

Dear Dr. Eckert-Stewart,

We are the 3 motkateers and we were at the Rotary Presentation and we are very excited to possibly have the opportunity to work with you.

Did you know that the people of Romania and Moldova love to stare at loud Americans? Emily Young, a member theworldrace.org pointed out the welcoming nature of these people and their sheer interest in American culture and lifestyles.

They always say that "it's the little things that count" and I believe that when you are meeting new people it is especially important. Emily Young also stated a few social situations and the expected behavior. For example, women are expected to offer their hand to a man for a handshake. If not, the man may refuse to shake your hand. Also, shoes almost always come off at the front door when you enter someones home. Finally, she also stated that there were stray cats and dogs everywhere. This information could be very important to someone allergic or even just something that would be better to expect than to be surprised.

Goal for the interview: To equip you with useful knowledge of cultural and social customs to add utility and diversity to a Rotary Team traveling to Romania and Moldova.

Goal for the trip: To eliminate or at least substantially reduce the culture shock you would feel when traveling to Romania and Moldova by educating and practicing social and cultural norms.

In preparation for the interview, we will work to increase your overall utility to the team chosen by educating you on cultural and social traditions that could easily give you a "leg up" on the competition. You would become a more valuable asset to have on the team if they can count on you as a front person who can interact effectively with the indigenous people. We will also work with you to know the general information about Romania/Moldova, i.e. currency, size, language, etc. The reason I want to focus more on cultural/social issues as opposed to economic and currency issues is because once you get there (assuming you are selected) it will be less important if you have the exchange rate memorized than if you are well informed about everyday customs and traditions. Despite all of this, Team SISA is prepared to adapt, change, or alter in any way to suit your needs. Thank you for your consideration I see this as a great educational opportunity for both you and Team SISA.

Sincerely,
3 MOTkateer's team lead

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