

Rotary Seeking Young Professional People Interested in Month-Long Exchange in Peru And Rotary's Foundation provides the Fellowship

(Seattle)— Rotary Clubs the world over have worked towards advancing understanding, goodwill and peace since Rotary's beginning in 1905. Local clubs are encouraging young business people to join these efforts by taking part in a month-long **Group Study Exchange in Rotary District 4450 in Peru from 13 April to 12 May, 2008.**

Applications are currently being accepted by all clubs in the 5030 district*. **The exchange is open to non-Rotarians only.**

The exchange is designed to develop professional and leadership skills, and to better prepare participants to address the global needs of their own communities when they return. It's a month-long program in which participants will travel throughout the district, engage in professional exchanges, and tour business and cultural facilities they would never see as a tourist. **All travel and most living costs are covered by Rotary**.**

Kelly O'Rourke, who took part in a recent exchange in Thailand, was surprised by her experience. "The program was described as an opportunity to experience a country through the 'back door' of Rotary. That is exactly what happened. Our team met people, saw sights and had experiences that would not be available to even the most well-seasoned, well-researched traveler."

Laverne McIntyre, chairman of the GSE committee, regards the program as an opportunity to dig beneath the surface. "Not only do we see the sights, but we live with people of each host country to learn the challenges they face every day."

Details

Rotarians, children and grandchildren of Rotarians are not allowed to apply.

Applicants must be currently employed, and must be within an age range of 25 to 40 in order to have maximum long-term career impact.

Applications are due by **October 5, 2007**. Further information and application forms are on the Rotary website (www.gse.rotary5030.org)

Persons interested may contact the GSE Committee Chair at GSEChair@USRotary.org

**—Participants are required to obtain their own passports, visas and any required shots. All travel, room and board, and exchange costs are covered by Rotary.