

## Meet the Outgoing GSE Team



*District 7450 GSE Coordinator Kerry Costello-Null (center) with Jane Williams, GSE Committee member and GSE Team Leader to Italy and Dee Karas, Downington Rotarian and Greek Language Teacher for the outbound GSE Team*



*Meet the 2010 GSE Team from District 7450 (left to right). Sarah Rogers, Lauren Hirshon, Lisa Leonard (Team Leader) Phil Fitzgerald and Stacy Filopoulos.*



We are currently looking for Rotary clubs to host the inbound team from Greece during the month of May 2010. For more information, please contact Kerry Costello-Null, GSE Coordinator at 267-257-0730 or at [kcostello@wordsworth.org](mailto:kcostello@wordsworth.org).

We Rotarians love our acronyms don't we? RI, DDF, EREY are sets of letters we use easily and proudly. One acronym that is near and dear to my heart is GSE which stands for Group Study Exchange. The cultural and vocational exchange program that will be taking some young professionals from District 7450 to Athens Greece, with some time in Crete for the District Conference in the spring of 2010.

The Team Leader, is Philadelphia Rotarian, **Lisa Leonard**. Lisa voiceover artist who records commercials, narrations, and telephone messages for clients all around the world. She has done some DJ work at B101 Radio in Philadelphia. Lisa was a GSE Team Member a few years ago to South Korea, with a Rotary District from New Jersey. She is very excited to embark on this adventure with such an impressive team.

**The team consists of:**

**Stacy Filopoulos** who is a Litigation Associate with Bennett, Bricklin & Saltzburg, LLC in Center City Philadelphia. Stacy grew up in America with a strong Greek background. Stacy is eager to learn more about the legal system and insurance industry in her parents' native country. Stacy is sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Wayne**.

**Philip Fitzgerald** is a Associate with the Nonprofit Finance Fund in Center City. He has a passion for working in local communities and for helping others achieve their goals. His current position has him administering a grant-making, private-public partnership aimed at improving the quality of child care for low to moderate income families. He is multi-lingual (English, French and Japanese) and has previously taught English in Japan. Phil is being sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Glenside**.

**Lauren Hirshon** is a Senior Associate, for the Strategy and Innovation for Philadelphia Workforce Investment Board in Center City. A Harvard graduate, Lauren is also a skilled athlete. She was a four-year javelin thrower with the second farthest throw in University history. Lauren currently plays on football and softball teams in the Delaware Valley. Lauren is being sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Ardmore**.

**Sarah Rogers** is a Beneficiary Administrator for The Vanguard Group in Malvern, PA. She looks forward to learning about the Greek Financial system as well as the Human Resources and Wellness aspects of the business world and every day life in Greece. Sarah also teaches yoga. Sarah is being sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Downingtown**.