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With the common goal of improving the world through community, international, vocational, and youth services, around 100 community leaders and professionals have joined the Evergreen Rotary Club. The club caters primarily to adults but has expanded its influence to younger people through the Interact Club at Evergreen High School, RYLA and YRYLA (summer camps for rising leaders), youth exchanges, and now by offering internship positions. I recently had the pleasure of meeting Darby May, a fellow Ridge resident and 2017 EHS graduate, who has served as a youth liaison in Rotary's International Service Committee and was astounded and inspired by the stories she told me about the club's global impact. Darby has translated her passion for international studies into a 100-day adventure to Tanzania, Rwanda, and Uganda. In Tanzania, Darby will be focusing on learning about sustainable living and helping to educate the local people about poaching. She will then travel to Rwanda where she will be working with Huye Mountain Coffee to support free trade for small farmers. Finally, she will finish her trip in Uganda, learning about rhino protection, environmental conservation, and the preservation of disappearing cultures throughout Africa. After hearing her story and attending a few of the club's meetings, I have decided to take on the challenge of following in Darby's footsteps as a youth intern for the club. I will be documenting proj-

ects as well as showcasing the community members responsible for the success of the organization, so be sure to look for those and support Rotary! Also, if you know Darby May, please wish her safe travels and keep her in your thoughts as she will be leaving for Africa on

September 13th!