

What is Group Study Exchange?



Stephanie and Sotirios at the Washington Mall

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 between the ages of 25 and 40 and in the early years of their professional lives. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six 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.

Individuals who participate in this rewarding, once-in-a-lifetime experience will return home with a broadened cultural perspective and new understanding of a nation's history, language, commerce, and government. A GSE offers a unique opportunity to develop leadership skills, work on team building, and increase self-confidence. The program is designed to have an invaluable impact on the career of a young professional in the increasingly global work-place by creating networking opportunities and lifelong friendships.

This year, District 7450 is hosting a GSE team from Greece. Cynthia Ericson did a great job in organizing their schedule for the third week. Host families from our club are Jim and Grace Butler, Allen and Fran Kramer, and George and Adriana Trajtenberg. We thank these generous Rotarians for opening up their homes to the team members.

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Barbara DeBaptiste and Idna Corbett escort the team to the National Museum of American History



Ferna Majewicz and Fran Kramer pose with Anna Maria at the kick off brunch at the Ericson/Beideman home