



Vocational Training Team 2012

We are very pleased to share some details of our upcoming Vocational Training Team. The focus of the VTT this year is education, specifically English as a Second Language (ESL). Our exchange will be with District 9400 in South Africa. Many of you know that DG Michael's first exposure to Rotary was as a member of the Group Study Exchange Team to South Africa in 1995, so this exchange brings "full circle" his experience in Rotary.

We will be receiving a team of educators from South Africa in April 2012, who will spend about 4 weeks in District 6400, in our schools, colleges/universities. During the team's time in D6400, they will work with members of our outbound team to develop a 2-3 day seminar that will be delivered collaboratively when the D6400 team travels to South Africa in July 2012.

We are looking for good non-Rotarian and Rotarian candidates for Team Members. Team members should have a strong background in education, specifically ESL. The team must include at least three non-Rotarian team members, so please share this information with your non-Rotarian contacts who meet the criteria above.

Below are some of the key points about the Vocational Training Team that can be shared.

The Vocational Training Team (VTT) exchange will be with District 9400 in South Africa

The purpose of the exchange will be to provide professional learning to teachers in South Africa who are working with English as a second language (ESL) students. There are 11 official languages in South Africa, but the exams for post-secondary education are in English.

The VTT from our district will be made up of 4 to 6 members

The Team Leader will be a Rotarian.

The Team members are required to have an educational background, particularly in the area of working with ESL students. Strong facilitation skills will be an asset.

The application form for the VTT can be accessed by clicking on http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_doc/fv_global_grants_vtt_participant_application_en.doc

Completed applications can be sent to Armando Sardanopoli by email at asardanopoli@live.com, or US applicants who wish to mail their applications can send them to:

Armando Sardanopoli
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Grosse Ile, MI, 48138

Canadian applicants can mail their completed applications to:

DG Michael Duben
480 Shoreview Circle,
Windsor, Ont., N8P 1M7

The deadline for Team member applications is December 10th and interviews are scheduled for mid January

The VTT from D6400 will work with a group of educators from South Africa who will be in our area for 3 to 4 weeks during the month of April 2012

The two teams will work together to develop a 2-3 day seminar designed to assist teachers in South Africa in the area of teaching ESL students

The VTT from D6400 will travel to South Africa during the month of July 2012 for a period of approximately 3 weeks, during which time they will facilitate a 2-3 day seminar. They will also interact with students and teachers involved in South African schools as they continue to work with the D9400 team members to develop competency in the ESL area

Travel, accommodation and food expenses will be covered for all VTT members