

**Rotary D5610 Friendship Exchange**  
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**Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE)** is a program for Rotarians with spouses. We send a team (usually 4-5 couples) to a District somewhere in the world and that District sends a team to our District. The Rotarian couples are hosted in homes of host clubs and we all share our part of the world. It's a fantastic program and D5610 has had excellent exchanges with Australia, England, New Zealand, France, India, Suriname and Brazil. All costs are paid by the participants. The district committee formulates and assists in planning.

**Currently, we are working on the following Rotary Friendship Exchanges:**

1. District 3520 of **Taiwan** has sent D5610 an invitation for a Rotary Friendship Exchange in November 2011. The visit would involve 7 to 9 days in the country with home stay arrangements by local Rotarians. Taiwan will be celebrating its centennial celebration during that time period. District 3520 has indicated that an informal reciprocal exchange can be setup with the host families. Please contact John Kittelson at [Kittelson@Prodigy.com](mailto:Kittelson@Prodigy.com) as soon as possible. An application will be posted on District website to download.
2. D7030 consists of 13 countries in the **Caribbean, including Suriname**. At the finish of the matching grant for a Paramaribo School Sanitation project, we are planning a tour to Trinidad and Suriname, and visit the project site. Early 2012 openings for 5 couples.
3. Since many of our couples are teachers, a summertime exchange with **northern European** countries (Sweden, Norway, Denmark) or **Australia** is in preliminary planning for 2013. **India** is always interested in an exchange. We have contacts from our recent GSE team.
4. D1010 **northern Scotland** in 3-4 years. John Kittelson has a connection.

Pat Sutliff has a number of District governors interested in exchanges, which we will pursue.

If you are interested, please contact Linda Peterson with your email, for news about future exchanges.

Our district is listed on the *RFE Matching Board*, please visit the RI Web site, [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org), for more information about Rotary Friendship Exchanges.



Suriname Exchange in 2008-2009.



Brazil Exchange in 2010.  
Their team will visit here  
in September 2011.

