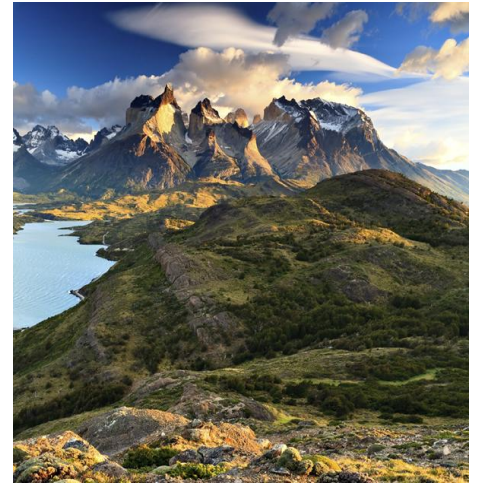


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APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JULY 15

## ARE YOU READY FOR A FREE TRIP TO SOUTHERN CHILE?

Five people are needed for an all expense paid trip to Southern Chile in October/November 2010. This part of the country received very little damage from the recent earthquake, so a quality exchange program is still planned. Rotary International's Group Study Exchange program is offering this incredible opportunity to Southwest Michigan residents.



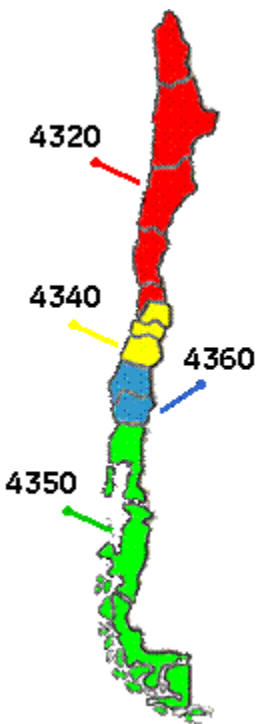
Don Frohm, Incoming Governor for Rotary District 6360 has announced that "our GSE exchange for 2010-2011 will be with Rotarians from District 4350 in Southern Chile. Our Southwest Michigan GSE team will spend four weeks from October 25 to November 22, 2010, which is spring time in Chile. And the team will return home in time for Thanksgiving!"

We are now accepting applications for a Team Leader (who must be a Rotarian), and four team members between the ages of 25 and 40 (who are not Rotarians). We're looking for members who can speak at least some Spanish, but will consider those willing to study before going. Team members must have been employed in their current positions for at least two years.

Rotary International has created this international exchange program for professionals to study the host country's institutions and ways of life, and offers them a chance to work with their colleagues and witness how their professions are practiced in other countries. They will develop new personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas. Team members can come from corporations, small businesses, community organizations, medical and educational facilities, government offices, and nonprofit agencies.

Bob Small is District 6360's GSE Chair. He led a team to the Philippines in 2008. "These exchanges are life-changing opportunities. It was great watching my team grow in confidence and awareness as they engaged with their professional peers. The cultural opportunities gave everyone a stronger sense of what it means to be an American in our global community - and the chance to actually live and become a part of host families opened the door for real cultural understanding."

Individuals who participate in this rewarding, once-in-a-lifetime experience will return home with a broadened cultural perspective and new understanding of a nation's history, language, commerce, government, and most importantly its people. The program is designed to have an invaluable impact on the career of a young professional in the increasingly global workplace by creating networking opportunities and lifelong friendships.





Downtown Patagonia on the Pacific Ocean

Anyone interesting in applying to become a GSE team member can contact Bob Small - GSE District Chair, 338 Highland Court, Plainwell, MI 49080. Bob can also be reached at [rgsmall@ntelos.net](mailto:rgsmall@ntelos.net) or at 269-664-4694.

You can also contact your local Rotary club; or download an application form at: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). There's a search box on the top right side of the web page. Just type in GSE application, and the files will be listed for both Team Member and Team Leader applications.

Group Study Exchanges are provided by The Rotary Foundation, whose mission is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation that is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision for a better world.

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