



# The Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange

## What is Group Study Exchange (GSE)?

- A month-long cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for business and professional men and women in the early years of their careers.
- A business, vocational, and cultural exchange between two Rotary Districts.
- Designed to develop professional and leadership skills among young people to better prepare them to address the needs of their communities and an increasingly global economy.
- An opportunity to work for international understanding and peace.

## Who makes up a GSE team?

- 1 Rotary club member who serves as the team leader *and*
- 4 non-Rotarian team members who are:
  - Between the ages of 25-40
  - Currently employed, with 2 years of experience in their chosen profession
  - Not lineal descendants or spouses of Rotary club members

## In a typical four-week tour:

- 5 full days of vocational visits
- 15 to 20 club presentations
- 10 to 15 formal visits and social events
- 2-3 days at the district conference
- 3-4 hours per day of cultural and site tours
- 3-4 hours per day of free time with host families

## How can you get involved in GSE?

- Rotarians can host visiting GSE team members in their homes
- Local business men and women can apply to become a member of an exchange team
- Local schools, businesses, or cultural attractions can host a tour for the foreign team
- Invite participants in past GSEs to speak at club or business meetings about their experiences
- Rotarians with leadership and international experience can apply to lead a future GSE team

## The Next Exchange:

The next Group Study Exchange will be between District 6200 and District 1710, France. The visiting French team will be in our area from April 5, 2010 to May 3, 2010 and the team from South Louisiana will travel to France from May 3, 2010 to June 1, 2010.

Rotary District 1710 is in the Lyon region of France. Rotary clubs and The Rotary Foundation will pay for all travel, meal, housing and tour expenses. See the attached flyer for detailed information on application details and deadlines.