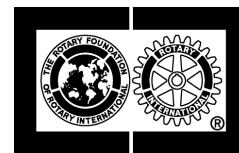




ROTARY DISTRICT 7390 GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE PROGRAM



Group Study Exchange Program Information for Club Presidents and Assistant District Governors

The Rotary Group Study Exchange Program is one of the gems of Rotary International; an excellent example of our Rotary Foundation dollars helping at a local and international level.

The Group Study Exchange Program is:

- A five-week program for a team of young, non-Rotarian, professionals to exchange visits with a paired country. There is an outbound team and an inbound team.
- A unique cultural / vocational opportunity to develop professional and leadership skills.
- A once-in-a-lifetime journey involving vocational activities, cultural experiences, and fellowship opportunities.

The upcoming exchange will be with **District 1460** covering southern Denmark and the country of Lithuania. The outbound team will be in the host countries during the following dates: April 11th to May 16th, 2010. The Danish part of the District includes worldwide industries, major banks, history and culture, also agricultural industries such as Aris (food and dairy products), and is the birthplace of H.C. Andersen; cities include Danfoss, Grundfoss, Lego, Odense and the Island of Funen. The team will spend time in Copenhagen. Lithuania, formerly a part of the USSR, is today experiencing dynamic growth. No language training is required.

District 7390 needs your help to make this program a success. We need:

Committee Members – Rotarians with an interest in the GSE program. The first meeting will be held in September; subsequent meetings will be held from Jan. – April. The Committee is responsible for selecting the Team Leader and Team Members, for scheduling Rotarians who will host inbound team members, selecting vocational days for the visiting GSE team members, and arranging cultural/educational/social events during the team's tour of our District. The inbound team dates are the same as for the outbound team. Because of the complexity of this program, each Rotary Group must be represented by at least one Committee Member in order for that group's clubs to participate in the program. Additionally, if your Club is interested in Hosting (having inbound team members stay in Rotarian homes), then it is extremely beneficial for all concerned for your Club to have an active Committee Member. Participating Clubs will be given first choice at Hosting.

Team Leader Applicants – A Team Leader must be a Rotarian. He/she assumes complete charge of the team; remains with the team during the duration of tour. Must be alert, energetic, and physically/mentally able to keep pace with a rigorous program.

Deadline for submitting Team Leader application – September 30, 2009.

Team Member Applicants – The team is made up of six Members. A Team Member must be a young professional between the ages of 25-40, who lives or works in Rotary District 7390. Cannot be a Rotarian or a spouse or lineal descendent of a Rotarian.

Deadline for submitting Team Member applications – October 31, 2009.

Attached is an information sheet your Club members can use to recruit Team Member applicants. Encourage your Club Members to think about potential applicants and to post this information at their places of employment, churches, hospitals, adult education centers, YM/YWCAs, fitness centers, anywhere young professionals may see the information.

- The Rotary Clubs sponsoring a selected Team Leader or Team Members is responsible to provide that person with \$250.00 to assist with expenses, such as uniforms.
- Team Leader and Team Members must have a Passport valid through December 2010.

Contacts for additional information and application forms:

- Tom Houf, Outbound Chair, Rotary Club of Carlisle, phone: 805-4478, email: houftp@gmail.com
- Peg Sennett, Inbound Chair, Rotary Club of Hanover, phone: 630-8281, email: pegsennett@hotmail.com
- Also available at: <http://www.rotary7390.org/AvenuesofService/GroupStudyExchange.aspx>