

## District 6930 Rotary Youth Exchange Student:

### Albert Luza will arrive in August

- Albert will be 18 when he arrives and will be a senior in high school, though is not here to obtain a diploma.
- He is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Izmir in District 2440, **Turkey**.
- He is being hosted by the Rotary clubs of Boca Raton Sunrise and Boca Raton Sunset.
- He will attend Boca Raton Community High School.
- He is fluent in Turkish, and has had 6 years study of English and 7 years of French.
- He will have finished the 11<sup>th</sup> grade at home, and plans to study music at a conservatory some day.
- His hobbies include bass guitar, song writing, meeting friends and traveling.
- His parents both work in plastics manufacturing, and he has a sister who is 13 years old.
- His school principal states “*I believe he will be a successful Rotary Youth Exchange student and cultural representative.*”
- Albert’s mother wrote a letter to his host parents. She states “*Albert is a very respectful child. He obeys rules at home and at school. He is always cool and logical. He is very popular, and always chooses good friends. We trust him a lot, and are expecting great achievements from him!*”
- Albert’s says about himself: “*I have a strong character. I always [try to] be myself. After school I am playing my guitar, studying my lessons, spending time with my family, and meeting my friends. I like visiting countries. I like to discover other cultures. I want to show our traditions!*”

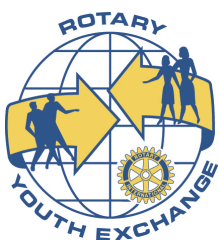


Rotarians world-wide arrange over 8500 foreign exchanges each year. The goal of the program is to increase world peace, create global friendships and international understanding.

**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 you 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 Belgium? Visit [www.RYEflorida.org](http://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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