

Dear Club President,



Dan Linebarger is District 5730's Group Study Exchange team leader who, in February, will lead a team of young professionals on a four-week journey to District 3360 in northern Thailand.

Dan is an outstanding 17-year Rotarian, having served twice as president of the Rotary Club of Midland. He currently is serving as Assistant District Governor for Area 8. Dan was named Rotarian of the Year at the Rotary Club of Midland. He is a charter member of the Paul Harris Society.

What's more, Dan has prior GSE experience, having served as a member of the 1992 team that toured District 3710 in South Korea.

Time is critical as the district prepares for this latest GSE adventure. District 3360's conference will be in February, so we need to recruit team member applicants immediately. I want to direct you to the District 5730 Web site, which has a link marked "GSE." Within that link, you will find team member application forms.

We have set an Oct. 2 deadline for applicants to submit their applications for consideration. We will select a team of four team members no later than Oct. 18. Training will commence immediately.

Remember, this is a four-week commitment. We need young professionals who are not Rotarians, or are related to Rotarians. They should be 25 to 40 years of age and have been involved in their profession a minimum of two years.

As the leader of the team that toured District 2490 in Israel this past May and June, I can tell you without a doubt that this adventure will change the lives of its participants, and they will return from Thailand with immeasurable experience that they will bring to their employers.

One of Rotary International's key missions is to build peace and understanding among people. Group Study Exchange is vital to that mission.

You can find Dan's contact information on the District 5730 Web site.
http://www.ridistrict5730.org/ag_dan_linebarger.htm

It's time to start looking throughout your community for young professional who will benefit from this life-changing experience.

Yours in Rotary,

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