

District 6930 Rotary Youth Exchange Student: Elisabeth Sejbak will arrive in August



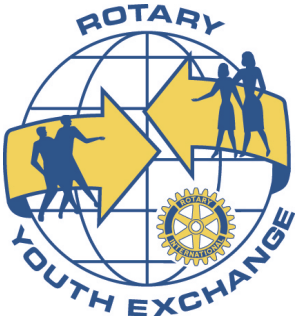
- Elisabeth will be 15 when she arrives and will be a Sophomore in Florida.
- She is sponsored by the Rotary club of Odense Hunderup, District 1460, Denmark. She lives in the third largest city of Denmark, on the island of Funen.
- She is fluent in English, having studied it for over 6 years. She has also studied 5 years of German and three years of French, in addition to her native Danish.
- Her hobbies include many years of study in both modern and ballet dancing, reading, acting, singing old Rock (especially the Beatles) and fitness boxing.
- Her father is in account management, and her mother is a counselor. She has no siblings. She has traveled extensively throughout Europe.
- Elisabeth's parents wrote a letter to her host parents. They state *"It is nice to be parents of a girl who is curious and has goals, visions and a mission in life. Elisabeth is inquisitive and adventurous. She is highly motivated to go conquer some of the world!"*
- Elisabeth's would love to be a famous actress one day, but understands that she needs a good education to fall back upon. She is in the top 10% of her class, with almost all As, and her favorite classes are English and Math. She states: *"I am very honest, which is part of what makes a true friend. I have a goofy and childish part of my personality, and a serious and composed side. I am smart, an achiever, and a quick learner. I am very proud to stand out. I like to be different and to be myself."*

Rotarians world-wide arrange over 8000 foreign exchanges each year. The goal of the program is to increase world peace, create global friendships and international understanding.

Rotary exchanges are cultural and non-profit, and depend on Rotary and community families opening their homes to the inbound students for a few months during the child's one school year stay in our country. Most students stay with three host families during the school year, with an additional family identified as an "on-call family" (for special circumstances such as a host family emergency, vacations or business trips.)

A host "family" may have no children at home, have youngsters wanting a "big brother or sister", have kids at a different school or in college, be a single mom or a retired couple - all that is required is a sincere desire to participate in a cultural program with this bright young ambassador, providing room and board – a guest room or a separate bed rooming in with a teen. Students receive a monthly allowance provided by Rotary for incidentals and cell phone, and, being teens, usually bring mom's credit card for emergencies! There is also a tax write off for being a host family. Though Rotarian families are suggested, non-Rotarians may also interview to participate, so let your friends know!

Rotary exchange students are never treated as a guest in a host home, but always as a **family member** – as your own children, with the same responsibilities, and follow strict safety guidelines and rules, including the 4 Ds – no drinking, driving, drugs, or (serious) dating. Background checks of all adults are required.



Talk it over with your family –would your family benefit from learning more about the culture and language of Denmark? Visit www.RYEflorida.org to learn more about the program, read letters from current Florida students overseas, and download the host family application form.

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