



DISTRICT 5110 ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE FACT SHEET (Team Program)

- Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) program is one of several exchange programs supported or sanctioned by Rotary International. RFE is separate from all other Rotary exchange programs, such as Youth Exchange and Group Study Exchange.
- Rotary International general rules and procedures apply to all RFE activities. See DaCdb, under FILES tab, Friendship Exchange, Handbook. RFE (Team Program) is a district-to-district exchange of teams of Rotarian couples, or single Rotarians traveling with parent, sibling or adult child. D5110 generally exchanges a maximum of five couples or equivalent single Rotarian, not more than 6 beds.
- Lengths of visits are about two weeks to three weeks duration. Visiting team members are encouraged to extend their visits before or following the RFE.
- Agreements between districts to participate in RFE are usually made between two district governors, or RFE chairs, with approval of their respective district governors. D5110 has participated in a number of exchanges with districts in other countries.
- Under the RFE team program each participating district sends a visiting team to its partner district, and in turn receives a team from the partner district, usually within several months to a year.
- Visiting team members are chosen from interested Rotarians from across each district by the district RFE committee. The RFE committee determines the application and process of selecting visiting team participants.
- Exchange teams are hosted by a number of clubs across the host Rotary district. Three or four home-stays can be expected.
- Clubs within each host district arrange local programs that might include local sightseeing attractions, festivals, cultural events, inspections of noteworthy Rotary projects and a social program. Naturally a Rotary meeting is folded in when timing fits. During the exchange, a ½ day service project will be arranged.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE BETWEEN DISTRICTS

Outbound Team Size: Each exchange team consists of between 4 and 5 Rotary couples, and may include Rotary singles between the limits. (For example: no more than 6 beds)

Costs Responsibilities of Team Members: Generally visiting team members should be prepared to budget the following costs: (Each exchange will be unique however these are some general guidelines that can be used in budgeting.)

- Passport and Visa
- Small gift for each host

- Transportation. Costs of travel to and from the host district, and within the host district, unless provided by the host clubs or families, possibly between stops within the district. NOTE: It is usual for the host district to provide transportation within the district, however each exchange is unique and team members may be asked to pay part of this cost.
- Admissions. Costs of admission to parks, activities and events, unless hosted by the local club.
- Meals. Costs to be met outside the host family home unless hosted by the local club. o Accommodation. All costs outside host family stays.

Other Obligations of Team Members

- Team members are expected to participate in hosting and organizing host programs for the visiting RFE teams. This may not be just the team visit where they traveled.
- Team members are expected to help spread the word about RFE in their respective clubs, through programs at meetings, newsletter announcements, etc.
- Team members may be asked to do a short service project within the host district. Team members are asked to pay \$50 toward a service project cost.
- Each team member will pay \$150.- \$350 toward costs for hosting incoming teams.

Money will be given to a team treasurer to pay common costs of team members while they are traveling in the host district.

** It is important to note that customs and culture of visiting teams, how our team was hosted and the economics of the area visited will be considered in each exchange; keeping in mind that lasting friendships and experiencing the international aspect of Rotary are the primary goals of the exchange.