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**ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS CELEBRATED AT 17TH BIRTHDAY EVENT**

Ma`alaea, Hawaii,            ,       –

Recently two Rotary Youth Exchange students, Sara Nidasio and Julie Roysland, were honored with a joint 17th birthday party event by members of four Maui Rotary Clubs. The event was held on Monday November 28 at Seascape Restaurant as both girls turned 17 one day apart. Sara Nidasio is from Cermenate, Italy and is attending Lahainaluna High School as a senior. She is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset and her Rotary host family is Courtney and Jeff Sakalosky. Julie Roysland is from Oslo, Norway and is attending King Kekaulike High RotaSchool as a junior. She is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Upcountry Maui and her host family is Mary and Gary Albitz.

Rotary Youth Exchange is a program where high school students have the opportunity to see the world as it is best seen – from the inside out. Both girls arrived Maui in July 2022 and have been immersed in the language and culture of our island for this academic school year. Both girls are also members of their respective schools Girls Soccer teams.

Information and applications for Maui high school age 9th-11th grade students to become an Outbound Youth Exchange student for the 2023-24 school year are now available. For more information about the program and how students can apply go to this link: https://www.rotaryd5000.org/60108/Page/ShowSitePage?ClassCode=SitePage&Slug=youth-exchange-students.

For mor information about this and other youth programs sponsored by the nine Rotary clubs on Maui contact Maui Island Resource Chair Joanne Laird at mamalrd01@gmail.com.

Photo ID: Rotary Youth Exchange students Sara Nidasio and Julie Roysland get ready to blow out their birthday candles at a recent 17th birthday celebration event.

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