

**TIMETABLE FOR 2008/2009 GSE PROGRAM
DISTRICTS 9800 AND 2380 (SWEDEN)
DISTRICTS 9800 AND 2420 (TURKEY)**

1. Out-bound Team selection

The selection process for the outbound D9800 team leaders/members to Sweden & Turkey will be completed by 7th December 2008. The timetable for this process will be as follows:

- **Friday 1st August 2008**
Nominations for team leader and team members open.
- **Friday 26th September 2008**
Nominations for team leaders and members close.
- **Sunday 12th October 2008 - International House**
The GSE Committee will interview team leader applicants for both exchanges. The leaders will be chosen by the panel on that day. The unsuccessful applicants will be advised by telephone or email. The selected Team Leaders will join the District GSE Committee and participate in the Team selection process.
- **Sunday 26th October 2008 - International House**
This will be the GSE Committee's first interview of team member applicants. The aim of this stage will be to identify the best 9 or 10 interviewees for each exchange, who will go through to the second round interviews for each exchange.

This year we will have **4 Team members** as well as the Leader in each team.

Unsuccessful candidates and their nominating club will be advised immediately after the first round selection.

- **Sunday 9th November 2008 – International House**
This will be the second & final round of interviews for the **Turkish** exchange which will commence at 9.00am. This is an interactive process aimed at identifying the candidates' personal & team skills & will involve their participation in group activities. The Committee will have a sandwich lunch with the candidates, which will also identify some aspects of their social skills. After lunch the candidates will be involved in one more group session; a short individual presentation & finally a one-on-one 2 minute meeting with the Committee. The candidates will then depart & the committee will discuss their individual assessments & select the **FOUR** people they consider will best represent D 9800.

Unsuccessful candidates will be advised by telephone or email, together with the nominating clubs.

Sunday 30th November 2008 – International House

This will be the second and final round of interviews for the **Swedish** exchange which will commence at 9.00 am. This follows the same process as for the Swedish team selection.

- The selected team members will then be involved in group preparations with their respective team leader.

As resolved by the Foundation Committee, the outbound teams will also attend the District Conference to be held in Launceston, Tasmania (12-14 March 2009). It is anticipated that as in previous years, District will fund the conference costs for them.

For this and other planning reasons, I would ask all clubs to keep the following possible dates in mind insofar as their participation is concerned:

- Friday 13 February 2009 – In-bound team arrives from Sweden. **Up to eight host clubs will be required over the exchange.**
- Friday 20 February 2009 – In-bound team arrives from Turkey. **Up to eight host clubs will be required over the exchange.**
- Monday 23 February 2009 – Welcome dinner for the 2 in-bound teams
- Thursday 12 March to Saturday 14 March 2009 – District 9800 Conference in Launceston
- Tuesday 17 March 2009 – Sweden Team departs
- Friday 27 March 2009 - Turkey team departs
- The 2 teams (Sweden & turkey) will be officially farewelled at the District Conference.
- Tuesday 7 April 2009 – Combined farewell function for both outbound GSE teams
- Tuesday 14 April 2009 – Outbound Team departs for D2380 (Sweden)
- Monday 21 April 2009 – Out-bound team leaves for D2420 (Turkey)
- Tuesday 19 May 2009 Outbound Team to Sweden returns
- Tuesday 26 May 2009 – Out-bound team to Turkey returns.
- Thursday 4 June 2009 - Welcome home function for returning GSE team to Sweden
- Wednesday 17 June 2009 - Welcome home function for returning GSE team to Turkey

Final details of Farwell/Welcome functions and dates will be resolved with the District Governor and District Foundation Director as soon as possible.

In planning the exchange we have taken into account Easter (Good Friday 10 April, Easter Sunday 12 April).

Up to 8 clubs will be needed to host the GSE team during their stay in our District. This usually entails 4 full days with each club and part of a 5th when a handover to another club takes place. We are looking for a wide geographic spread through the District.

Clubs who participate have derived enormous pleasure from doing so and the feedback has consistently been that it was something their club members were very positive about. Clubs interested in participating, either by hosting the team or organising one of the welcome/farewell functions should confirm with me as soon as possible, particularly if you have a preference for one of the hosting options mentioned above.

At this stage we have received formal expressions of interest from several Rotary Clubs and as far as possible we will allocate hosting opportunities in order of receipt, within the constraints of ensuring the widest possible geographic representation within D9800.

2. In-Bound Teams

The in-bound teams will arrive in Melbourne around 13th and 20th February 2009. Two teams obviously represent a challenge to our traditional format of welcome and farewell functions and these events are under review. We will look to combine functions where possible and we will also consider the most appropriate format for the functions.

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