

DISTRICT 6270 AND DISTRICT 2980 2008-2009 Group Study Exchange

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- *What is Group Study Exchange (GSE)?*

The Group Study Exchange program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for business and professional men and women in the initial years of their careers. The program is designed to develop professional and leadership skills among young people to better prepare them to address the needs of their communities and an increasingly global workplace. The team consists of one Rotarian team leader, and 4 non-Rotarians. All interested applicants must first have their candidacy endorsed by a Rotary club in the district where the applicant works or lives.

- *Who pays for this exchange?*

The District allocates DDF funds to cover the cost of sending a GSE team. In District 6270 it is tradition that the sponsoring club give a stipend (\$250) to the team member to cover miscellaneous costs such as applying for a passport and host gifts.

- *Where can I find GSE team member applications and other program details?*

All GSE program information (including brochures, program guidelines and applications) can be found on the **Rotary website** under “GSE materials for download”. District GSE Chairs also have a limited number of handbooks, brochures and applications on hand.

- *What are the deadlines for applications and interviews:*

Team Member application deadline: June 28, 2008

Team Member social July 8, 2008 and interviews are July 12, 2008

- *Who is eligible to be a team member?*

- be between the ages of 25-40;
- be employed full-time in a recognized occupation;
- not be a Rotarian, honorary Rotarian, or employee of Rotary or the lineal descendant or spouse of a lineal descendant, a Rotarian, an honorary Rotarian, or an employee of Rotary;
- not be the spouse of another team member;
- not be an ex-Rotarian or the lineal descendant or spouse of a lineal descendant of an ex-Rotarian or ex-Rotary employee who resigned less than 36 months before the time of application.

- *Where can we learn more? Stacy Harriot (920) 694-1315*

- **Group Study Exchange Brochure** (160-EN) A leaflet providing basic information about the GSE program which can be sent to the media or employers.
- **Group Study Exchange — An International Professional Development Program** (304-EN) A brochure for businesses and organizations whose employees are being recruited for GSE team membership. Explains the positive effect GSE can have on young professionals in the workplace.

For the latest Rotary information, visit the RI Web site at

<http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/Fellowship/GroupStudyExchange/Pages/ridefault.aspx>