

**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: for an overview of RFE.
- RFE (Team Program) is a district-to-district exchange of teams of Rotarian couples, or single Rotarians. D5110 generally exchanges a maximum of six couples or equivalent single Rotarians.
- Lengths of visits are about two-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, usually by their respective district RFE committees. The RFE committees determine 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.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE BETWEEN DISTRICTS

Outbound Team Size:

Each exchange team consists of between 5 and 6 Rotary couples, and may include Rotary singles between the limits. (For example: 5 doubles and 2 singles).

Costs Responsibilities of Team Members:

Generally visiting team members should be prepared to bear the following costs:

- **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 ask 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.
- **Accommodation.** All costs outside host family stays.

Other Obligations of Team Members

- Team members are strongly encouraged to participate in hosting and organizing host programs for the visiting RFE team.
- 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 may be asked to pay \$100. Per couple toward a service project cost.
- Each team member will pay \$50. toward costs for hosting incoming teams. .