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GSE TEAM SELECTED FOR EXCHANGE WITH DISTRICT 3020 IN SOUTHEAST INDIA?

The GSE Team Leader and four team members have been selected for the all expense paid trip to Southeast India in January/February 2012. Rotarian Gary Bruce from St. Joseph/Benton Harbor Rotary, will lead the team. Gary is a Circuit Court Judge, and colleague of last year's team leader Charlie LaSata.



Team members are: Kristin Horstman, Julie Nowakowsik (both sponsored by Kalamazoo Rotary), Suzanne McCloskey (Jackson Breakfast Rotary), and Jennifer Potts (Delta Waverly Rotary). The Team Alternate is Jedidiah Wild (Oshtemo Rotary).

The career paths of the team are diverse. Kristin is a Program Director for the Deacon's Conference, serving those in need in the Kalamazoo. Julie is a Customer Service Supervisor for Cost Plus World Market in Portage. Suzanne works for Consumers Energy in Corporate communications, Strategic Planning, and Graphic Design. Jennifer works in Family Study Research for the University of Michigan, working with families on assessing past and present psychological and physical health. Team Alternate Jed Wild is an EMT and Fireman for Oshtemo Township.

The 2011 GSE committee included DG Paul McNamara, IPDG Don Frohm, PDG Kathleen Tosco (District Rotary Foundation Chair), DGN Mark Henne, District GSE Co-chairs Mark Barnes (Outbound) and Amy Remmart (Inbounds), and Barb Walters (former GSE Team Leader). GSE Chair Bob Small is in his last year in this position.

The GSE exchange will be with District 3020 on the Bay of Bengal. Our Southwest Michigan GSE team will spend four weeks in Southeast India from January 8 to February 6, 2012.



Rotary International has created this international exchange program for professionals to study the host country's institutions and ways of life, and offers them a chance to work with their colleagues and witness how their professions are practiced in other countries. They will develop new personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

Bob Small is District 6360's GSE Chair. He led a team to the Philippines in 2008. "These exchanges are life-changing opportunities. It was great watching my team grow in confidence and awareness as they engaged with their professional peers. The cultural opportunities gave everyone a stronger sense of what it means to be an American in our global community - and the chance to actually live and become a part of host families opened the door for real cultural understanding."



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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, government, and most importantly its people. The program is designed to have an invaluable impact on the career of a young professional in the increasingly global workplace by creating networking opportunities and lifelong friendships.



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