






## **GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (GSE)**

The Group Study Exchange program is a positive productive way of creating the potential for peace and understanding through international person-to-person exchange. Under the auspices of the Rotary Foundation, the GSE and Matching Grants Programs began in 1965.

Worldwide: 90% of Rotary's 530 Districts now participate in GSE

### **What is GSE?**

GSE is a unique cultural and vocational exchange for young business and professional men and women in the initial years of their professional life. For four weeks, the team members study:

-  The host country's institutions
-  Their way of life
-  Observe their own vocations as practiced abroad
-  Develop personal and professional relationships
-  Exchange ideas

### **Who is eligible?**

One Rotarian Team Leader and four non-Rotarians are chosen for a team. Non-Rotarians must be:

- Between the ages of 25-40
- Committed to remaining in the work force well after the exchange
- Personable, articulate, flexible, cooperative in their work, enthusiastic and energetic about their vocations
- Seeking to gain a maximum educational value from the programs as well as fulfill the rigorous demands of international travel and actively participate in an extensive itinerary
- Must be residents or employed in the sending Rotary district and also citizens of the country in which they reside

This is not a vacation, but a life-changing experience to make a difference in the world and to create understanding and goodwill. The schedule is very demanding and the member must be extremely diplomatic, energetic and flexible.

### **Where is the next exchange?**

Our District 7690 will exchange with District 9640 of Australia

✚ **Outbound team** will be in Australia from March 18, 2010 until April 19, 2010.

✚ **Inbound team** will visit our District from March 25, 2010, until April 26, 2010

You can find out more about District 9640 at - [www.rotary9640.org](http://www.rotary9640.org).

### **How can you help?**

- ✚ This is a unique opportunity for young professionals to learn about the Australian culture and business community. Promote the exchange with businesses with an international interest.
- ✚ Publish the exchange opportunity and need for applicants in your club newsletter and community newspaper and other media outlets.
- ✚ Talk to young working men and women about the exchange at your office, church, club and other organizations with whom you associate.
- ✚ Submit applications for team leader and team member to District GSE Co-chair, Tim Albertson by July 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact Tim directly at [jtalbertson@earthlink.net](mailto:jtalbertson@earthlink.net). Tim prefers that applications be submitted by email but they must be signed.
- ✚ Download an application and other GSE materials from <http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/Fellowship/GroupStudyExchange/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

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