

Rotary International
Group Study Exchange April 2009
District 3830 Philippines Visits District 7450 Pennsylvania USA
The Greater West Chester Sunrise Rotary Group



The Greater West Chester Sunrise Rotary (GWCSR) Group hosted the Philippines Team from April 11 – 19, 2009. The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program of The Rotary Foundation is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four weeks, team members experience the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

The GWCSR had a fabulous time hosting, Team Leader, Estelita “Baby” Bunye (Business Woman), Team Member, Dr. Rowena “Weng” Andaya (OB/GYN), Team Member, John Jacome (College Professor and Law Student), Team Member, Michael Julian (Stock Broker), and Team Member, Roy Molon (Event organizer, TV producer/writer).





Week #2 kicked off at Cynthia Ericson Beideman and Gary Beideman's home for a lunch and welcome to our Philippine friends. Gary and Cynthia then hosted the group to a tour of Washington, DC for two days. Wednesday was our vocational day shared with GWCSR, Longwood Rotary and West Grove/Avondale Rotary Groups. Thursday and Friday were hosted by Longwood and West Grove/Avondale Rotary Groups. The Philippine Group enjoyed the District Conference Friday and Saturday. We said our farewell on Sunday as we transferred them to Week #3.

We can't wait for next year to begin the next adventure!