

Club Members Host GSE Team Members

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Tom and Wendy Paterson and Ed and Vivian Kolybaba were honoured to be chosen to host two of the six members from the Group Study Exchange 2013 German Team during their visit to the Kelowna area from April 28 to May 02. The Paterson's hosted Gregor Witrofsky , a mechanical engineer from Bruchsal; while the Kolybaba's hosted Aline Wimmer, an Assistant Hotel Manager from Feidberg.

The team from Germany arrived from District 1930, which is situated in the Black Forest area of Germany, on April 13th. They started their Group Study Exchange program in Ellensburg and then proceeded to Wenatchee and Leavenworth, before crossing the border into Canada on April 26th. The team left Kelowna on May 02 for Kamloops where they will attend the District Conference and then proceed to Salmon Arm before leaving for home from Kelowna on May 11th.





During their five day stay in Area 4 the GSE team participated in vocational visits, tours of Kelowna Flightcraft, downtown Kelowna, Gorman Brothers Lumber Ltd, and Mission Hill Winery, meetings with the City of Kelowna councillor Gerry Zimmerman and Chief Louie with the Westbank First Nations, formal and informal presentations to the Rotary Clubs of Kelowna Ogoopogo, Kelowna Okanagan Mission/Kelowna Capri, Kelowna and Westbank/West Kelowna Daybreak, and in evenings with their host families.



The District 5060 Group Study Exchange has been coordinated by Kathy Butler who has provided exceptional leadership as the district's GSE coordinator since 2009. Kathy was assisted by Richard Ingram (Rotary Club of Kelowna Okanagan Mission) and Jack DeGruchy

(Rotary Club of Kelowna Capri) in planning the Area 4 program for the GSE team.

Other host families included Bill Redmond and Jean Swan (RC of Kelowna), John and Joan McCormack (RC of Kelowna Okanagan Mission), Jerry and Percy Ann Urquhart (RC of Kelowna Okanagan Mission), and Peter and Susan Schultz (RC of Kelowna).