

## Nuorisovaihtoa Klaukkalassa vuodesta 1992

Nurmijärvi-Klaukkalan Rotariklubin yksi tärkeimmistä projekteista on alusta asti ollut nuorisovaihto. Klubi on osallistunut maailmanlaajuisen järjestön maailmanlaajuisen nuorisovaihtoon maailmanlaajuisesti.

Vuosivaihtoon on Klaukkalasta lähtenyt vaihto-oppilaita vuodesta 1993. Ensimmäiset oppilaat viettivät vuodet USA:ssa. Sen jälkeen on vaihto-oppilaita ollut Meksikossa, Etelä-Afrikassa, Kanadassa ja Australiassa. Samoista maista on ollut vaihto-oppilaita myös Suomessa ja Klaukkalassa. Viime vuosina on vaihtomme suuntautunut Australiaan ja tänä syksynä Australiaan lähtevä klaukkalalainen on jo kolmas perättäinen samalle mantee-

reelle.

Kesäisessä leirivaihdossa on ollut vuosien aikana muutama oppilas mm. Norjassa, Portugalissa, Italiassa. Leirivaihto on oiva vaihtoehto esim. kielikursseille. Klaukkalaan on myös majoitettu isäntäperheissä ympäri Eurooppaa saapuneita leiriläisiä. Yhtenä vaihtomuotona vielä kesävaihto on toteutumatta. Eri vaihtomuodoista on kerrottu lehdessä toisaalla.

Mikäli olette kiinnostuneita mistä tahansa edellä mainitusta vaihtomuodosta tai haluatte toimia isäntäperheenä, asiasta antaa lisätietoja Klaukkalan klubin nuorisovaihtoasiames Anssi Aittasalmi, p. 050 572 27267 tai [anssi.aittasalmi@luukku.com](mailto:anssi.aittasalmi@luukku.com)



## Ellen Hayden, our exchange student from Australia

G'day, I have been on exchange in Klaukkala for almost four months now and I can't believe how fast the time has flown. I am from a small town in Northern Victoria, Australia called Piangil, it was a huge culture shock at first to come from plus 35 and dry to minus 10 and icicles hanging off the cars (not to mention all that snow!). Now I have fallen in love with the country, it is beautiful. A little different from walking on gum leaves and looking out for kangaroos, but being here amongst all the lakes and forests and wonderful personalities of my new-found friends, I couldn't be more comfortable.

During my stay already I have been lucky

enough to travel to Tornio for a week, in the winter. I was able to try cross country skiing on the Tornio river, take a husky safari ride in Levi, visit Santa and take a tour of the snow castle in Kemi. All the while my family was experiencing a heat wave of many days over 40 degrees.

There are so many different customs and traditions that I am still learning and adjusting to, but it has been fun trying. I enjoyed trying mämmi at Easter (even though it tasted so horrible), and reindeer for dinner, and taking sauna before a dip in the lake was numbing but satisfying. Above all I have enjoyed meeting and making so many new friends.



Rotary Youth Exchange has allowed me to meet people from all over the world, even while I was still in Australia and to learn about their lives in their home countries. I will carry on doing so next month when I embark on my eurotour, nine countries in nineteen days with all the rotary youth students who have come to Finland.

I would like to pick up the language before I return home, and am trying, but Finnish is proving to be a difficult challenge. I am hoping that with the upcoming summer holidays I will be able to increase my vocabulary to a much greater extent.

Here in Klaukkala I am attending Arkadian yhteislyseo and although I can't actually understand my classes very well, I find it much easier than school in Australia because I can't understand when we are given homework.

I look forward to experiencing Summer here, and can't wait to see what else my year in Finland has to offer. I think it will be a very rewarding experience that I am sure I will remember for the rest of my life.

Ellen Hayden

