

Summer Meeting ~ July 17-18, 2015, Dolce, Norwalk, CT

Friday, July 17, 2015 ROOM LOCATION 3:00 - 9:00 PM Registration Room 521 4:00 - 6:00 PM **Executive Committee Meeting Bayberry** 4:00 - 8:00 PMHospitality Room - Hosted by District 7980 Closed from 8:00 to 9:00 Room 521 8:00 PM **Confronting Ethnocentrism** – *Dennis White* Publick AB

> This presentation covers basic concepts of cultural differences, including Ethnocentrism, Ethno relativism, Culture Shock and ways cultures differ on dealing with basic life tasks.

Country Contacts Meeting (Long Term Contacts only) -Carl Hill, ECC 8:30 PM **Bayberry** 9:00 - ? Hospitality Room - Hosted by District 7980 Room 521

Saturday, July 19, 2015

7:00 - 8:15 AM Breakfast Buffet

J. Sheffield's Call to Order - Allen Smith, EC 7390 8:30 AM Norwalk

> Invocation - Carl Hill, ECC 7360 National Anthems – Geri Sheridan, 7255 Welcome First Time Attendees - Allen

Welcome to District 7980 - Geraldine (Geri) Tom, District Governor

Roll Call and determination of quorum - Colleen Wood, Secretary, 7330, Ed DiNunzio, Parliamentarian 7255

Approval of Secretary's, Treasurer's Report and Budget – (emailed)

Scholarship Committee - Geri Sheridan, ESCC 7255 CISI Bolduc- Student Insurance – Ted Cenatiempo Tzell Park Avenue Travel – Theresa Bryan

Culture Shock and Reverse Culture Shock Part One - Dennis White

A presentation of the fundamentals of culture shock and reverse culture shock and how they are experienced by exchange students. The goal is to better understand and manage these events rather than attempt to avoid or eliminate them. Participants will hear about valuable resources for teaching about culture. Understanding these concepts is essential for anyone working with youth exchange. It is foundational for developing understanding about crossing culture and how students experience it.

10:30 Networking Break

Culture Shock and Reverse Culture Shock Part One - Dennis White 10:50

CSIET Report & Department of State – Dan Bronson, ECO 7450 11:35

Inbound Coordinator - Patti Smith, EIC 7430

Nominating Committee Selection – Ed DiNunzio, EP7255

The REGIONS of ESSEX:

REGION 1: 7780, 7790, 7850, 7870, 7890, 7930 REGION 2: 7190, 7230, 7255, 7910, 7950, 7980

REGION 3: 7410, 7430, 7450, 7470, 7490, 7500, 7510, 7630, 7640

REGION 4: 7280, 7300, 7330, 7360, 7390, 7620

REGION 5: 6910, 7550, 7570, 7600, 7610, 7690, 7710, 7720, 7730

Report to Colleen Wood the representative for each region after lunch.

12:15 - 1:15 Lunch

J. Sheffield's

Assertive Techniques for Dealing with Criticism and Other Conflict for Exchange Students - Dennis White Norwalk 1:30

This is an interactive session teaching assertive skills for students when dealing with conflict or criticism.

Focuses on ways to build resilience in students.

2:30 Outbound Coordinator - Carl Askew, EOC 7360

Short-term Coordinator – Ed Skwirz, ESTEPC 7950

Country Contact Report & Appointments - Carl Hill, ECC 7360

Chairman's Report - Allen Smith, EC

Update - North America Youth Exchange Network - Allen Smith, EC

January ESSEX Conference – January 15-16, 2016 – Double Tree – King of Prussia,

3:10 Networking Break

3:30 – 4:30 Breakout Session

Open Forum – Ask the panel – Allen, Carl A, Carl H, George, Dan, Ed S

Responsibilities of the District Chair – Patti Smith, 7430 (MUST FOR NEW CHAIRS) **Bayberry Fellowship** The Bar 6:15 6:45 Dinner Dress- Summer Casual Hayloft Hospitality Room will be open following dinner Fun, Food and Frocularity Room 521

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