be experienced in any other context. I also fully realize that espousing the "lost" causes is not popular, but did we join Rotary because it is easy or because it is a challenge to our minds and souls? Belonging to Rotary is a privilege; not everyone is selected, nor does everyone belong. Rotary: We stand for something concrete—the Four Way Test.

Better than a thousand hollow words is one word that brings peace.

— Buddha (560-483 B.C.)

Song of the Day



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Rot'ry's bonds can ne'er be broken,
They can never die;
Far surpassing wealth unspoken,
Sealed by friendships tie.
Rotary, oh hear our prayer,
Honor be to thee.
Lift our motto true and fair
Where all the world can see.



Rotarian Idol

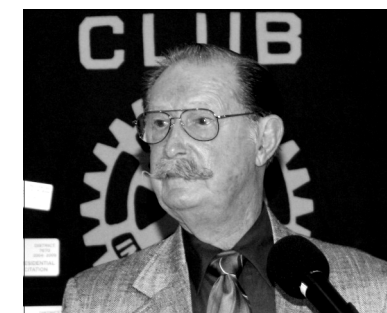
The Hickory Rotary Club has announced the 20 finalists for Rotarian Idol scheduled for 7:00 pm, March 17, 2012, at P.E. Monroe auditorium on the campus of Lenoir-Rhyne University. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in advance at Allen Finely Advertising (downtown), Hickory Community Theater (downtown), Hickory Tree Consignment (Old Lenoir Highway), Lenoir-Rhyne University P.E. Monroe auditorium and Office Furniture USA (Hwy 127N in Viewmont).

Competing for the top prize of \$2500 will be: Mike Brooks, Leslie Cline, Jimmy Cooper, Molly Cummings, Tiffany Gray, Amanda Harren, Leona Hunter, Phuong McKinney, Thomas Michaels, Jordan Alexander Randall, Julia Rush, Christa Shuford, Savannah Spencer, Greg Suddreth, Alex Swanson, Destre Tashjian, James Matthew Taylor, Victoria Whetzel, Cristy White and Lauren Winkler. The runner up will receive \$1500, and the "crowd favorite" will receive \$500. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit local education initiatives.

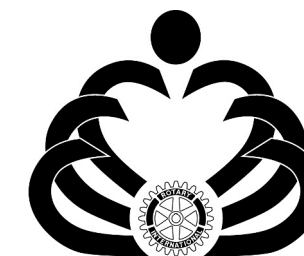
Last week...



Julia Rush, one of 20 Rotarian Idol finalists, gave the club a taste of what members can expect to hear on March 17 at P.E. Monroe auditorium. Sell those tickets!



Jim Starkey told the club about the Foothills Homeless Veterans Stand Down, scheduled for April 20 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the American Legion Fairgrounds.



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The Rotary Four Way Test

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build good will and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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Club Assignments

Date	Today	8-Mar	15-Mar	22-Mar
Program	Suzanne Trollan	Mike Johnson	Susan Huffman	Bill Peckman
Rotary Moment	John Rambo	Bob Warmuth	Susan Allshouse	Addison Fox
Raffle	Mike Thomas	Tony Reed	Terry Creasman	Susan Allshouse
Visitors	Jay Adams	Lisè Swensson	Dick Flachbart	Susan Vincent
Greeter	Bryan Setzler	Steven Walker	Tom Adkins	Anthony Alderman
Music	John Hall	John Hall	John Hall	John Hall
Message	Michael Stumpff	Tony Reed	Steve Snyder	Deborah Sellers