

GSE Opportunity For Cultural and Vocational Visit to Western India.

Rotary International District 6250 and the Rotary International Foundation are pleased to announce that they are jointly sponsoring a Group Study Exchange with District 3131, which is in the state of Maharashtra, on the west coast of India. The Arabian Sea surrounds the entire western coast of the state. Mumbai (formerly "Bombay") is the capital city of the state, also, both the financial and the cinematic center of the country. The co-sponsors will cover the costs for a Rotarian team leader and four non-Rotarian team members. The team members must be between the ages of 25 and 40 at the date of application. Applicants must live or work in Rotary District 6250, employed full-time, and not a Rotarian or a member of the immediate family of a Rotarian. Team members are sponsored by Rotary clubs in our district, so for this program to continue to be successful, our member clubs need to identify outgoing, adventurous young business or professional people who would like to participate in this unique travel experience. While the Rotarian team leader is not required to be within the age limitations imposed upon the team members, the team leader must be prepared to actively participate in a demanding four weeks of travel, while acting as a liaison between the team and the host Rotary district.

The district GSE committee would like to have applications for team leader submitted no later than **JULY 15** and team member applications submitted no later than **JULY 30**. Interviews for the team leader will be conducted in Eau Claire on Sunday, July 27 and team member interviews will be conducted in an early weekend in August.

The team will travel to District 3131 from January 8, 2009 until February 9, 2009. This Rotary Foundation program is both a cultural and vocational exchange. Team members should expect to stay with Rotarian host families during their stay and to participate in at least five vocational days during the four weeks of the exchange.

We also are looking for clubs wishing to host our visiting team from India. Host clubs should plan to have at least one relevant, in-depth vocational visit for each member of the visiting team. Team visits usually last from 4 to 6 days and require, in addition to vocational activities, host families for visiting team (team leader and four team members), at least one-half day of free time for each three days of their visit, and transportation arrangements both during their visit and between host cities.

For more information about Group Study Exchange and applications, review the www.rotary.org website for Group Study Exchange
<http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/gse/index.html>

For more information on Rotary District 6250, review the district website at: <http://www.rotary6250.org/>, or contact the district GSE chairman, Robert Stroud (rstroud@stroudlaw.com, or phone 608 257-2281).

Travel dates are:

Wisconsin District 6250 team travels to India District 3131 on January 8, and returns to Wisconsin on February 9, 2009

India District 3131 team travels to Wisconsin District 6250 on April 18 and returns to India on May 17, 2009

APPLICATIONS FOR TEAM LEADERS ARE [DUE July 15, 2008.](#)

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Questions about or applications for this exchange should be forwarded to:

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