

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Rotary is an association of representatives of the most diverse professional activities, who work together worldwide to serve society, encourage compliance with high ethical principles in the practice of all professions, and help building a world of friendship and peace.

Rotary currently has about 1.2 million members, both men and women, who are senior members in their professional fields and belong to more than 35,000 Rotary clubs in almost every country in the world.

Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 110 years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end.

Rotary means the Rotary Foundation, a solid, universally recognized project-oriented reality that grants over 90 million US Dollars every year in international scholarships, cultural exchanges and humanitarian assistance projects of various dimensions, aimed at improving the quality of life of millions of people. Rotary is widely recognized as the largest private provider of international scholarships.

Rotary also means End Polio Now, an ambitious program launched in 1985 and carried out in collaboration with the UN and the Gates foundation to completely eradicate polio. Thanks to the subsidies provided by End Polio Now, over one billion children have been vaccinated so far in developing countries.

In addition, Rotary also means the **Youth Exchange program (RYE)** and the **New Generations Service Exchange program (NGSE)**, which involve more than ten thousand young people each year from every country in the world, who enrich their culture and knowledge through contacts with different realities.

ROTARY DISTRICT 2041

Located in Northern Italy, District 2041 includes Milan, and the metropolitan area around it.

Relying on solid industrial roots, deep cultural heritage, natural and tourist attractions, it is a densely populated area including important attractive pearls of Italy.

Milan is a city with a population of about 1.3 million, is the most important Italian business centre, with vivid cultural life and tradition.

The first Italian Rotary Club was here founded and on that path, the first exchanges took place in 1985.

District 2041 comprises 46 Rotary Clubs with more than 2,000 Rotarians and has always been very involved with the New Generations. There are, in fact, as many as, 18 Rotaract Club and 3 Interact Club, constantly assisted and supported by Rotary. Every year there are many events organised expressly for young people in order to help them, firstly, in their cultural growth and later professionally.

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ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

For young people from 15 to 30 years old

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE (RYE) DISTRICT 2041

District 2041 started its activity in 1985.

District 2041 offers annual student exchanges (LTE), Short Term exchanges (STEP - Family to Family) and Summer Camps for a total of over **200 students** per year.

District 2041 RYE is fully certified by Rotary International. All students are covered by medical insurance compliant with Rotary International guidelines.

LONG TERM EXCHANGE (LTE)

Participants are students of the secondary school, **16 to 18 years old**. Traditionally, most exchanges occur with North American partners, in the past few years we have been developing and strongly promoting **worldwide participation** to other countries.

With the support of the RYE Committee, students will be followed by a Rotarian tutor from the hosting Rotary Club, which provides for monthly allowance and schooling.

Students will be **hosted by three Italian families** (Rotarian or non Rotarian, certified by the RYE Committee) for periods of ca. three months each; they will become part of the family, enjoying Italian hospitality and learning the Italian way of life.

Students will regularly enrolled in an Italian school: school time is September to June, with short holidays on Christmas and Easter.

Students are required to arrive early September and leave by end of June. Students from southern countries will arrive in January and leave in December.

Official language is Italian, at school as well as in the family.

Although RYE District 2041 provides for after-school Italian lessons, it is strongly recommended to attend a preparatory language course before departure.

The **Italian school system** is relatively tight and good performance is expected: although some flexibility in tailoring the schedule may be exercised, lessons agenda is fixed and demanding – but benefits will be visible at the end of the experience.

SHORT TERM F2F EXCHANGE (STEP)

Rotary's Short-Term Exchange Program offers opportunities to students aged **15 to 20** to advance their knowledge and

world understanding by allowing them to visit a different country for a limited period of time.

Participating students live with a matched host family in their selected country **from about three to eight weeks** in the summer under the sponsorship of a local Rotary Club. No school involvement because exchanges usually occur during Italian school summer holidays (mid June – mid September).

The objective of the Short Term Exchange Program is to foster world peace, international understanding and good will by extending international communication at the personal level through the exchange of students of high school age. The students will be able to see firsthand the problems and accomplishments of other peoples of different colors, creeds, and cultures.

Travel to the host country is arranged by each student's family communicating with the other student's family, determining dates, times and airlines to be booked for the exchange. Frequently, students who exchange first accompany their host sibling on the return flight home.

English is the official language of the exchange.

SHORT TERM SUMMER CAMPS

District 2041 organises for young people from **17 to 30 years old, 3 outstanding summer camps. They take place in July.**

Young people will be **maximum two national representatives** per camp. **English is the official spoken language.**

Accommodation is in campus-like colleges, sport clubs or Rotarian families.

The Camps are:

- **Milan music and art:** discovering the world of music and art in Milan.
- **The magic of Opera:** an unique opportunity to discovering some of the most beautiful Italian cities through the unique opportunity to enjoy the magic of opera directly in the most renowned Italian opera houses.
- **On the Sail of Sustainability:** a unique experience related to the theme of Sustainability and Sport, in particular Sailing, to understand the meaning and value of Sustainability, seeing it applied to operational processes and aimed at bringing value and pursuing excellence.

GET TOGETHER ACTIVITIES

District 2041 RYE organizes monthly inbound get together activities and daily or short trips to historic cities (e.g. Rome, Venice, Florence, Naples, Sicily).

The objective is to provide inbound students with an outlook of the Italian excellences (arts, food, fashion, music, habits, etc.).

Additionally: School short trips (at a fee), hosting Rotary Club meetings and other events, host families' short holidays (ski/seaside resorts, historical cities, etc).

Any other journey, mostly if individual, in youngster groups or organized by the original family, will be discouraged or even forbidden.



The greatest resource of each
nation is its youth.
Young people of today are the
men and women of tomorrow
and Rotarians are not allowed
to forget their duties towards
future generations

Paul Harris

