

Classifications Presentation

Sabine Gueffroy

Dear friends,

My name is Sabine Gueffroy, I was born on September 8, 1958 in Riesa, a Steel industry-City on the river Elbe near Meissen, Dresden, Leipzig.

I am an only child, but I grown up with many children of the same age in an outlying district, so we were free in all our childhood discoveries.

My grandparents spent much time with me. The family of my father lives in the west part of Germany. Until 1989 I saw them rarely, but in 1987 after the death of my grandfather, I would travel for a few days to the West. At that time I was married and had a little daughter. I had finished my study of Medicine at the University of Leipzig and now I was in Dresden for specialization of Orthopedics.

In my youth Leipzig and Berlin had an international fair. The trade fair time in Leipzig was the best time of the year for me in those days. I took advantage of the options to travel to the east . Youth exchange lead me to Russia, Usbekistan, Hungaria, Bulgaria and Aserbaidshan.

My son - who recently finished his studies in Medical Law - was born in 1988. My husband died of Leukemia in the summer of Summer 1989. During this difficult time in my life, I didn't realize any type of political development. But in those days nobody in Germany thought that the Berlin wall would ever come down.

In February of 1990, with my husband gone and my job at a Medical Policlinic terminated, my parents also lost their jobs. So they took care of the children and I started my own practice. It was a great time, with many experiences; everything was possible.

My team and I have worked together now for a quarter of a century. In the future I like to do specialized Chiropractic for children, it is very efficient and needs much time.



My daughter Jordy, who works as a Pediatrician, is married and has a little girl. I really like to spend time with my grandchild.

Jordy was a Rotary Exchange Student in Vernon, BC, Canada in 2001. That is how I came in contact with Rotary. We have also a connection as host family these days.

Now my own Practice is well established, I am starting to travel again together with my children. Rotary has shown me the world with new eyes. In 2007 we started a program in Uganda. I was club president and had a connection with a Health centre in the refugee area of northern Uganda. We collected money for solar panels and water tanks. I stayed for three weeks there, to work together with the sisters. In 2015 my club collected money for a safety fence and later a car for the Health centre. So the work of the sisters could be somewhat easier.

Some other Clubs in our District also supported this work. At the beginning of this year, we visited the Project, together with the Club Presidents. (*Editor:* For those of us who understand German. Sabine was interviewed) <https://www.riesa-tv.de/mediathek/video/hilfe-vom-elbtal-nach-afrika/>

I like Africa and I also worked in Tanzania with Interplast.

My old club also has a longstanding friendship with Rotarians in Czechoslovakia. For three years we cycled along the river Elbe to look for barriers for disabled people and help eliminate those barriers.

Rotary opened doors for me; I meet interesting people and become a guest in other professions. I like being a member of the Rotary Family.

The work of the E-Club is a new experience for me. The international flair, the new medium and the English language is fantastic, but not easy for me.

I hope you have a little patience with me.

Greetings
Sabine

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