



ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE D9350



Afternoon Presidents

We are planning some interesting Rotary Friendship Exchanges (RFE) for 2010 and I need your assistance to circulate and promote this exciting program please.

But first, some information about RFE:

What is a “Friendship Exchange”

The Rotary Friendship Exchange program gives Rotarians and their families the opportunity to experience other cultures firsthand, by participating in reciprocal visits with Rotarians from other countries and their families. Introduced in 1984, this program aims to advance international understanding among Rotarians. It provides Rotarians with the opportunity to form personal contacts and make long-lasting friendships while exploring different areas of the world.

Exchange Participants

Only Rotarians and immediate family members (partner and children) are eligible for the visitor exchange. For the team exchange, only Rotarians and their partners are eligible. For either type of exchange, both districts should agree on the participants in advance. Groups are normally between 10 – 12 people in total.

Funding

Rotary Friendship Exchange is funded entirely by the program participants, and exchanges are carried out at no expense to Rotary International. Generally, guests are responsible for their travel expenses and personal spending (for example, souvenirs, snacks, toiletries, camera film, etc.), while hosts are expected to provide housing, meals, and sightseeing opportunities — the same courtesies that would be extended to a visiting friend.

2010 Program

We have been in discussions with two Districts from abroad to do exchanges during 2010:

[D9790 : Australia:](#)

[Group Size : 12](#)

[Inbound from D9790 to D9350: late September to November 2010](#)

[Outbound From D9350 to D9790: 10 – 23 March 2010 \(both dates inclusive\) – starting in Albury and concluding in Melbourne](#)

[D5960 : Otawonna \(Minnesota\) USA](#)

[Group Size : 8](#)

[Inbound from D5960 to D9350: late 18 November to 30 November 2010 : 12 days](#)

[They would like to visit 3 clubs, spending 4 days at each.](#)

[Outbound From D9350 to D5960: June/July 2010 \(during Soccer World Cup\) perhaps a good time to leave the madness of all the visitors.](#)

Required:

Clubs interested in hosting incoming Rotarians

Rotarians interested in doing the outgoing leg of the exchanges. We need to get going as the first group needs to leave in 5 months.

Interested parties should contact the following:

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