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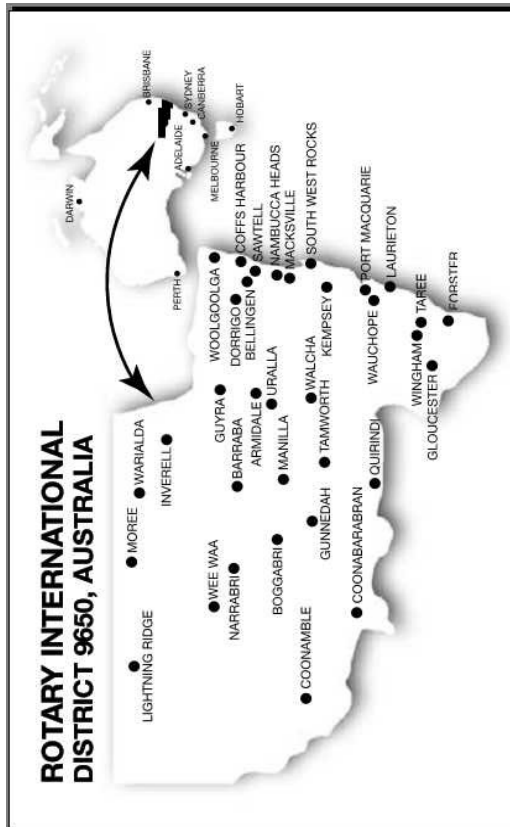
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Group Study Exchange

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GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (GSE) 2017-2018 - P.E.T.S BROCHURE

Our District Governor for 2017-2018, Bob Ryan, has negotiated a Group Study Exchange (GSE) between our District (D9650) and District 9211 which includes Uganda and Tanzania. The GSE Chair in District 9211 has indicated that our team will visit only Uganda. The dates of the exchange have not been finalised but will enable the District 9211 team to attend and make a presentation at our District Conference in March 2018; while our team will make a presentation at the District 9211 Conference in May 2018. This will be the third GSE program (from this District) which has not been associated with The Rotary Foundation.

Purpose

The GSE program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for business and professional men and women ages 25 to 40 years, who are in the early years of their professional lives.

The program provides for professional study groups of four (4) non-Rotarian team members and one (1) Rotarian Team Leader to travel for four weeks, staying in the homes of Rotarians when possible. Team members can all have differing occupations. Additionally, GSE offers Rotarians the opportunity to participate as a team leader in sending, receiving and sharing educational experiences of study teams that

It offers vocational visits to observe vocations as practiced in another country as well as impacting on team members' long term careers through exchange of ideas, cultural experiences (people, languages, diversity and institutions), fellowship opportunities and Rotarian involvement for International Service through provision of different vocational perspectives for their team.

Where

District 9211 is comprised of the whole of the Republic of Uganda (Uganda) and the southern adjacent country of the United Republic of Tanzania (Tanzania). The District had 123 Clubs (87 in Uganda and 36 in Tanzania) and 3,380 members at the beginning of 2016-2017.

Team

The Team Leader will be an active Rotarian, while the four Team Members should fit the following criteria:

- Aged between 25 & 40 years at the time of application (Males and females);
- **NOT** a current Rotarian nor a current Rotarian's spouse;
- **CAN** be the child or a grandchild of a Rotarian (**NOTE: this change since 2013-2014**);
- **MUST** be employed for two (2) years (approximately) in any recognised business or profession (fulltime preferred);
- **MUST** work and live in District 9650 and be an Australian citizen.

Selection Process

Selections will incorporate a separate process for Team Leader role and the Team Member roles. It is anticipated that the selections will occur in September 2017 for Team Leader (actual dates to be advised) and the initial Team Members in late October or early November with final selections later in November. Details and syllabus for the selection process will be advised to all clubs and also placed on the District Website shortly.

Cost

The Rotary Foundation no longer supports this program, so the cost has to be picked up by the applicant and their nominating club. Depending on airfares and other essentials both the team leader and team members will be required to pay AUD\$2,000 approximately (toward airfare) and the relevant club say AUD\$400 approximately for the team blazer and the balance of the economy airfares as advised. This does not include out of pocket expenses payable by members.

Action

1. Ensure that your club international Director is aware the GSE is back and note particularly the change to the Team Member Criteria;
2. Application forms and further details will shortly be uploaded to the District Website;
3. Start looking for suitable applicants; and
4. Rotarians, this is a once in a life time experience. Consider applying for the team Leader position.