



## District 9520 Group Study Exchange

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### 2018-2019 program

- **March 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 – April 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 - Hosting team from D6040, MISSOURI- USA**
- **March 31<sup>st</sup> 2019 – April 28<sup>th</sup> 2019 - Team travelling to D6040, MISSOURI - USA**

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is designed to develop professional and leadership skills among young adults, to better prepare them to address the needs of their own communities and an increasingly global workplace.

The District GSE Committee represents the District Governor, who is responsible for the approval and negotiation of an Exchange or pairing with another Rotary District.

Once the Exchange is agreed, the District Committee is responsible for organising the GSE program within the District.

In July of this year a form will be sent to all Rotary Clubs in the District inviting them to send **nominations** for a Rotarian **Team Leader(s)** and the **Team Members**, who are usually of various business and professional backgrounds. The District Committee, with the District Governor, will then select the GSE Team consisting of the Rotarian Team Leader and four Team Members who will represent our District and Australia in the paired District **for a period of 4 weeks**.

For the next 6 months the committee is responsible for the training and preparation of the Team for the time that they will be away from Australia and for the coordination of the arrangements for the GSE Team coming into our District. The success of the program depends on the support and participation of the Rotary Clubs - in both Districts - and in their careful selection of the nominees, their host families and their program coordinator.

Clubs will be invited to submit applications in August 2018 for Interviews in September for  
**team leader & team members for exchange to D6040, MISSOURI - USA**

Clubs will be invited to submit applications in October 2018 for the  
**hosting of the incoming teams D6040, MISSOURI - USA.**

#### **Sponsoring Rotary Clubs are expected to:**

- Interview all the applicants before recommending them to the District interview
- Before the interview confirm the applicant's eligibility re employment, age, place of residence and/or employment (within the District boundaries).
- Invite the applicant to attend at least one Rotary Club meeting prior to selection interviews
- Brief the applicant on the structure of Rotary, the Foundation and GSE
- Inform the applicant on their sponsor Club's activities
- Check and endorse the application before forwarding to District Committee
- Contribute \$600 to the GSE Committee towards the cost of running the exchange

## **TEAM MEMBER SELECTION**

Selection of the team will be based on the following criteria

### **Criteria for Team Leader**

- Be an experienced Rotarian, especially in International Service
- Be well informed on their home country and Rotary, both locally and internationally
- Possess outstanding interpersonal communication skills
- Be physically able to keep up the pace of a vigorous program
- Have some proficiency in the major language of the host
- Have some knowledge of the Host District/country
- Be available to undertake an active part in the team's preparation
- Contribute \$400 to the GSE Committee towards the cost of running the exchange

### **Criteria for team members**

- Must live and/or work within the District territorial boundaries
- Must be an Australian citizen
- Be aged between 25 and 40 years
- May be a Rotarian
- Be currently employed, and have been for at least two years
- Intend to remain in the workforce for the foreseeable future
- Be of sound educational background and well qualified
- Possess outstanding vocational skills
- Have some proficiency in the language of the host District
- Have some knowledge of the Host District/country
- Be available to undertake an active part in the team's preparation
- Contribute \$400 to the GSE Committee towards the cost of running the exchange

### **Sponsor Clubs are requested to ensure that all applicants have:**

- read carefully the application form before signing,
- attached a prepared an **Essay of Intent** as outlined on page 3 of the Application form
- included **no more than two additional pages** of personal information
- have the application signed by the Club President

***Clubs may forward more than one application if they feel that each applicant is a worthy candidate***

## **HOSTING**

### **Criteria for selection of host clubs** will be based on

- Representation within the 8 District Groups (no more than one Club per Group, to offer the team a wider general experience of what the District has to offer)
- Recency of each Club's hosting
- Frequency of hosting in the past
- Frequency of previous applications to host

### **Host Rotary Clubs of the incoming team are expected to:**

- Appoint a program coordinator who will attend at least one briefing meeting
- Appoint a vocational visit coordinator (if a city-based club) who will be responsible for arranging vocational visits for one of the team for the entire period of their stay. (Approx 4 visits).
- Submit a draft program to the District Committee for hosting the incoming Team for 4-6 days
- Select responsible persons/families as hosts to the Team (plus one or more reserves).
- Provide for at least two vocational study days per Team Member
- Provide transport and meals for the Team - if not otherwise arranged
- Finance all activities that are programmed by the Club.
- Arrange for Inter - City meetings for team presentation to give maximum exposure of the Team to Clubs
- Provide informal free-time and rest periods for your guests.
- Contribute \$600 to the GSE Committee towards the cost of running the exchange.