Rotary
District 5910

2025 Friendship Exchange with District 7815 (North Atlantic Rotary)

September 28 – October 11, 2025

D5910 will have its first "Rotary Friendship Exchange" (RFE) for two weeks this Fall. The RFE will be with D7815 (North Atlantic Rotary) from September 28 through October 11, 2025. This is the period after the end of the tourist season and before the weather turns colder. The fall foliage will be at its best.

An RFE consists of a team of Rotarians and their spouse/partner/friend traveling to another district for a brief stay, to be lodged in host Rotarian homes while traveling together around their district. While there are different kinds of RFE's (cultural, fellowship, service, vocational), this will be a "fellowship" exchange. In this type of exchange, we come to know each other's lives and families and foster long-term friendships and international understanding. We will visit Rotary Club meetings and some social gatherings in different locations, as well as other sights and attractions in the beautiful Nova Scotia region.

Normally, an RFE is what the name implies--an exchange of teams between two districts. However, after consulting with our counterparts in D7815, we have learned that they do not wish to send a team here at this time. Nevertheless, D7815 will happily host our team.

Our RFE team members will be free to enlarge their stay on the front or back ends of the exchange trip, but will travel on their own during those times.

The cost of the exchange trip will be borne by the D5910 exchange group and the host Rotarians. No Rotary International or D5910 funds will be used.

Due to limitations in the host district, our team will be limited to 12 persons (6 beds per host locale). The team will be selected by the DGE (Charles Gilliland) and his Rotary Fellowship Exchange Chair (John Delaney) from written applications that must be submitted by May 1.

See the application form elsewhere on the website with more details. U.S. passports will be the only necessary travel documents.

For more about RFEs, visit: rotary.org/en/our-programs/friendship-exchange

For more about D7815, visit: ridist7815.org

For more about Nova Scotia, visit (this and many others): tinyurl.com/VisitNovaScotia

Sincerely,



John Delaney
D5910 Friendship Exchange Chair (2025-26)
Rotary Club of Bryan

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Team Member Application

Before submitting this application, please read the Friendship Exchange guidelines of Rotary International, https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/friendship-exchange

Directions

1. Please print or type and complete all blanks.
2. Each applicant (Including spouses/partners) must complete a separate form.
3. Send the completed form by email to: John Delaney,District Friendship Exchange (DFE) Chair (j_delaney@verizon.net) with a copy to District Governor-Elect Charley Gilliland (charleygilliland5910@gmail.com).
4. All applications must be received on or before May 1, 2025.
5. Team members will be selected by the District Friendship Chair and the District Governor-Elect by May 15. Selected team members will deposit $350 (US) per member with the DFE chair within 10 days after being notified of selection. These funds will be used to pay group expenses for admission to events for efficiency. Meals and beverages will be purchased individually. Unused funds will be refunded.
6. Our team will consist of no more than 12 persons and we will travel to D7815 (Nova Scotia region) during September 28 through October 11, 2025. We consider this a “Fellowship Exchange.”
7. Our team will assemble at an airport hotel in Halifax, Nova Scotia where we will spend the night of September 28. On the following morning we will meet our hosts and begin our travels, spending nights in the homes of host families as their guests. We expect to spend 2-3 days in each locale before moving on to another, per an itinerary to be developed by the host district.
8. Before departure we will complete additional forms to provide the host district with information about us to allow them to match hosts and develop their itinerary. We will meet as necessary in virtual meetings to make team plans.
9. U.S. citizens may enter Canada with a valid U.S. Passport. No other documents are required at this time.

2025 Application for Friendship Exchange

Applicant Name

First: _____ Middle (or initial): _____ Last: _____

Spouse/partner (If Applicant is not a Rotarian): _____

Rotary Club: _____

Applicant Gender: ____Male ____Female

Applicant Date of Birth: Month/day/year _____/_____/_____

Applicant's Residential Address and Phone Numbers

Number and Street: _____

City/town: _____

State: _____

Postal code: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

Home telephone: (_____)_____

Office telephone: (_____)_____

Cell/mobile telephone: (_____)_____

Emergency Contacts

Contact 1 Name: _____

Telephone number: (_____)_____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Relationship: _____

Contact 2 Name: _____

Telephone number: (_____)_____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Relationship: _____

Team Member Applicant's Certification

1. I am a Rotarian in good standing of the Rotary Club of _____ in Rotary District 5910, or his/her spouse/partner.

2. I understand I will be responsible for my transportation costs to and from Rotary District 7815, as well as the cost of meals purchased away from Rotarian homes, costs of admission to events and attractions, and some travel expenses within the host district.

3. I understand I will be responsible for medical, travel, and all other insurance coverage.

4. I undertake to host, or arrange for the hosting, of a Rotarian and his/her companion from Rotary District 7815, during the period of their trip to our district during the month of (not applicable during 2025-26).

5. I have read and understood the Friendship Exchange guidelines of Rotary International, https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/friendship-exchange, and agree to abide by them as applicable. I further agree that I will be bound by Rotary International's applicable policies, bylaws, and regulations, by whatever name called, to the extent applicable to this exchange.

6. During the exchange, I agree to:
   a. accept the decisions of the Team Leader at all times;
   b. remain with the Team throughout the program, except
      i. during those periods when individual activities are specifically provided, and/or
      ii. expressly excused by the Team Leader; and
      iii. inform the Team Leader of my whereabouts at all times;
   c. maintain standards of behavior and deportment during my travels with the Team that will reflect credit on Rotary and my district;
   d. refrain from engaging in dangerous or illegal activities;
   e. have sufficient funds to meet my personal and incidental expenses while abroad.

7. I understand that I may, if I choose, spend more time before or after the exchange at my own expense, either within District 7815 or elsewhere.

8. I hereby release and discharge Rotary International and District 5910, and their respective successors, officers, directors, agents, and employees from any and all claims, damages, liabilities, or expenses which I or my successors, dependents, beneficiaries, heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may hereafter have against any or all such parties on account of or in connection with the Friendship Exchange Program or my participation therein.

9. I agree that I shall indemnify and hold harmless Rotary International and District 5910 and their respective successors, officers, directors, agents, and employees against any and all claims, damages, liabilities, or expenses which any such party may incur on account of or in connection with my participation in the Friendship Exchange Program. The foregoing release and indemnity shall continue to apply to each officer, director, agent, or employee even though such individuals may cease to serve in such capacities and shall inure to the benefit of the legal representatives, successors, and assigns of such individuals.

10. I agree that I will abide by all the District 5910 decisions related to travel safety. If the District Friendship Exchange Chair or the Team Leader determines, in his/her sole discretion, at any point in the Friendship Exchange process that my safety in the host district is or could be at risk, the District Chair or Team Leader may require that the itinerary be modified, canceled, or indefinitely postponed. If already in the host district, my Team may be asked to return home immediately. In such instances, I agree to abide by the District Chair or Team Leader's decision as to what, if any, alternatives are available. Should I be required to return home prematurely due to travel safety concerns, and I choose to stay, I accept all responsibility for my safe return home.

11. I freely accept the conditions outlined above, understanding that the District Friendship Exchange Chair, with the concurrence of the District Governor, has the final authority to select team members, and that Team members or alternates may be disqualified by them from participation with the Team at any time, if deemed appropriate.

12. I understand that housing and travel in the district will normally be provided by local Rotarians during the tour, but there may be times when I will be required to pay for my own hotel accommodations.

13. To promote understanding and goodwill, I will recognize the right of each person to his/her own opinions and will therefore be cautious about expressing my own personal opinions concerning any controversial, political, racial, or religious issue.

14. Rotary International and District 5910 may share my name and contact details with Rotary District 7815 and with alumni groups upon request.

15. Unless I indicate otherwise in writing, I hereby give publication rights to Rotary International and District 5910 for promotional purposes to further the Object of Rotary, including but not limited to Rotary International and/or District 5910 publications, advertisements, and websites. I also authorize Rotary International and/or District 5910 to share photos from my final report with Rotary entities for promotional purposes to further the Object of Rotary. I do not authorize Rotary International and/or District 5910 or any other entity to use these photos for any commercial purpose.

16. I am the holder of a current valid US passport with expiration date of _____.

Name (Please Print): _____

Signature : _____ Date: _____