THURSDAY, 30 MAY
19:00-20:30 Welcome Reception (cash bar & hors d’oeuvres)
Chicago Room Foyer, Hall A4, Floor 3, Hamburg Messe

FRIDAY, 31 MAY
09:00-10:00 Opening General Session
10:00-10:30 Refreshment Break & Networking
10:30-11:25 WORKSHOP 1
11:35-12:00 General Session 2
12:00-13:30 Lunch Break & Networking
13:30-14:20 WORKSHOP 2
14:30-15:00 Refreshment Break & Networking
15:00-15:50 WORKSHOP 3
16:00-17:00 General Session 3
19:00-21:30 Youth Exchange Officers Banquet, Emporio Great Hall

SATURDAY, 1 JUNE
09:00-10:00 General Session 4
10:00-10:30 Refreshment Break & Networking
10:40-11:20 WORKSHOP 4
11:30-12:00 General Session 5
12:00-13:30 Lunch Break & Networking
13:30-14:20 WORKSHOP 5
14:30-15:20 WORKSHOP 6
15:20-15:50 Refreshment Break & Networking
16:00-17:00 Closing General Session

WORKSHOP 1 10:30-11:25
B400 RYE A-Z
B401 GDPR & Youth Exchange
B402 6 B’s for All and How to Use Them
B702 Between the Cultures, What Is the Bumper?

WORKSHOP 2 13:30-14:20
B400 Running Your District YE Program
B401 Making RYE Accessible to All
B402 Rotex: How can we include them in our program?
B702 Social Media and Youth Exchange

WORKSHOP 3 15:00-15:50
B400 How to Find the Best Host Families
B401 How to Manage Crisis
B402 How to Develop Exchanges in Developing Countries With Diverse Culture
B702 Supporting Language Acquisition

WORKSHOP 4 10:40-11:20
B400 Training Counselors
B401 Short-Term Exchanges
B402 Facilitated Discussion: Navigating political unrest and terrorism
B702 LGBTQ+: Training your team

WORKSHOP 5 13:30-14:20
B400 Early Return: Ignore or improve?
B401 Protecting Our Youth
B402 Facilitated Discussion: Promoting RYE
B702 How to Keep the Youth Exchange Alumni Engaged With RYE

WORKSHOP 6 14:30-15:20
B400 How to Run Engaging Orientation Sessions: The science of learning
B401 NGSE: How to carry it effectively
B402 Facilitated Discussion: Diversity and Inclusion
B702 Mental Health: Awareness and Support
Dear Rotarians,

Welcome to Hamburg! I am pleased you are here joining fellow Rotarians from around the world to share your experiences and to learn from one another. It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2019 Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention.

Each year, thousands of Rotary Youth Exchange students immerse themselves in a new culture, make lasting international friendships, and cultivate a global understanding of the world. These students are our future and the future of Rotary.

I am proud that Rotary is an organization where each of us can find something different that adds value to our lives. Rotary Youth Exchange offers us a chance to be a part of a global network of talented people who have the drive to change our students’ perspectives on the world.

It is my hope and my wish for all of you that the knowledge you find at the Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention will inspire you to continue on to a lifetime of service, in Rotary and beyond. I know that together we have the capacity and the resources to achieve almost anything. So let’s work together and Be the Inspiration for positive change and inspiration.

Much of this year’s preconvention program was developed this year’s preconvention program. This year, we continue to focus on discussion rather than presentation, added special tracks for those who are relatively new to the Rotary Youth Exchange program, and included three special facilitated sessions specifically designed to encourage interaction and sharing of Youth Exchange best practices.

I also want to extend my appreciation to our volunteers serving as facilitators, leaders, and sergeants-at-arms. We could not provide you this superb conference without their selfless support. This year marks the second and final YEO Preconvention that I have chaired. I extend my humble thanks to Rotary International Presidents John Germ, Ian Riseley, and Barry Rassin for providing me with this incredible service opportunity. A very special appreciation to my wife and fellow RYE volunteer Sue, who spent a great deal of her time helping to Rotary International Presidents John Germ, Ian Riseley, and Barry Rassin for providing me with this incredible service opportunity.

Finally, please accept my sincere gratitude for being here with us this week. I urge you to spend as much of your time as possible talking with your fellow Youth Exchange officers, renewing past friendships, developing new ones, and learning about other cultures along the way. That is, after all, the ultimate goal of this great program we call Rotary Youth Exchange. Enjoy the preconvention!

Sincerely,

Barry Rassin
President, Rotary International 2018-19

To our Rotary Youth Exchange champions,
On behalf of Rotary International President Barry Rassin, welcome to the 2019 Rotary Youth Exchange Preconvention in Hamburg! We are thrilled you have made the commitment of your time and resources to join with hundreds of other like-minded Rotarians for this annual journey of idea-sharing, networking, and friendship with a common goal — to build on the success of this premiere Rotary International program!

My thanks to the 2018-19 Rotary International Youth Exchange Committee and to Dee Moore and the terrific team of professionals at the RI Secretariat for their hard work in developing this year’s preconvention program. This year, we continue to focus on discussion rather than presentation, added special tracks for those who are relatively new to the Rotary Youth Exchange program, and included three special facilitated sessions specifically designed to encourage interaction and sharing of Youth Exchange best practices.

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In case of an emergency, look for a person wearing a blue shirt or yellow sash:

**BLUE SHIRTS** Rotary staff

**YELLOW SASHES** Sergeants-at-arms

**LANGUAGE**
This meeting will be conducted in English. If you have language needs, please ask a sergeant-at-arms if someone can assist you.

**LUNCH**
Organized lunches are not offered during the Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention. However, you will find food trucks available on-site and a number of restaurants in the area surrounding the Hamburg Messe.

**MOBILE APP**
To connect with other attendees and get the most up-to-date program information, including workshop descriptions and venue maps, download the convention mobile app to your smartphone or tablet. Search for “Rotary Events” in the Apple or Google Play app stores to get started.

**HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP**
The Youth Exchange program will be featured in the House of Friendship at the Youth Exchange Committee booth. Please refer to the Rotary Convention program for further details.

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The 2020 Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, is scheduled for 5-6 June. Visit the 2020 Convention Promotion booth in the House of Friendship to register and purchase banquet tickets.