

## **Addy's Rotary Presentation**

### **Sprachcamp - Language Camp**

- I spoke a lot less German than I thought when I first got here
- Language camp was a great boost to learning the language
- The camp was divided into two weeks - both weeks had 44 students
- It was fun connecting with the other exchange students
- We had small activities after eight hours of studying German (or French) every day
  - The activities:
    - Swimming
    - Touring the town of Freiburg
    - Exploring one of the highest glaciers in Switzerland
    - Talent shows
    - Card games

### **Kultur/Kulturschocks - Culture/Culture Shocks**

- The water in most fountains is drinkable
- Not a lot of people eat meat, and good meat is only served in small portions
- I've never had Racklette, Fondue, or Kebab before coming here
- No school dress code
- People aren't as open with others here so sometimes it can be difficult to make friends

### **Rotary Veranstaltungen - Rotary Events**

- I have attended many Rotary events. My first event was shooting pistols, where I won the trophy. My favorite one was the Christmas dinner in the old theater because of all of the people and the music.
- My Rotary counselor and I make many small excursions together

### **Erste Gastfamilie - First host family**

- They were all great supporters and helped me learn German quick by always speaking to me in German
- We did a lot of travelling in Switzerland together
- Yvonne unfortunately passed away, but she was always a light in peoples' lives and also helped me a lot with my German. My favorite memory is laughing with her in the living room as we made fun of the childrens books that I couldn't understand in German at the time

### **Zweite Gastfamilie - Second host family**

- My host dad and host sister took me to my first European soccer game. Thun lost 5-0 against Bern
- I have been skiing with them and we have also went to Spain and Germany together. They also had a cute setup in the living room for my birthday
- All of my host siblings are nice and a lot of fun

### **Schule - School**

- My main subject in Gymnasium is Spanish (all of my classes are still in German)
- I love all of my classes and classmates
- I went on a ski trip with my school
- I also attended the music school in Thun and learned the basics of the violin

### **Ausflüge - Trips**

- The first slide has all photos from Tessin. Lea and I love the warm weather there.
- The second slide has photos from Liechtenstein, Spain, Europapark, Reihnfall, and Saas-Fee (the ski resort)

### **Treffen mit andere Austauschschüler:innen - Meeting up with the other exchange students**

- The first slide has photos of what we have organized together as exchange students
- We have a groupchat of all exchange students in Rotary, and another group chat with almost all exchange students in Switzerland from other clubs. There are over 150 people in that chat. It makes it easy to plan small excursions and meet with each other

- The second slide is of one of other events from Rotary; the excursion in Zürich and the Matterhorn weekend

### **Freunde - Friends**

- Here are some friends that I made during my exchange year
- In the bottom right corner we all look a little tired because my class biked 42 Kilometers with the school... something we don't do in America
- The second slide has pictures of friends that I made in Thun, friends of friends, friends from Gymnasium and IDM, and some that I met in other cantons.
- When we don't have class for a few hours, my friends and I go into the city and go "shopping" which usually consists of taking photos with random sunglasses or shoes

### **Vielen Dank - Thank you very much**

- I thank them for their time, thank them for welcoming and hosting me this year, and ask for questions/comments