Back from Germany, an ambassador for the U.S.

Kyle Mackie’s Year in Deutschland

By her own account Kyle Mackie’s exchange year in Germany was a life-changing experience which has influenced her career decisions. Selected by Rotary to be placed in Germany, Kyle became fluent in the language and made the most of her year abroad.

Next fall, Kyle will attend George Washington University where she will study International Relations and continue with German studies.

“My exposure to the German language and culture helped me to place at the highest level on entrance exams. I’ll be taking an advanced class in German studies. I want to study abroad. I can envision working in the U.S. embassy, or becoming an ambassador,” Kyle said. “This could become a career for life.”

Kyle was based in Aachen, a city of 250,000 on Germany’s western border with the Netherlands and Belgium. “Aachen isn’t your typical German city. Being in Aachen was like being in three countries. Life in Aachen is very much influenced by the Dutch and Belgian cultures right over the border. But I was very happy with my placement there,” Kyle said.

Aachen is a small city by German standards, Kyle noted, but after growing up in Cooperstown, Aachen was a big city for her. Small or large, Aachen has a long history and once played a central role not only in German history but also in the history of central Europe as a seat of power for the Holy Roman Empire, the throne of Charlemagne (A.D. 742-814), and the succeeding German Empire that was founded by Otto I in A.D. 962 and which continued until 1806.

“Thirty German kings were crowned in Aachen,” Kyle said. The city is also home to a museum that houses a collection of Christian religious icons and subjects, including several artifacts connected to Jesus Christ and other Biblical contemporaries. “They only get the religious artifacts for viewing every few years, so I missed seeing those,” Kyle said.

Germany is a central power in the middle of Europe. Its 82 million inhabitants include a large population of migrants and its economy is the fourth largest in the world. Germany is both a major importer and exporter and plays an important role in the Group of Eight leading nations.

Placed in Grade 11 in the 13-grade German higher education scheme, Kyle immersed herself in language studies. In school she studied the French and German languages, mathematics, politics, religion and history. “I was eventually able to take a literature class and read in German,” she said.

Kyle’s host family life allowed her to experience the German culture at close range. “The host families allow you to experience the culture. You eat when they eat and you eat their food. You go to sleep when they do. “ Accustomed to drying her hair naturally after bathing, Kyle was admonished once by a German host mother to use a drier, “or you’ll catch cold.” She used the drier. (continued on p. 2)
**Today’s Program**

**July 28th**  
AIDS in South Africa — Craig Timberg

**Forthcoming Programs**

- **August 4th**  
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- **August 11th**  
  District 7170 Governor Sam Koury
- **August 18th**  
  My Year in Slovakia — Erin Sullivan
- **August 25th**  
  My Year in India — Caitlyn Murphy
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- **September 8**  
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**Rotary Four-Way Test**  
(Of the Things We Say or Do)

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**House Committee Schedule**  
(Meeting Set-up & Breakdown)

- Jim Kevlin — July 28
- Tom Lieber — August 4
- John Ramsey — August 11
- Martin Tillapaugh — August 18
- Doug Walrath — August 25
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- Dave Bliss — September 8
- Bill Coleman — September 15
- Steve Elliott — September 22
- Doug Geertgens — September 29

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My Year in Germany with Kyle Mackie

Travel opportunities also gave her a broader perspective on life in Germany.

“I thought it was important to see the whole country,” Kyle said. Eventually she did, going south to Munich where a more traditional, or perhaps stereotypical, German culture prevails with beer gardens, lederhosen etc.

“My school class traveled to the Auschwitz concentration camp,” she recalled. “I went there as a German, speaking German, and was looked upon by other visitors from other countries as a German. The Germans feel guilt and shame for what happened there — even the young people who had nothing to do with Hitler or the past.

“My school friends talked about WW II as if it happened yesterday. They feel guilt for what happened.”

Other Europeans sometimes look down upon them for what happened in WWII. At Auschwitz, I heard some students from Spain saying things about the Germans.”

Because of the terrible heritage of WW II Germans are not nearly as demonstrative of patriotic spirit as Americans. “They don’t display German flags everywhere or sing their national anthem or say pledges,” Kyle said.

While Kyle was in Germany, she voted in our national elections by absentee ballot. Barack Obama proved popular in Germany and Kyle felt excitement over the U.S. election.

“My German friends loved Obama,” she said.

As for politics, the youth in Germany did not see themselves as empowered. In a political science class, students were asked to move to one side of a room if they believed they could influence politics and the other side if they did not. Only Kyle wound up on the positive side.

Kyle’s Rotary club in Germany was supportive and attentive to her needs and concerns. When she asked for assistance with a host family problem, they acted promptly to help her.

“There were women members in my club,” Kyle said, “but some Rotary clubs there do not admitting women.”  

Tom Heitz, Editor

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**Rotary District 7170**

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The next edition of the club’s membership directory is now being updated. If you wish to have a new photograph taken for the director, please contact Ellen Tillapaugh. Also, please check the content of your directory entry for accuracy and submit any new or corrected information as soon as possible.
Hugh MaDougall presented our invocation: We quote: “Just 40 years ago Neil Armstrong stepped onto the barren soil of the moon and told a watching world: ‘That’s one small step for a man and one giant leap for mankind.’ His steps, and those which followed under the Apollo program, were not just a triumph for science and for American genius and enterprise. They force us to consider the implication — both scientific and philosophical — of living in a universe extending beyond our own little planet. We now know, as our ancestors did not, that there are millions of stars like our sun, and that some of them have planetary systems revolving around them. What those unseen planets may contain we do not know and may never know. But our conception of the universe has changed. I well remember watching Neil Armstrong’s first steps on a tiny black and white television in my parents’ summer cottage in Connecticut the night before I was to return to duty as a Foreign Service Officer in the Ivory Coast on the west coast of Africa. There, on February 14, 1970, I spent the night guarding a moon rock that was being exhibited around the world, and a month later helped arrange a visit by the crew of Apollo 12. This is a photograph the Apollo 12 astronauts presented to me at the time. Today, four decades after Neil Armstrong’s historic steps, it perhaps behooves us to remember that, as Shakespeare’s Hamlet warned Horatio, there are more things in heaven and earth than have hitherto been dreamt of in our philosophy. And the one thing that is certain is that we can never retrace those steps taken by Neil Armstrong on July 20, 1969.”

Charles Ellsworth, our Sergeant-at-Arms, presented the guest list. Susan Snell was the guest of Ralph Snell and Jeff Woeppel was host to Catherine Andrews.

Jim High, our songmeister du jour, took his first cue from our earthy satellite and we sang By the Light of the Silvery Moon (To my honey, I’ll croon love’s tune). We concluded the musical interlude with a bow to Germanic traditions in tribute to our returning Deutschlander exchange student Kyle Mackie the Beer Barrel Polka (We’ll have the blues on the run).

Someone asked if anyone could name the last man to set foot on the moon — the answer was Eugene Cernan.

Our fall fundraising events are just around the bend of August. Preparations have begun in earnest for the Harvest Festival, a cooperative venture with other Rotary clubs at The Farmers’ Museum, and our own AppleFest at the Fly Creek Cider Mill. For the latter event, Donna Shipman put out a call for someone to co-chair “face painting.” Also, we are collecting funny hats and old clothing that can be used for scarecrows. Empty plastic milk containers are needed for scarecrow heads. The AppleFest volunteer sign-up can be found on the club’s website.

Carl Good noted that many of our AppleFest sponsors return year after year. However, now is the time to canvass all of the past AppleFest sponsors and recruit new ones. “We need to collect sponsors’ money in advance,” Carl reminded us. The status report on AppleFest sponsors can be found and checked on the club’s website.

Mary Earl is again chairing the Harvest Festival event and will be looking for volunteer help shortly.

We were briefed on final arrangements for the forthcoming BBHoF Induction Weekend Rotary sale table and the parking detail for the Sunday ceremonies. Ben Novellano was looking for some additional volunteers. Moderate attendance was projected for the weekend and good weather expected with some chance of showers.

President Bill read a letter of thanks from Jacqueline Broten, the recipient of our vocational scholarship.

We learned that our colleague Diana Nicols-Dilorenzo has recently undergone surgery on a knee. The Chief of Police is expected to be back on both feet in due course.

Nan Apps collected our Happy Dollars. Chuck Carrier had a dollar for Buzz Aldrin, another U.S. astronaut, with whom Chuck played on an undefeated football team.

Jeff Woeppel lauded 59-year-old golfer Tom Watson’s “almost” win at the British Open.

Bill Coleman was back from a five-day ride on his Harley-Davidson. “We went 750 miles,” Bill reported.

Richard Blaby was looking forward to the arrival of an inbound exchange student.

Mike Jerome had a dollar in honor of Kyle Mackie as did Doug Geertgens.

Hugh MacDougall reported that the Cooperstown Library’s annual book sale had been a great success. Hugh also said he had spent the past week at the annual Cooper Conference at SUNY Oneonta.

Cathy Raddatz reported that her sister Rita had arranged a family reunion recently that gathered 78 members of the clan together in one venue. “She had reunion tee shirts for us,” Cathy said. Jeff Katz reported that the village trustees’ meeting the night before had been “productive” and “collegial.” Joan Badgley reported that her daughter-in-law had given birth to twin girls. The new mother and babies have been staying with Joan. Bill Glockler put in a dollar for Ferd Thering who was thrilled that the New York Yankees got a walk-off homer from Hideki Matsui.
Membership Roll
(By Date of Affiliation)
Hon. = Honorary Member; PHF = Paul Harris Fellow;
SPH = Sustaining Paul Harris; PDG = Past District Governor
a. = Affiliation Date; b. = Month/Day of Birth

Howard Talbot, Hon; PHF; a. 12/51; b. 10/06
Ted Peters, PHF; a. 12/59; b. 05/12
Ed Badgley, Hon; a. 06/61; b. 07/07
Cliff Kachline, Hon; PHF; a. 07/70; b. 07/25
Doug Walrath, PHF; a. 10/70; b. 12/11
Bob Schlather, PHF; a. 01/79; b. 05/03
Will Monie, PHF; a. 09/80; b. 11/21
George Cade, PHF; a. 12/80; b. 12/18
Ed Walsh, PHF; a. 03/24/81; b. 04/09
Roger Smith, a. 01/12/82; b. 04/28
Jeff Woeppe, a. 03/02/82; b. 08/05
Ferd Therig, PHF; a. 05/82; b. 02/12
Mike Jerome, PHF; a. 08/13/85; b. 07/23
Bob Birch, PHF; a. 09/23/86; b. 12/30
Jim Woolson, PHF; a. 03/87; b. 10/05
Hugh MacDougall, PHF; a. 04/87; b. 08/30
John Ramsey, PHF; a. 06/87; b. 03/03
Chuck Carrier, PHF; a. 01/88; b. 06/19
Bruno Talevi, PHF; a. 04/88; a. 08/16
Doris Holdorf, a. 01/02/90; b. 07/04
Joan Badgley, a. 05/22/90; b. 06/07
Catherine Black, PHF; PDG; a. 01/22/91; b. 04/22
Ellen Tillapaugh-Kuch, PHF; a. 10/01/91; b. 02/16
Cathy Raddatz, PHF; a. 12/29/92; b. 03/02
Tom Heitz, PHF; a. 03/02/93; b. 12/20
Bill Coleman, PHF; a. 04/13/93; b. 02/16
Paty Grady, a. 01/11/94; b. 03/07
Jim Gates, PHF; a. 02/20/96; b. 03/09
Michael Otis, PHF; a. 05/28/96; b. 07/17
Carol Waller, PHF; a. 05/28/96; b. 08/19
Susan Streek, PHF; 11/19/96; b. 04/04
Mary Jo McPhail, a. 12/09/97; b. 01/03
Anne Geddes-Atwell, PHF; a. 01/27/98; b. 07/01
Carol Cade, PHF; a. 02/16/99; b. 02/23
Tom Lieber, PHF; a. 11/16/99; b. 07/15
Margaret Savoie, PHF; a. 12/07/99; b. 05/20
Francis May, PHF; a. 07/25/00; b. 04/02
Patricia Donnelly, PHF; a. 05/29/01; b. 02/24
Jim R. High, PHF; PDG; a. 09/04/01; b. 04/03
John Clow, a. 10/16/01; b. 02/17
Michael V. Coccoma, a. 12/18/01; b. 03/30
Mary R. Wright, PHF; a. 02/19/02; b. 07/01
Vicki Gates, PHF; a. 02/26/02; b. 11/06
Dave Bliss, a. 04/30/02; b. 10/28
Chad Welch, a. 09/17/02; b. 08/14
Mary Leonard, a. 09/17/02; b. 01/13
Carl Good, a. 04/01/03; b. 02/12
Lois Warrell, PHF; a. 04/08/03; b. 09/24
John Irvin, PHF; a. 04/08/03; b. 11/20
Bill Gockler, PHF; a. 08/05/03; b. 10/18
Paul Kuhn, PHF; a. 08/05/03; b. 05/14

Greg Noonan, a. 10/28/03; b. 07/03
Jane Forbes Clark, Hon; PHF; a. 01/08/04; b. 05/11
Doug Geertgens, PHF; a. 03/02/04; b. 01/04
Chuck Newman, PHF a. 03/02/04; b. 09/04
Betsy D. Jay, a. 05/18/04; b. 08/02
Martin Tillapaugh, PHF; a. 09/07/04; b. 11/29
David Vaules, PHF; a. 10/05/04; b. 02/14
Sundar Samuel, a. 09/20/05; b. 11/16
Donna Shipman, PHF; a. 10/04/05; b. 09/25
Will Green, a. 01/24/06; b. 01/29
Stephen Elliott, a. 02/07/06; b. 08/20
Scott Barrett, a. 02/14/06; b. 09/14
Teri Barown, a. 05/16/06; b. 04/17
Jim Kevington, a. 07/25/06; b. 03/15
Lyn Edinger, a. 10/03/06; b. 07/29
Jake Maijala, a. 10/31/06; b. 06/22
Ray Holohan, a. 01/09/07; b. 09/21
Jeff Katz, a. 03/20/07; b. 09/14
Ben Novellano, a. 02/20/07; b. 11/03
Marjorie Landers, a. 05/01/07; b. 07/22
John Bullis, a. 05/29/07; b. 12/03
Mary Earl, a. 07/31/07; b. 11/28
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Ralph Snell, a. 12/18/07; b. 11/23
Richard J. Blaby, a. 03/18/08; b. 03/11
Charles A. Ellsworth, a. 03/18/08; b. 11/19
Jamie Stegman, a. 03/18/08; b. 10/18
Tabetha Rathbone, PHF; a. 05/13/08; b. 04/09
Tim Wiles, a. 05/20/08; b. 06/28
Frank Leo, a. 06/17/08; b. 03/28
Irene Fassett, Hon; PHF; a. 06/24/08; b. 01/20
Jim Howarth, a. 09/09/08; b. 07/02
Nancie Apps, a. 11/18/08; b. 10/28
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Ryan W. Miosek, a. 04/21/09; b. 12/09
John M. Mason, a. 04/21/09; b. 07/09
Diana Nichols-Dillorenzo, a. 05/05/09; b. 11/14
Andrew R. Marietta, a. 05/12/09; b. 10/02
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Inbound Exchange Students: 2
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