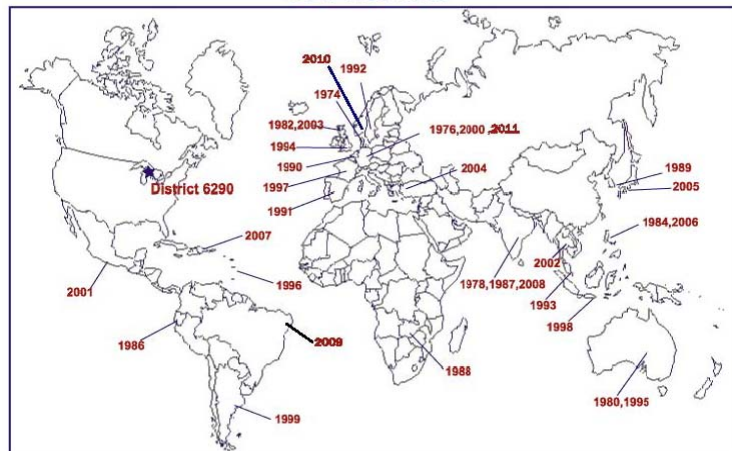


The GSE (Group Study Exchange) Program Rotary District 6290

Group Study Exchange (GSE) is a Rotary Foundation program whereby two Rotary districts from different countries exchange teams, which spend 4 – 5 weeks in each other's district. The teams generally consist of 5 - 6 people, a Rotarian team leader and 4 - 5 young professional people, ages 25 – 40, who are non-Rotarians. There is no age restriction for the leader.

The teams travel around to various clubs within the host district, spending 4 – 5 days at each location. The districts usually time GSE visits so that visiting teams also participate in the host district's annual convention. Each club that hosts a team provides lodging in club member homes, sets up programs for the team to follow and delivers them to the next host club on the schedule. The programs include individual meetings related to each team member's profession, recreational and special visit team activities, and presentations at Rotary club functions.

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The result is a “once in a lifetime” experience in culture immersion and professional enlightenment for the visiting teams and a wonderful opportunity for one-on-one interaction with interesting people from abroad for the hosting clubs and their members and families. Additionally, many international projects have developed out of GSE visits.

In the interest of promoting international understanding, The Rotary Foundation (or District 6290) pays for the airline tickets for GSE visits. District 6290 also picks up many other team-related expenses, making this program very affordable for young professional people.

Since 1974, District 6290 has sent and received 31 such teams to and from Rotary Districts in 26 different countries from around the world. A 32nd GSE team exchange will take place in 2011 with District 1800 in Germany.

A District Committee solicits interest, takes applications for, conducts interviews and chooses GSE team leaders and members. The committee also selects hosting clubs for the incoming GSE teams.



GERMANY



Hannover Germany

In June of 2011 (departure June 12, return July 13) a District 6290 outbound GSE team will travel to Rotary District 1800 in Germany. The German district is centered around the city of Hannover in the center of the country. This district, and particularly it's Gifhorn-Wolfsburg Club, has been an active contributor through our Rockford Rotary Club for Bio-Sand Filters. This departure timing should allow for teachers of German in our U.S. schools to participate.

Selection of the team leader and members will take place in mid-November in Cadillac. Leader/member application forms for the team are available through the District GSE Committee Chairman (Ed Kaminski; 8765 Lehman Road, Montague, MI 49437, email edward@kaminski-funke.net). Also, these forms are available for download from the Rotary International website – use Google and type in “Rotary Org: Group Study Exchange”. Completed application forms need to be sent no later than November 1, 2010 to Ed Kaminski at the address noted above.

In May/June of 2011 (arrival May 9, departure June 8) the corresponding team from Rotary District 1800 will come to our District 6290. Club Hosting forms are available from Ed Kaminski on request and should be received back by Ed by March 1, 2011.

August, 2010



2010 GSE Outbound team to District 2290 in Norway