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June - Recreational Fellowship Month

Rotary was founded on fellowship, a concept that has been expanded internationally through the Rotary Fellowships, groups that bring together members from different countries and cultures to enjoy a shared interest.

The nearly one hundred Rotary Fellowships encompass a variety of vocations and avocations, ranging from sports and hobbies to professional interests — all of which serve as a way to extend international fellowship, friendship, and service.

Rotary Fellowships began informally in 1928 when Rotarians with a shared interest in Esperanto joined together. In 1947, a group of Rotarian boating enthusiasts began flying the Rotary flag from their crafts, calling themselves the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians;

forming a Rotary Fellowship. The RI Board of Directors evaluates and approves each new group before it receives formal recognition as a Rotary Fellowship. Each fellowship operates independently of RI, with its own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure.

There are several ways to join a fellowship:

- Contact the fellowship directly. Check the RI Web site (www.rotary.org), the Official Directory, or the annually revised group directory (available online) for contact information for the chair or membership officer.
Join online. Many fellowships operate Web sites that include interactive or downloadable application forms for potential members to complete.
Fill out an interest coupon found in the group directory, online and, occasionally, in The Rotarian, and return it to RI World Headquarters.

Contact your district Rotary Fellowships chair. Many districts appoint Rotary Fellowships chairs to help promote and support the Rotary Fellowships program. This person will be able to help you find a fellowship that interests you.

Global Networking Groups Directory
This publication lists all of the officers and contact information for each Rotary Fellowship and Rotarian Action Group. It is available for download at www.rotary.org.



GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

Do you want to have a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity and, at the same time, advance international understanding and goodwill?

Would you like to travel to Brazil?

Have you considered Group Study Exchange as a way to do all of this?

In 2008, there will be a District 9500 Group Study Exchange with District 4440 in Mato Grosso State in Brazil. The Outgoing Exchange will be from April 25 to May 26, and the Incoming Exchange from April 8 to May 10.



TEAM LEADER

Rotarians are encouraged to apply for the position of Team Leader of the Outgoing Exchange.

Applications for Team Leader close on June 22, 2007.

Further information about Group Study Exchange is available from www.rotary.org or by contacting Marie Dorrington (GSE Committee Chair) on (08) 8269 3398 (home) or 0417 863 316 or at mdorring@bigpond.net.au.

TEAM MEMBERS

Rotary Clubs are also asked to seek out and sponsor suitable applicants from 25 – 40 years old from their home and professional communities and to publicise the program widely, particularly to those involved in industries such as agriculture, health, education, the environment, zoology, and ecotourism.

Applications for Team Members close on August 3, 2006.

Those interested in applying to be Team Members or Rotary Clubs seeking more information about sponsoring an applicant should contact David Simpson (GSE Committee Deputy Chair) on (08) 8353 0196 (home) or 0403384250 or at dsimpso5@bigpond.net.au.

Marie Dorrington
Chair GSE Committee

ROTARIANS & BUSINESS SA

Join in Partnerships to promote

“EMPLOYEE ETHICS AWARD”



During the year meetings have been held to establish a great new *statewide* program, that is really back to Rotary's Basics. It is to be run in partnerships with Business SA. and promoted to all businesses in our State.

With your club's support this is how it will work:

1. In September of this year a “S.A. Employee Ethics Award” will be promoted to the S.A. Business community. All employers (not just Business SA members) will be invited to nominate one of their employees.
2. For every nomination received an award will be given. This is where these awards will differ from other awards. It is not a competition. An award will be given to EVERY nominee from EVERY participating business. The intention is to get a broad brush coverage of as many employers as possible for maximum impact.
3. The framed certificates will then be sent to the nearest participating Rotary Clubs, including your club (with your permission).
4. Volunteers from your club then have the pleasurable task of going to those businesses and presenting certificates to the nominees in front of their workmates. These on-site visits are a key part of this promotion.
5. Later when the presentations are finished we suggest that your club invites its participating employers along to a meeting and presents them with a certificate to recognise their commitment to ethics.

A major promotion of Rotary to the business community across the majority of South Australia with implications for Vocational Service, Public Relations and Membership.

For more see page 6.

A timetable will be emailed to clubs in July.

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Advanced diary dates

Australian Rotary Health Research fund Dinner Saturday 1st December 2007