

January 8, 2004

Rotarians of District 6200:

We are known throughout the Rotary world for our great hospitality. An exciting opportunity to advance that reputation presents itself this year through **our first participation in a Rotary Friendship Exchange** ("RFE"). This international exchange program allows Rotarians to experience other cultures by staying in the homes of Rotarians in other countries.

Fortunately our RFE match is with District 1100 in England with which we had a fantastic Group Study Exchange visit in 2000. That year our team leader was Lance Linscombe and the other team's leader was Mike Gelder. They have stayed great friends and each is now serving this year as a District Governor.

Each Rotary Friendship Exchange team will consist of 5 couples. Our RFE team will visit England's District 1100 in mid-June. However, its RFE team will come here first, **arriving in New Orleans on February 16th and returning home on March 1st**. They will tour New Orleans on the 17th, and then spend 3 days in each of the following areas: **Baton Rouge area February 18, 19 & 20 (Regions III, IV), the Lake Charles area February 21, 22 & 23 (Regions VIII, IX, X), the Lafayette area February 24, 25 & 26 (Regions V, VI, VII) and the Houma/Thibodaux area February 27, 28 & 29 (Regions I, II).**

We need your help! Five lucky families in each of those areas will have the opportunity of hosting one of the RFE team couples for the 3 days of their visit. It is an excellent opportunity to get to know people from England and will be invaluable if you are considering going to England on our RFE team in June. **Please volunteer now to serve as a host family while they are in your area.** Hard copies of the Host Family and Team Member applications are enclosed and are also available on the District website. **The deadline for host family applications is Saturday, January 31st while the deadline for the Team Member applications is Thursday, April 1, 2004. Please mail these to Charles Spencer at the address below. Apply now!**

Sincerely,

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