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Rotary clubs seek area professionals for goodwill exchange to Ethiopia and Kenya

Minneapolis, MN, June 2009 — Rotary club members of District 5950 are seeking four outstanding professionals to visit Ethiopia and Kenya in April 2-May 3, 2010 as part of the Group Study Exchange program of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. For four weeks, team members experience the way of life, customs, and vocational practices of another country, while sharing information about their home country.

The purpose of the Group Study Exchange program is to promote international understanding and goodwill through personal connections. While abroad, team members stay with local Rotarians and have the opportunity to meet their professional counterparts. They also give presentations to Rotary clubs and other groups about their home country. GSE is also an excellent opportunity for employers to expose leaders within the organization to a range of public and private sector activities in East Africa.

The Rotary Foundation pays for round-trip airfare, and Rotary club members in the host country provide meals, lodging, and group travel in their district. Team members pay for their own personal and incidental expenses. Professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are interested in applying should be employed full-time in a business or profession for at least two years. Applicants must live or be employed in Rotary District 5950 – district boundaries can be found on the website at: http://www.rotary5950.org/club_directory.asp.

Applications are available online at: <http://www.rotary5950.org/news.asp?docID=306>. Or contact Barbara Devlin by email: bdevlinMN@aol.com or by phone: 612-861-9600. Applications are due to any of the 60 Rotary Clubs in District 5950 by August 15, 2009.

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