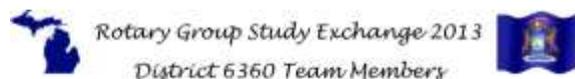


Group Study Exchange 2013 Pairing District 6360 and 2470

Here is an introduction to the Teams from District 6360 and 2470.

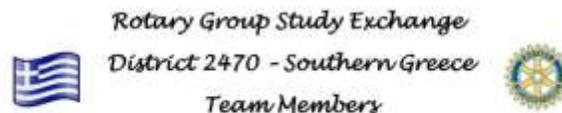
GSE 2013 is the last time that the program will function as it has traditionally done. The team to Southern Greece will have an amazing experience. Their schedule promises to be fast paced and loaded with many vocational and cultural experiences. They left April 16, 2013 and will return four weeks later on May 14th. The team, made up of 5 individuals, is comprised of their Team Leader, Mark Barnes (Oshtemo Township Fire Chief) and 4 non-Rotarians between the ages of 25-40. These young professionals are; Tristine McClelland who works at the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission with men and women who suffer from drug and alcohol addiction; Dan Lafferty is a middle and high school teacher; Andrea Charlton is a Community Health Planning Manager; And Jed Wilds is a paramedic and fire fighter and also does training of his peers.



Jed Wilds • Andrea Charlton • Dan Lafferty • Tristine McClelland
Team Leader, Mark Barnes - far right

The team is expected to visit from 8 to 10 different communities including Athens and some of the islands. They will attend the District 2470 conference the weekend before they come home.

The outbound team will be returning on May 14th, the same day that the Greek contingent will be arriving in the USA. Both teams will be returning to Kalamazoo in tandem. The Greek team is comprised of four women and one man. The Team Leader Sofia Vassilopoulos has years of experience working with youth experiencing social exclusion, in particular immigrant and repatriated youth. Angeliki Giannoukou is an actress and has performed in theatre, on television and has taught drama. Erini Peppas has a degree in International Relations and has done research and has assisted in recruiting senior executives for companies. Maria Riga has a Masters in Fine Arts and designed homes and shops, entertainment venues and hotels. Nikolaos Theodorou has an engineering degree and done construction management as well as project development.



Nikolaos Theodorou • Angeliki Giannoukou • Team Leader Sofia Vassilopoulos • Maria Riga • Erini Peppas

Their schedule in District 6360 will consist of visits to Middleville including attendance at the District Conference, Kalamazoo/Portage, Three Rivers, Battle Creek and Jackson. These host clubs have promise to have a busy schedule for the team. Among the diverse vocational sites, some of their destinations include, Meijer Gardens, The State Capital (including visits with legislators), and a possible visit to either Chicago or Henry Ford Museum in Detroit among others.