

East African Visitors to the North Shore

West Vancouver, April 21, 2008 – The four North Shore Rotary Clubs are hosting five professional visitors from Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania on the North Shore from Wednesday April 23 until Saturday April 26. The visitors will be making presentations at a joint Rotary dinner at Cheers Restaurant on Second Street on Thursday April 24 from 6 to 8 pm. Guests are welcome to attend..

The East African visitors represent many different vocational backgrounds in their respective countries. During their time on the North Shore and other locations in BC, Rotarians have arranged for them to have vocational appointments with people in similar vocations which include radiography, commercial law, community banking, business management, and secondary education. The visitors are part of the Group Study Exchange Program (GSE) of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. It is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40. For four weeks, team members study the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships and exchange ideas.

Individuals who participate in this valuable, once-in-a-lifetime experience will return home, not only with new perspectives and an enlarged vision, but with fresh ideas and an understanding of a nation's culture, commerce and government that can be invaluable to a company's future. GSE offers the most unique and rewarding skills-building opportunity and personal growth experience to young professionals as humanity steps forward to face the challenges of the 21st century.

The other component of the “exchange” is that four professionals from BC and a Rotarian team leader are in turn visiting Tanzania.

For more information on the program, call Esio as 604-984-6880 or email esiom@shaw.ca. For information about any of the North Shore Rotary Clubs, contact Janice at 604-921-7583.

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Pictures will be available after the event on April 24.

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