



# Group Study Exchange

## What is Group Study Exchange (GSE)?

- A cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for business and professional men and women in the early years of their careers
- 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.

## What constitutes a GSE team?

- 1 Rotarian team leader who is not the current DG, immediate PDG, or the DGE *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 Rotarians

## In a typical four-week tour:

- 5 full days of vocational visits
- 12 to 15 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?

- If you have leadership experience, apply to lead a GSE team  
Download an application form: [http://www.rotary6200.org/images/gse/team\\_leader.pdf](http://www.rotary6200.org/images/gse/team_leader.pdf)
- Encourage someone to apply to be a team member  
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- Offer to host visiting GSE team members in your home  
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- Offer to participate in the local host itinerary for the visiting team
- Invite GSE alumni to speak at Rotary club meetings

## This Year's Exchange:

The Group Study Exchange between District 6200 and District 2420 will take place from May 10-June 10, 2008 and the teams will be focused on primary school education. District 2420 is in Turkey, about 6500 miles from our District. It is made up of 83 clubs. The major metropolitan area is Istanbul, a city of about ten million inhabitants.

**Upcoming Dates:**

September 29, 2007	Deadline for Team Leader applications from Rotarians
October 6, 2007	Selection of Team Leader and alternate Team Leader
November 3, 2007	Deadline for Team Member applications
November 10, 2007	Selection of Team Members and alternate Team Members
February 16, 2008	Deadline for club to notify coordinators of wish to host GSE team Include detailed proposed schedule of activities and contact person
February 16, 2008	Deadline for Rotarians to submit GSE Host Family form Copies available from Area Coordinators or on District website: Original to Greg Landry, copy to Area Coordinator
April 10, 2008	D2420 Team arrives in USA
April 12-19, 2008	D2420 Team in Lake Charles area
April 19-26, 2008	D2420 Team in Lafayette area
April 26-May 4, 2008	D2420 Team in Baton Rouge area
May 1-3, 2008	D6200 District Conference in Baton Rouge
May 4-9, 2008	D2420 Team in Thibodaux/Houma/Morgan City area
May 10, 2008	D2420 and D6200 Teams depart USA
June 10, 2008	D6200 Team returns to USA