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GSE: The opportunity of a lifetime

Established in your career? Proud of South Carolina? Ready to see more of the world? Rotary International is seeking four bright, young professionals to join a team representing South Carolina in a five-week, all-expenses-paid trip to Brazil.

Called the "Group Study Exchange" program, it's an opportunity of a lifetime. Rotary District 7750, which covers most of western South Carolina, is the trip's sponsor and has sent teams to Hong Kong and Australia in recent years. The coming year's trip to Sao Paulo, Brazil, lasts from May 8 to June 12, 2004. Any U.S. citizen aged 25 to 40 who is currently employed full-time in a profession may apply. Rotary will take applications through September 20 and contact prospects for an interview.

The program aims to help young people develop professional skills so they can better address the needs of their communities in an increasingly global workplace. Team members will stay in the homes of Brazilian Rotarians, visit their businesses and taste their food. Team members will be traveling with a team leader who is a member of Rotary.

Applicants cannot be a Rotarian or be related to one. Prospective team members also would need to get permission from their employer to be away from work for the trip.

The deadline for applications is September 20. Team members will participate in several orientation meetings and attend the annual District 7750 Conference from April 30 to May 2 in Charleston.

For more information, contact: GSE Committee Chair Kenneth Tucker, (864) 433-1134 (Greenville/Spartanburg/Rock Hill area applicants).

Salute to Education

The Rotary Club of Greenville will observe its annual Salute to Education on September 9, recognizing Greenville County's Teacher of the Year, along with runners-up. Last year's winner, Christina Hunter, from Sara Collins Elementary School, gave her own salute to our club, saying, "Your commitment to education shines through the many things you do for us."

Work underway to boost membership

The Membership Development Committee is working to increase our membership from 375 to 400. Given our attrition rate, we will need about 80 new members to meet our goal.

Top New Member Recruiters will be recognized quarterly. The Rotarian recruiting the most new members in a quarter will be honored by a \$100 donation to the Rotary Foundation, applied to his or her Paul Harris Fellow account. Second place receives \$50, and third place receives \$25.

Recognizing that Rotary is an International organization, we need to broaden the cultures, backgrounds and vocations of our members, including a greater variety of ethnic, cultural and national backgrounds — and looking beyond the businesses and industries already represented in our Club.

Collin Mackie, Jim Stewart and Gary Caldwell recommend that we pursue members from such areas as high-tech, information technology, advertising, manufacturing, international trade, automotive, arts, health care, graphic design, engineering and plastics. Recruiting efforts should focus on executives and upper-level managers who bring with them skills necessary for the future leadership of our Club.

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New members — getting in the game

By Terry Weaver, President

“**M**ore Rotarians, involved in more projects, serving more of the world.” This is our club’s theme for this year. The “more Rotarians” part means that we need to continue recruiting new members.

After they become members, we then need to do everything we can to get them acquainted, involved and active in Rotary Service. The result will be higher member retention rates and more members who get more of what they expect from their Rotary experience.

How will we do this? The New Members Committee, led by Chris Beard, has put together a comprehensive program to get members “in the game” during their all-important first year. We’ll be expecting new members to:

- Maintain attendance (including makeups) of at least 75 percent
- Attend at least two Health and Happiness Hours
- Attend at least four New Member Luncheons
- Serve as a Greeter at one meeting
- Work on a Service project (4 hours)

The object of this program is to give our new members every opportunity to become acquainted, active and effective in the work of our club. As you see new members at Rotary events, be sure to let them know we’re glad to see them and take a moment to recommend your favorite Rotary project or events. They’ll likely enjoy them as well.

Mark your calendars ...

Volunteers are needed for **Holiday Lights**, which opens November 27 for 33 nights through December 30. Rotarians interested in serving as gate captains should contact Manoj Jain. Work dates this month are September 13, 20, and 27 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Two big workdays are scheduled October 4 and 18, with displays set up between 8:30 and 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Workdays also are scheduled on October 11 and 25 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Final preparations will be made November 1, 8, 15 and 22 — each work schedule running from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The annual **Rotary fellowship outing** is scheduled for October 14 at Furman University.

... and check your checkbook

A surprising number of Rotarians have not yet paid their club dues, according to President Terry Weaver. Make sure that you are a “paid up” member of the Greenville Rotary Club.

Missing Persons Report

The following members missed the meeting of August 26 **without a makeup reported by press time**:

Glen Adkins, John Bearden, Jim Blakely, Michael Bostick, Doug Bowling, Jimmy Brehm, Bland Burkhardt, Royce Carter, Heyward Clarkson, Mark Clary, Penny Cooper, Kelle Corvin, Lee Cox, Kara Dullea, Marcia Duncan, Cynthia Eason, Mark Eley, Jason Elliott, Bob Ellis, Chip Felkel, Jimmy Forbes, Gally Gallivan, Bill Genovese, Frank Gibbes, Fred Gilmer Jr., Fred Gilmer III, Gil Gilreath, Andy Goldsmith, Paul Goldsmith, Jerry Gore, David Guthrie, Robert Hampton, Tom Harvey, Matt Hawley, Ted Hendry, John Hopkins, Al Hotz, Jody Howard, Bob Hughes, Stan Ingram, Bill Jackson, Mike Jaskwhich, Sam Konduros, Frank Landgraff, Bud Lawton, Lee Lewis, Lillie Lewis, Julie Lisenby, Dean Livingston, Barry Lynch, Rip Major, Sara Mansbach, Ron McKinney, Alex McNair, Mel Miles, Bill Misiaveg, Tony Moncini, Ray Orvin, Sudhir Patel, Walt Phillips, J.J. Puryear, Richard Rabb, Joe Ramseur, Vardry Ramseur, John Redmond, Louis Redmond, John Reynolds, Chris Rogers, Jeffrey Rogers, Richard Rowell, David Shi, Phillip Shoopman, Kevin Short, Wade Shugart, Scot Singletary, Cara Sisson, Hank Sitton, Joyce Smart, Laura Smart, David Smith, Candace Sommer, Jane Sosebee, Jim Stewart, Trey Suggs, David Taylor, Mark Taylor, Suzanne Thaler, Jane Thomas, Fay Towell, Don Vaughan, Geoff Wasserman, Bubba Watts, Chuck Welch, Carla Whitlock, Bill Whitney, Charles Williams, Gayland Witherspoon, John Wofford, Dan Wood, Kelly Wood, Ann Wright, Richard Young.

**The next Health and Happiness Hour is set for
September 15, 5:30-7 p.m., Rene's Fishmarket**