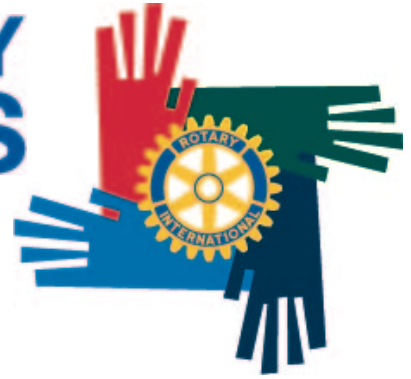


THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS



Job Description - GSE Committee

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program of The Rotary Foundation is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 and in the early years of their professional lives.

Purpose of GSE

- The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

What are the Duties and Responsibilities?

- The Group Study Exchange Committee is responsible for promoting club and district participation in the Group Study Exchange (GSE) program;
- A separate GSE Selection Committee is charged with the responsibility of selecting the team leader and team members;
- Assist the governor-elect/governor in applying for GSE awards;
- Organize the participation of the GSE Selection Committee for team leader and team member selections, emphasizing the vocational and ambassadorial activities;
- Communicate early and often with the subcommittee of the paired district regarding exchange dates and itinerary;
- Provide orientation to GSE team and leaders and determine language training and funding needs from the Rotary Foundation;
- Arrange local itineraries to include at least five customized days of vocational study for each team member and home-stays with local Rotarians hosts for visiting teams;
- Publicize to the media and to Rotarians in the district the teams' return;

- Connect team members with the district alumni chairperson; maintain ties with team members upon their return;
- Encourage clubs to access up to date information on the Rotary website (www.rotary.org or www.rotary6400.org);
- Utilize the Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for support in carrying out committee responsibilities.

Why is The Future of Rotary in Your Hands?

“As I look around this room, I see before me the future: the future of Rotary, and the future of 33,000 communities in nearly every corner of the earth. I see the future, and I see the hope for a better world,” stated RIPE John Kenny to the DGE's at the International Assembly.

“If Rotary is to be relevant in the 21st century, it must tackle the real problems of water, health and hunger and literacy. It must also strive for continuity and proclaim the core values of Rotary: service, fellowship, diversity, integrity and leadership. Whether Rotary will thrive or falter, whether our service will mean much to many or little to few, whether Rotary is known with respect or seen as a relic of days gone by—all this is up to you.” In every community, there is work to be done. As Rotarians, we will not stand idly by.

We will accept our responsibility. We can, and we must. “The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands!”

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