



The 2007 GSE team were welcomed in Thailand.

An international exchange opportunity for young professionals

Do you know any young professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who could benefit from a wonderful opportunity spend a month on a fully-paid educational and career development trip to Australia?

The Group Study Exchange is a program of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, and it is a unique cultural and vocational exchange program. To be eligible, team members must not be Rotary club members nor be directly related to Rotary members. They should be in the early stages of their careers, having been fully employed with at least two years of work experience in their chosen field. They should be personable, articulate, cooperative motivated team players enthusiastic about their vocations.

The experience provides team members with an opportunity to observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas. Team members can come from corporations, small businesses, community organizations, medical and educational facilities, government offices and nonprofit agencies.

The opportunity enhances the international perspective of the next generation of young leaders who will take their companies into the future. It provides awareness of their businesses or organizations as lo-

cal and international media may feature interviews, photos, and articles about the exchange.

The exchange to Australia in spring of 2009 will go to the Rotary district which extends from the South of the Brisbane River out to the East coast line of Cleveland and Redland Bay then heading West to the Toowoomba range which is about an hour's drive from Brisbane. From the Toowoomba range District 9630 heads further out to the West where there are many farming towns which include Dalby, Chinchilla, Roma, Mitchell, St George and Charleville. These towns as well as Brisbane itself, which has a population of 1.2 million and a diversified culture, will provide a varied and interesting visit for these lucky team members. The team members will visit businesses which correspond to theirs in the United States while being hosted by Rotary clubs in the area.

If you or someone you know would like to learn more about this wonderful opportunity, go to www.rotary.org and search for GSE. If you are interested in applying for our local team to Australia, contact Judy Garver at 248-363-9588 or email Judy at judygarver2000@yahoo.com. Applications for team members are due by Sept. 2008.

Katharina Obser, who plans to study refugee issues in Egypt, South Africa or elsewhere in Africa. An April 2006 graduate of The University of Michigan with a B.A. degree and dual majors in Political Science and French, Katharina grew up in White Lake, having immigrated from Germany with her mother at age seven. As a college undergraduate, she participated in two study abroad programs, in Senegal and Quebec. Since graduation she has worked on refugee issues in Washington, DC as a program

GSE 2008 Team Members

Jana Green, Team Member, sponsored by the Chatham Sunrise Club. Jana is the Entrepreneurship Development Officer for her hometown, the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, Ontario. She is proud to manage the Chatham-Kent Business Enterprise Centre providing support to start-up and small enterprises during their initial years of development and operation. She is also continuing her interest in education by providing youth programs and general outreach within the community, as well as by pursuing an Economic Development Certificate.



Angela Maher, Team Member, sponsored by the Lakes Area Rotary Club. Angie earned her Bachelor of Applied Arts Degree with a major in Public Relations and minors in Marketing and Advertising from Central Michigan University in 1992. She has since enjoyed a career as a Senior Professional Pharmaceutical Consultant where she has been able to provide an improved quality of life for patients that suffer from life-threatening diseases. She has traveled extensively throughout the United States and into some parts of Europe to explore different cultures, scenery and, of course, the food (her favorite)!



Jaimi Tarnow, Team Member, sponsored by the Southfield Rotary Club. Jaimi is the director of events for the Troy Chamber of Commerce and has also enjoyed planning major fundraising events for the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Associa-



tion. Before beginning her career in event planning, Jaimi toured with the Ice Capades and Holiday On Ice. She skated throughout the United States, Canada and several other countries including France, Egypt, Japan and Aruba. She has a bachelor's degree in Bio-psychology.

Scott Brills, Team Member, sponsored by the West Bloomfield Rotary Club: Scott loves traveling and learning about other cultures, religions, languages, and customs. He is a life-long entrepreneur—starting his first companies in middle school. His interests include music, reading, hiking, food, computers/IT, and photography.



Kristi G. Woloszyk, Team Member Alternate, sponsored by the Troy Rotary Club. Kristi is the marketing coordinator for a prestigious law firm in Michigan. With nine offices and 95 attorneys, she is responsible for all the marketing, advertising, public relations, sponsorships and design work for the firm as well as for each attorney. On a personal note, family and friends are the most important aspect in her life.



Lauren Rollison, Team Member Alternate, sponsored by the Clarkston Rotary Club. Lauren graduated from Oakland University earning a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Human Resource Development. She works as a Human Resources Generalist at an extended care facility for retired clergy. In her spare time, Lauren likes to play games, watch movies and spend time with her family and friends.



District 6380 Nominating

Two For 2008-09 Outbound

Ambassadorial Scholarships

Only two clubs sponsored applicants for 2008-09 Outbound Ambassadorial Scholarships, but both candidates are outstanding and the District will forward both applications to The Rotary Foundation with our endorsement.

The Lakes Area Club nominated

associate for Human Rights First. She is fluent in French and German and currently studying Arabic. She was a member and president of the U-M Chapter of Sigma Iota Rho, an International Affairs Honor Society, and valedictorian of her class at Lakeland High School. An accomplished flutist, Katharina played in the U-M Campus Band, the Michigan Pops Orchestra, and the George Washington University Flute Choir.

The Royal Oak Club nominated Mat-

thew Rouser, who plans to study urban planning in Scandinavia. Matthew grew up in Royal Oak, was home-schooled through grade 12, then attended Oakland Community College for two years and Northwestern University, from which he graduated in 2005 with a B.A. and dual majors in History and Urban Planning. After graduation from Northwestern, Matthew joined the Teach for America program and has taught third grade at

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