

Group Study Exchange

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40. GSE participants follow an extensive and rigorous program of international travel and participatory activities involving vocational activities, cultural experiences, fellowship opportunities, and Rotarian involvement over a four-week stay.

A GSE is arranged between district governors from two districts in two different countries. A GSE team consists of five non-Rotarian members and is led by a Rotarian team leader. The Rotary Foundation sponsors the GSE program, with about 500 teams each year. The funds come from the annual giving to the Rotary Foundation.

Any club in the district can participate in a GSE by nominating team members for our outgoing team, providing housing for the visiting team, providing vocational experiences for the visiting team, and providing drivers. (GSE team members are absolutely prohibited from driving during their visits, and it is necessary to have Rotarians available to transport the GSE team from site to site and to their vocational experiences.)

GSE Participants			
Year	Country	Team Leader	Team Members
1968	From Australia	Brian Maguire	David Hodgkinson Neil Inall Geoff Cox Jim Mills Jim Sullivan Adrian Cruickshank
1969	To Australia	G. William Blank	James E. Jones Daved F. Lassalle James Liberto B. Lyle Sheppler John E. Shoop David G. Tompkins
1974	To Germany	Bradley F. Keith	James Infantino Terry McCormick Roy T. Stewart David Erdodi, District 730 Alan Strom, District 730
1974 (or 1973?)	From Germany		Nick Sprengel
1976-77	From India (District 306)		

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1977-78	To India (District 306)		
1980	From England	Phil Smith	
1980	To England	Harry Craft (New Wilmington)	Steven D. Baldwin Neil J. Bittenbender Thom L. Cobb Frank J. Roberts James H. Owen
1981	From India (District 315)		
1985	From the Philippines	Moya Yu Ekey	
1986	To the Philippines	William A. McKissick Doris S. McKissick, Chaperone	Beth Brown Sallie Ferris Deborah George Dianthia Hawkes
1987	To South Africa	Ronald Kolb (Presque Isle)	Richard P. Clute Ronald Fodor J. David Henry David A. Scandrol Bradley A. Smith
1987	From South Africa (District 930)	(from 105 applicants!)	Barry Frylinck Peter Jardine Nicky Padayechee Mario Pretorius Smook van Niekerk
1989	To Brazil	Guy O'Brien (Kearsarge)	James L. Ferrante Richard M. Moore Andrew C. Pierce Mathew R. Roach Michael J. Roknick
1989	From Brazil		Eduardo Andregretti
1991	To Sweden	Phillip Zimmerman Roy Simmons, Alternate	Jamie Bero Joseph D'Alba Lisa Fomatara-Clerici Karla Ingraham Traci Love

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1991	From Sweden	Lennart Gross	Ulrica Ericsson Kerstin Haugen Mikael Mossberg Ronny Svensson Ann Zacrison
1992	To Switzerland	Harry W. Ennis (Zelienople)	Allison Keenan Nora Ambrosio Fred Clerici Zane Gizzi Theresa Hune
1992	From Switzerland (District 200)		Lorenz Kuhn
1993	To Mexico	Robert J. Heibel	Cindy L. Davis James V. Kirchner Ellen M. Reynolds Gwendolyn M. Ralph Michelle M. Totleben
1993	From Mexico (District 4170)		
1995	To Argentina and Paraguay (District 4840)	H. Rand Edwards (Slippery Rock)	Andrew Pleasant R. Shanelle Hawks Gail Shearer Jill Houseal
1996	To Australia	Ralph Detweiler (Bradford)	Edward Grode Kathleen Brenneman Pamela Fickes James DeDad
1996	From Australia	David Hatherell	Michael Saunders Fereal Allie Tanya Barnes Martin Dunstan
1998	To Ireland	John Carmody	Mike Leahy Cindy Byers Patricia Lamb Leasa Maley
1999	From Ireland	Michael Horan	Dawn Beattie John McCurley Dermott Rodgers Dearbhia Gill

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2000	To India	Tom McMeekin	Jami Lyn Duane-Brady Dr. Mark Marie Linda Howard Allison Lee
	From Brazil		
2003	From France	Jean Marc Pourchasse	Landry Chiron Valéry Lhommedet Yannick Robin Christophe Terrain
2004	To France	Diane W. Lacey (Grove City)	Ruth Benner Carlee Caiazza Risha Johnson
2005	From Japan	Ryosuke “Jim” Tokunaga	Takafumi Fukumoto Minako Kanemitsu Fumie Koyama Ayako Hirayama
2006	To Japan	John Chips (Rich-Mar)	Rob Foster Leo Glenn Lori Shaner Kevin Snyder
2007	From Korea	PDG Jong-Jun Park	Joo-Hyun Ham Jae-Kyu Chun Won-Chan Lee Sang-Beom Kim
2007	To Korea	Nancy Clemente (Oil City)	Amy Cheresnowski Susan Harris Paul Lukach Jon Vlasnik