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Glens Falls Receives Award *Anne's (Phillips) Anecdotes*



Charles Adams, a member of the Rotary Club of Glens Falls, made international news in July when a gang of kidnappers snatched him and his driver from their rental car in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Adams was visiting the Caribbean nation to work on water filtration projects on behalf of his club, along with the organizations Clean Water for Haiti and Pure Water for the World. But on 19 July, Adams's trip was interrupted when he was kidnapped and held captive. The gang demanded US\$500,000 for his release.

It makes me happy that Glens Falls Rotary Club received the first annual "Lead The Way" award sponsored by the Rochester Rotary Club. Rotary International President William (Bill) Boyd presented this award at the 81st Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner on September 11, 2006. There were 17 Rotary Clubs that submitted projects to be considered for this award. Three of these clubs were from our district Glens Falls, Schenectady East and Glenville.

October Is Vocational Activities Month

"Almost everyone had a revolver and there were three or four long guns, as well...Fidelin was driving and I was working on my notes in the back seat...All of a sudden, Fidelin was hauled out of the driver's seat....Apparently, I was more reluctant than he to get out....So the gang poured in all four doors, each person seeming

to grab a piece of me to yank me out their door...My clothes were ripped to shreds...When one of them started firing his rifle into the ground beneath me, it was clearly time to be cooperative."

"Except for hassle of demanding ransoms, the gang was very courteous....Actually, I got to talk to the gang a good bit about how to set up clean water projects in the areas they controlled...I suggested that they could save the lives of thousands of the children of their own people dying in Cite Soleil with clean water, and I suggested that this would be pretty good PR for their gang."

After holding Adams and his driver captive overnight (the driver managed to escape in the early morning hours), the kidnappers told Adams he was free to go — even though they had not collected a ransom. They escorted him back to his rental car and guarded him until he reached a safe area for him to drive away alone. Bewildered, Adams then spent the afternoon with UN police, who were equally surprised that he was freed without a ransom being paid.

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Lee is choice for 2008-09 RI president



11 September 2006

Dong Kurn Lee, a Rotary Foundation trustee and a member of the Rotary Club of Seoul Hangang, Seoul, Korea, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2008-09. He will become the president-nominee on

1 December if there are no challenging candidates.

Lee is chair of the Bubang Co. Ltd. and Bubang Techron Co. Ltd. manufacturing companies in Seoul and formerly served as a trustee of the Bank of Seoul. In 2005, he was appointed an international goodwill ambassador by the president of Korea.

Lee has also served as honorary consul to the Italian consulate in Korea since 1994 and was awarded the Order of Industrial Merit by the Korean government. He and his wife, Young Ja, have two sons and two daughters.

A Rotarian since 1971, Lee has served RI as a director, treasurer, district governor, training leader, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, and membership task force coordinator in Asia. He began his tenure on the Foundation's Board of Trustees in 2003-04 and is a recipient of the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service.

The nominating committee members are Samuel L. Greene (chair), USA; John F. Germ (secretary), USA; Robert O. Brickman, USA; Lynmar Brock Jr., USA; Peter Bundgaard, Denmark; John J. Eberhard, Canada; Neville F. Hackett, England; Peter Krön, Austria; Umberto Laffi, Italy; Yoshikasu Minamisono, Japan; Samuel A. Okudzeto, Ghana; Luiz Coelho de Oliveira, Brazil; John Michael Pinson, USA; J. David Roper, USA; M.K. Panduranga Setty, India; Sakuji Tanaka, Japan; and John G. Thorne, Australia.

Small Computer Classes-Thailand

The Rotary Club of Pattaya, District 3340 Thailand, recognizes the need for Thai children to be able to move into the IT age. Many small schools do not have a budget to purchase computers and establish computer classes. We feel that establishing small computer classes with 12 computers, a printer, other hardware and educational software will make a big difference in the lives of young Thai students especially from rural areas.

We ask individuals, clubs or districts to help us change the quality of life for these children by donating funds for one or more projects. A Matching Grant project for one or more Small Computer Classes might also be an option.

For further information or a pledge to support this project, please contact our club president Niels Colov on email: president@rotary-pattaya.com



FROM THE DESK OF GOV. ANNE

WOW! What a busy month this has been. Only 14 more official visits left. All the clubs have a unique personality and way of doing things. The clubs make me proud to be the District Governor.

Thanks for the warm welcome you gave me at the official visits. Thanks also for welcoming my helpers at times, AG's, Harry, and Ed Brown.

We have a busy year started and all the District and club leaders are working to "Lead The Way". Looks like a successful year is on track.

Gift of Life Tournament was a great success with 100 golfers, 20 bocce players and PDG Blair and DG Anne serving hot dogs and hamburgers at the turnaround. Many other Rotarians worked to make this event successful.

Karen LaVine the Membership Chair and her team did a great job September 12, with the New Member Orientation there were about 20 in attendance. Thanks Karen.

Congratulations to Glens Falls Clubs for the first ever LEAD THE WAY Award presented at the Eastern Cities Dinner on September 11, 2006 by RI President William (Bill) Boyd for their Pure Water For The World Project. Runners up were 16 other clubs including Glenville and Schenectady East from our District.

As you are Leading The Way remember "Nothing Ventured Nothing Gained". Example above clubs using resources for a project and a report.

Your District Governor, Anne

Need a Program?

The New York State School Boards Association has launched a grassroots public education campaign to let New Yorkers know the good things the state's schools are doing and increase the awareness of the role local school boards play in public education.

Our school board ambassadors have been chosen for their commitment to public education, wide knowledge of education issues, recognized leadership abilities, and presentation skills.

If your organization is interested in having one of our ambassadors as a speaker please contact: Brian M. Butry, Communications Coordinator: (518) 783-3723 or (800) 342-3360.

Why Rotary needs it and how to get it

By Vanessa N. Glavinskas

The Rotarian

Go to Rotary clubs, and I look at photos, and I think, How did it happen that we don't look like the young businesspeople in Paul Harris' first club?" says Rosemary Barker Aragon, regional Rotary International membership coordinator for Zone 23 (USA).

A recent study shows that most Rotarians are between the ages of 50 and 59. Rotarians under 40 make up only 11 percent of overall membership.

"If we don't get enough young people into Rotary, then Rotary will die," RI President Bill Boyd told the newest regional Rotary International membership coordinators (RRIMCs) at their training seminar in March. "We take young people and give them that Rotaract experience and then tell them, Go away — come back in 10 years."

Youth program alumni rarely make the transition into Rotary, a pattern that many consider a missed opportunity. After all, participants in Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary Youth Exchange, and Group Study Exchange are selected because they represent the best of the best in their age group. Many are sponsored by Rotarians or The Rotary Foundation to travel abroad, where they learn about the organization and develop exceptional leadership skills. About 84 percent of current RI and Foundation educational program participants say they would like to join Rotary someday. Still, most of them are not invited to join.

"There are many clubs [in England] who say, 'Why would they want to join us? We are not working, we're older and set in our ways,' rather than trying to make their club attractive to younger people," says RRIMC John Hockin, of the Rotary Club of Woodhall Spa, England. And some Rotarians in Europe and Japan believe that young people don't have enough professional experience to be Rotarians.

"There are clubs that say at age 25, you can't be at the top," says Argentine RRIMC Modesta Genesio de Stabio, who hails from a region with a relatively high proportion of young Rotarians. "But you have to know who are the young leaders in your community and invite them into Rotary."

In 2001, the Rotary Club of Birigui, Brazil, did just that. After having little success recruiting younger people, the club's members decided to establish a new club and looked to young community leaders to become its charter members.

Mauricio Barbeiro, a 28-year-old systems analyst, was courted because of his demonstrated leadership in Interact. "Today, we work in partnership with our founding club," says Barbeiro of the new Birigui-Cidade Pérola club. "We can reach other levels in society by promoting something in places older people don't go,

like a dance club, for example. People in my city don't relate Rotary to old people. They relate Rotary to service."

In other parts of the world, young professionals are actually reshaping the business landscape, which gives current Rotarians another incentive to recruit them. "In India, more and more youth are getting into business," says Ramachandran Ganapathi, a member of the RI Membership Development and Retention Committee and the Rotary Club of Madras-T. Nagar, India. He notes that this trend, combined with the country's rapid economic growth, means tomorrow's leaders will be younger than ever before. "As the IT [information technology] sector booms, we try to make Rotary attractive to its leaders."

Sam F. Owori, of the Rotary Club of Kampala, Uganda, says clubs in his district use Rotaract as a recruiting tool. "Many Rotaractors know more about Rotary than the Rotarians," Owori says. Rotaractors around age 30 begin visiting Rotary clubs in their area to determine which one they would feel most comfortable joining. "They join [Rotaract] with their sights set on becoming Rotarians," he says.

Although recruiting younger members is crucial to ensuring a strong future for Rotary, many RRIMCs point out that seasoned members are still the backbone of the organization. They bring both knowledge and resources to their clubs, and older members, especially retirees, often have more time than younger members to devote to service projects, not to mention a wealth of business savvy to pass on.

Because demographics and cultural norms vary by region, there's no single best way to attract younger members. But if you're concerned about the future of Rotary in your area, take a look at your local business community and compare it with your club. Do they reflect the same picture? If not, raise the issue with club leadership for discussion. Your club might consider supporting one of Rotary's youth programs or keeping better tabs on youth program alumni for future recruitment. Also, stay aware of volunteer trends, and keep an eye on other organizations in your region. Is there a young professionals group that potential Rotarians flock to over your club? Finally, try to picture your club 10 years from now. Who will be in charge? Will the club still be a pillar in your community? Get everyone involved in keeping your club relevant. After all, the next 100 years are up to you.

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CONNECTIONS ARE THE LIFEBLOOD OF ROTARY

Rotary International, headquarters in Evanston, IL, has reported the completion of the Matching Grant Project #5140 to help provide medical equipment for the OPD (Out Patient Dept) clinic in New Ballygunge, India. The final report has been submitted to Rotary International and it has informed host cosponsor, Madhumita Bishnu of Ballygunge Rotary Club in India and International cosponsor, Charles D. Lindholm of the Glenville Rotary Club of Glenville, NY, USA, that the Foundation has closed its file on this project.. The two Rotary Clubs, the two Rotary Districts and a Matching Grant from the Rotary Foundation contributed \$5,060. A total of US \$7,742 funds was expended for this project.

How does a Rotarian establish a Matching Grant and how does one make contacts in other parts of the world? It most frequently occurs while attending the Rotary International Conventions. At these meetings Rotarians have an excellent opportunity to meet some of the most interesting people. Some of these contacts result in international projects where both partners become co-workers. Many times these contacts develop into long-term friendship, which often last a lifetime.

One of these relationships, which I experienced, began with our first conversation in a bus transporting Rotarians from their from hotels to the convention center in downtown Brisbane. Our hotel was located in the outer limits of the city. Riding the bus for an hour each morning gave us the time to talk. She is a young Indian woman who has attended at least ten RI conventions. I was attending my first one.

After we got to know each other, we discussed the possibility of setting up a relationship between her Rotary Club and mine. This resulted in a request to cosponsor a Rotary Matching Grant to make possible the establishment of a surgical unit in a local village. This became my second experience with a Matching Grant project.

I considered it a great opportunity to work with a Rotary club from India on an important project, which could help hundreds of poor people in India with medical service in their area. Most were so poor that they had no way to get into the Calcutta to be cared for. Medical concerns could be put off for months or years and often is too late. With a surgical unit in their area, local people need only walk a short distance for medical care. The surgical unit is now available to patients who may require surgery right away.

Thanks to all who contributed, the two Rotary Clubs, both Districts and the Rotary International Foundation to complete this project. These donations will provide medical care for thousands of poor people for years to come.

Charles D. Lindholm
Glenville, 9/11/06



RI Convention Hotel Choices

Rotary International, in conjunction with the Salt Lake City Convention and Visitors Bureau (SLCVB), has reserved a block of rooms for Rotarian use during the Salt Lake City convention. All reservation requests will be handled by the SLCVB. Save time, book online at www.visitsaltlake.com/r/rotary. Reservations are fulfilled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Due to very restrictive deposits and payments, District 7190 is not participating in Group Housing but we are suggesting reservations at three hotels very close to the Salt Palace where the convention will be held. Shuttles will run throughout the downtown, although many of the hotels are within easy walking distance.

These hotels are Courtyard by Marriott, Downtown (#8 on the Map Key), Hampton Inn, Downtown (#17 on the Map Key) and the Sheraton City Center Hotel (#39 on the Map Key). They are close to each other, are a good value and will allow for fellowship and fun for the district.

Stay tuned for airline information and other special district activities at the Convention, June 17- 20, 2007.

Seventh Best Reason to attend the International Convention: House of Friendship!!

Enjoy international fellowship while sampling local cuisine, browse area wares and enjoy regional entertainment, arts and culture. You will meet the most interesting people.

Sixth Best Reason to attend the International Convention: Host Organization Committee (HOC) Events !!

Each year the HOC arranges various events to showcase the host city. While in Salt Lake City, plan to attend a rodeo, enjoy a performance by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir or experience a taste of the Old West at the Rendezvous in the Park event.



2006 U.N. Day



This year I have the honor of serving as an Alternate Representative from Rotary International to the United Nations. Our work in the war on polio has been made possible through cooperation and support of agencies of the UN. There are many more challenges in the areas of health, hunger and literacy where cooperation with the UN will be extremely beneficial.

Below is the notice of our annual UN Day in New York. Last year was a great success and we received numerous positive comments. We want this year to be even better. I have also attached registration forms for the event. Please note that young people attending should be high school age.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance or answer any questions. If you would like a speaker please let me know and I will make arrangements.

Jim Spencer

This year Rotary International UN Day will be held on Saturday, 4 November 2006. Registration will begin at 8:30am and the program will begin at 9:30am and last until 4:30pm. The registration fee is \$30 for adults and \$15 "Young Rotarians", (High School age only).

We have again designed a special program for "Young Rotarians" of high school age:

- 9:30 – 11:30am "Young Rotarians" program.
- 11:30am – 1:00pm UN Tours (advance payment required)

This unique opportunity will offer a visit to the United Nations Headquarters in New York City and participation in panel discussions featuring leaders and officials from the United Nations, United Nations affiliated Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) and Rotary International. UN Tours will also be available on UN Day. The fee is \$12 for adults and \$8 for youth. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

A brown bag lunch (sandwich, beverage, fruit, and desert) will be included in the Registration fee. Lunch will be served in the main United Nations Cafeteria overlooking The East River. Gifts are available in several Gift Shops. Public parking is nearby.

Please help spread the word. This is a great opportunity for Rotary Clubs, Interact Clubs and youth groups. Please e-mail me for registration forms at poppop@midtel.net.



CLUB NEWS

ALBANY

Terry Tyson (left), Board member of the Albany Rotary Foundation accepts a thank you plaque from Christine Dixon, Corporate Support Manager, Girl's Inc., presented at a recent meeting in



acknowledgement and appreciation of Albany Rotary Foundation's grant of \$2000 that was utilized to help upgrade computer equipment and software in the computer labs. Girls, Inc. offers various computer literacy programs that teach Microsoft Word, Power Point, Publisher and more."

COBLESKILL

As do many other clubs in the district, the Cobleskill Club recently held a fall fund-raising social. The proceeds benefitted the Creekway Project, a hiking, biking, and recreational pathway between the villages of Cobleskill and Richmondville when completed.



The State of Polio Eradication

In 2005, the world moved several critical milestones closer to polio eradication, including the successful introduction of the monovalent oral polio vaccines, visible progress in the hardest endemic areas and an end to west and central Africa's epidemic (outside Nigeria).

Only 4 countries are still polio-endemic – an all time low: Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

In addition to the endemic countries, ten countries have reported polio cases in 2006 due to importation (Somalia, Yemen, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Angola, Namibia, Niger, Nepal and DR Congo).

The strategies and tools to eradicate polio are known. Challenges to stopping polio transmission can be met.

The remaining challenges to a polio free world are:

- Strengthening political commitment at national, state and district level.
- Curbing the intense transmission in the high priority states in northern Nigeria and western Uttar Pradesh, India.
- Sustaining campaigns to break the final polio chains in the other two endemic countries.
- Rapidly stopping polio outbreaks in previously polio free countries.
- Addressing low routine immunization rates and surveillance gaps in polio free areas.
- Maintaining funding commitment.

Polio eradication will only succeed if the necessary funds are made available, and with strong political commitment in affected countries. More than 10 million children will be paralyzed in the next 40 years if the world fails to capitalize US\$4 billion global investment in eradication. (The above was taken from the September 13, 2006 update of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative website).

The active participation of every Rotarian will be necessary to achieve global polio eradication. You can help by making a contribution to PolioPlus Partners or by contributing funds to purchase an item or items on one of the PolioPlus Partners Projects.

If you would like to receive a copy of the PolioPlus Partners Open Project List on a monthly basis, please send your e-mail address to polioplus@rotary.org or fax your name and address to 847-866-0269. Contact Olive Scott at opscott@nycap.rr.com or 518-234-4586 for additional information on how you can help stamp out this crippling disease.



The individuals in the photograph by Gina Marozzi are: Charles Lindholm (Glenville), Kay Meade (Scotia), Peg & Al Moser (S-G Lions), Mike McLaughlin (Scotia), Steve Trudell (S-G Lions), Margaret Phillips (Burnt Hills Rotary), Wayne Andrews and Don Shattuck (both from Scotia Rotary). Not in the picture were approximately 12 other volunteers from the day

First Responders Appreciation Day

By John Eaton

Past President, Rotary Club of Scotia, NY

On Sunday, September 10, 2006, Scotia Rotary linked with Burnt Hills Rotary, Glenville Rotary, Scotia-Glenville Kiwanis and Scotia-Glenville Lions, a high school National Honor Society, several area churches, businesses and individuals to lead a community thank you to the First Responders (Fire fighters, Police and Emergency personnel) that serve the Village of Scotia, the Town of Glenville and the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake area.

This was the first joint service project among the five service clubs which provided contributions and 21 volunteers to serve those that serve. The thank you came in the form of a chicken barbeque dinner served by the five service clubs and included live music by the band "Jimmy and the Pop Tops" featuring 50's and 60's music.

This was the second First Responders Appreciation Day, and it will be an annual event on the second Sunday of every September. Dinner was served to the First Responders who spend a tremendous amount of time training to serve others. In addition to the long hours of training, many risk their lives and sometimes give their lives to serve, save and protect others. First Responders live the Rotary Motto of "Service Above Self."

Dinner was served to approximately 130 First Responders and their families.

The money to sponsor the families was raised by the five local service clubs, area businesses and individuals. All proceeds beyond expenses will be donated to support the First Responders in their efforts.

All of the First Responders and their families conveyed their thanks to the Community and the Service Clubs for their appreciation, their encouragement and their support demonstrated by this united community effort on their behalf.

INTERACT CORNER

The Interact program is so dynamic right now it is difficult to forward anything publishable because it will change this week say nothing about before the next TOOLBOX. But on Harriet Noble's suggestion here is what we know at this point:

AMSTERDAM H S INTERACT, newly chartered, is sponsored by the Amsterdam Rotary. Guidance Counselor Ralph Iorio is their adviser. BALLSTON SPA H S has an Interact sponsored by Ballston Spa Rotary. BURNT HILLS BALLSTON LAKE H S INTERACT is sponsored by the Burnt Hills Ballston Lake Rotary and Guidance Counselor Cheryl Bach is their adviser.

COLUMBIA H S INTERACT is sponsored by Southern Rensselaer Rotary and John Sawchuk is their adviser.

FORT ANN H S INTERACT is sponsored by Fort Ann. This is a strong, well established program, but has not received a charter as yet.

LAKE GEORGE H S INTERACT is a new club sponsored by Lake George Rotary. They have two advisers at the High School: Janis Simmes and Carmen Ross.

MIDDLEBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL INTERACT is a well established club sponsored by Middleburgh Rotary. Contacts are Art Wargo and Sue Andrew.

NORTH WARREN CENTRAL SCHOOL INTERACT is a chartered club sponsored by the Chestertown Rotary.

SOUTHERN SARATOGA INTERACT is sponsored by the Shenendehowa and Twin Bridges Rotary. Advisers for this community based club include Christine Berry, Ed Brown, Carol North and Eric Hamilton

SCHENECTADY HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT is sponsored by the Schenectady Rotary is a well established chartered club.

TROY HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT is a new club sponsored by the Troy Rotary and is currently seeking it's charter. Guidance Counselor Rocky Payne is their adviser.

Keep your eye on rising possibilities including Northville, Glens Falls, and another community based club in the Schenectady area. Is there an Interact in your Rotary Club's future? Please let us know what is planned.

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Governor Anne pins her grandson at the recent Interact Induction Ceremony at Shenendehowa.

Shenendehowa Interact

Please let me know when your Interact club will be inducting groups of new members. If at all possible we will work with Governor Anne Cargile to make arrangements for her to be there for the special day! She is very enthusiastic about Interact and the promise that the program offers. When ever your club inducts new members make it a special event by inviting the new member's family and provide some light refreshments even if only cider and doughnuts.

Shenendehowa Interact has grown by seven new members who were sworn in under a huge YMCA tent on a cool evening recently. After the ceremony the Interact Club President Olivia Gliserman presented Governor Cargile with a check for \$300 for two water filters for the Pure Waters for the World project. Pictures are by Ed Brown.

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Southern Saratoga Interact

had a very successful road clean up on September 9. After completing the mile and a half segment of Riverview Road (from VanVranken Road into the Hamlet of Vischer Ferry) they relax by the Town provided sign. Left to right standing are Andrew Bissett, Olivia Gliserman, Kathyne Bissett, Andrew Leach, Anthony Fusco, and seated are Ben Schnakenberg, Pierson Meierdiercks and Matthew Bissett. Lorenzo Hernandez also helped but had to leave before the camera came out. Also thanks to PDG Perry Berkowitz from District 7170 who helped with logistics.

The segment of the Clifton Park Highway system is a part of the Mohawk Towpath Scenic Byway, one of 126 America's Byways(R). This is the first service project by the club in the new Rotary year.



Group Study Exchange (GSE) Urgently Needs Your Help

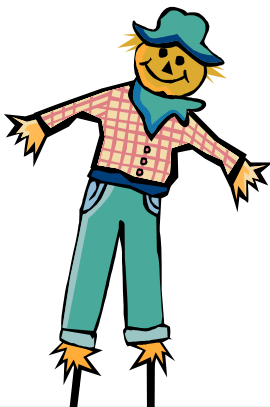
The application deadline for formation of the GSE Team to visit Brazil in May/June 2007 has been extended until the end of October because we only have one applicant for a team of four! We are asking every Rotarian in the district to seek out candidates to participate in this incredibly enriching experience. All of the details of the program and qualifications of candidates are included in the text below. If you know of anyone who may be interested please contact Garry Morrow at (518) 399-8213 or by e-mail at cmorrow@nycap.rr.com.

What is Group Study Exchange?

Rotary Group Study Exchange is a program funded by Rotary International to provide young professionals an opportunity to immerse themselves in another culture and to see how their profession is practiced in that culture. The exchange is organized between two Rotary districts in different Countries. Each district sends a team of four young professionals and a Rotary leader for a month long stay in the host district. The goal is to provide an opportunity for professional development through International experience and to promote International understanding and cooperation leading to a better world in which to live and work.

Where will our GSE team travel in the 2006 – 2007 Program Year?

New York's Capital Region District 7190 will send its GSE Team to District 4600 in Brazil. District 4600 includes parts of the States of Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. At this time we expect the team from District 4600 to be with us from mid April to mid May of 2007 and for our team to be in Brazil from mid May to Early June. We hope that the teams will have an opportunity to meet in each country at the host's district conference. The visits are typically organized into four one week segments in different locales within the host district with all transportation, lodging and meals provided by the host.



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Who is eligible to apply?

Candidates for team membership must be non-Rotarians, not directly related to a Rotarian, between the ages of 25 and 40 and a citizen of the USA living or working in Rotary district 7190. The candidate must have been actively employed in his or her profession for at least two years. Ability to speak (or learn to speak) Brazilian Portuguese is also a requirement. Some language training will be provided by Rotary after team selection is complete.

How does the selection process work?

Applications will be received until 31 October 2006. Each applicant will then be interviewed by a selection committee comprised of the District Governor, the Past District Governor, the District Governor Elect and members of the GSE Committee, many of whom have led GSE teams before. Four primary team members and one or more alternate team members will be selected by the committee based on these interviews.

What are the arrangements in Brazil?

Rotary international will provide airline tickets for Round trip travel between Albany, NY and the reception point designated by the host. The Team will be received by the host district and rest for one day in a local hotel arranged by the host. The team will then embark on four weeks of visitations throughout the district, living in the homes of Rotarian host families and enjoying a myriad of cultural experiences. Typically the host will arrange for five days of appointments specific to the individual team member's profession. The team will be expected to make formal presentations about themselves and our region to Rotary meetings and at the host's District Conference.

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