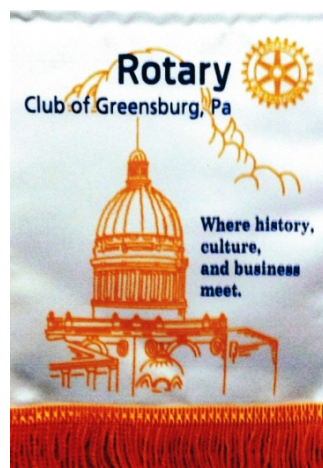

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**CLUB BANNER EXCHANGE**

The exchange of club banners with other Rotary clubs is a significant tradition of Rotary and serves as tangible symbol of international fellowship. The Greensburg club and many other clubs, use these decorative banners, that club members have received from other clubs at “make-up meetings, for attractive displays at club meetings and district events.

The origin of the club banner exchange is believed to have begun informally when a California club exchanged banners with neighboring clubs in the years following World War II. As the practice of exchanging banners spread to other clubs, the Rotary International Board (RI) of Directors, in 1959, suggested that participating clubs give careful thought to the design of their banners in order that they be distinctive and expressive of the community and country of which the club is a part. RI currently recommends that banners include pictures, slogans or designs which portray the territorial area of the club, as is reflected in the Greensburg club’s new banner as pictured here.



In all instances, clubs are cautioned to exercise discretion and moderation in the exchange of banners in order that the financial obligations of the banner exchange do not interfere with the basic service activities of the club. Exchanging club banners is a very pleasant custom, especially when a creative and artistic banner tells an interesting story of community pride.



**THE ROTARY FOUNDATION’S GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

In 1999, Greensburg Rotarian, Cesare Muccari led a team from District 7330 on Rotary Group Study exchange with a Rotary district in Sicily. The Rotary Foundation’s Group Study Exchange (GSE) program has been one of Rotary International’s most popular and rewarding programs since the first exchange in 1965. Funded by grants from the Rotary Foundation, the GSE program pairs Rotary districts to send and receive study teams of professional men and women to meet, talk and live with Rotarians and their families in a warm spirit of friendship and hospitality while interpreting their home nation to host Rotarians and the communities in which they visit. To date, the program has provided educational experiences for about 25,000 business professional men and women who have served on about 5,500 teams. Since 1965, the Rotary Foundation has allocated more than \$42 million for the GSE program.

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## An Inventory of Club Banners

The Greensburg Rotary Club's international collection of banners, displayed at weekly club meetings, represents 74 clubs from 30 States and the District of Columbia and 70 clubs from 28 foreign Countries. The list below is taken from an inventory compiled by Greensburg Rotarian Bill McGrath.

<u>United States</u>	<u>Foreign Countries</u>
<u>Alabama</u> Birmingham Club	<u>Argentina</u> Bariloche Club Neuquen Mapu Club St. Martin Club
<u>Arizona</u> Benson Club Quartz Site Club Sierra Vista Club Scottsdale Club	<u>Aruba</u> Club Aruba
<u>California</u> Coachella Club Temecula Club St. Helena Club	<u>Bahamas</u> Club 6990 Nassau Club
<u>Delaware</u> University of Delaware Club	<u>Belgium</u> Charleroi Val DeSambre
<u>Florida</u> Anna Marie Island Club Dunedin Club Key West Club Lantana Club Melborne Beach Club Naples Bay Club Orange Park Club Palm Beach Club Plantation Club Sebastian Club Sunrise Club	<u>Brazil</u> de Curitiba Guabiro Tula de Curitiba Parana Club de Curitiba Portao Club
<u>Hawaii</u> Honolulu Club Kaua Club	<u>Canada</u> Ontario Club Parksville Vancouver Club
<u>Illinois</u> Aurora Club	<u>Czech Republic</u> Club Presov
<u>Indiana</u> Greensburg Club	<u>England</u> St. Neots Club
<u>Iowa</u> Quad Cities Club	<u>Ecuador</u> Ambato Club 7599
<u>Kansas</u> Greensburg Club	<u>France</u> Alsace Club Colnar Bartholdi Club Ingwiller Club
<u>Kentucky</u> Erlanger Club	<u>Germany</u> Weinviertel Marchfeld Weinviertel West Club
<u>Maryland</u> Baltimore Club Hot Springs Club Oakland Club	<u>Honduras</u> San Pedro Sula Club
<u>Michigan</u> Port Huron Club	<u>India</u> Bhubaneswar Club Chickmagalur Club Mangalore North Club Mangalore South Club Mysore Club Shimogo Club
<u>Missouri</u> Gladstone Club Independence Club Kansas City Club North Kansas Club North Missouri Club	<u>Italy</u> Casa di Terreri Club ? Plaza di andera Club ? Plazen Club ? Reggio Calabria Club Sicilia E. Malta Club
<u>Nevada</u> Henderson Club Laughlin Club	<u>Ireland</u> Wexford Club
<u>New Jersey</u> Channel Islands Club Victoria Falls Club	<u>Japan</u> Buan Sohai Club Hamamatsu Club Hitachinaka Club Kiso Club Meto Club Nagaremana Club Nitsu Club Sasebo Club Shatan Club Tomobe Club Tomobe Club Yamaruka Club
<u>New Mexico</u> Los Cruces Club	<u>Mexico</u> Cancun Club Tlatco Club
<u>New York</u> Avon Club Bronx Club Glen Cove Long Island Club North Columbia County Club Suffern Club Utica Club Victoria Falls Club	<u>Netherlands</u> Noverdwejk Club Rygge Club St. Marteen Club Vernay Club
<u>Ohio</u> Northwest Summit Club	<u>Philippines</u> Central Tarlac Club Club Bacolod So. Pablacion Tarlac Toril Club
<u>Oklahoma</u> OK City Club	<u>Romania</u> Ramnicu Club
<u>Oregon</u> Florence Club Portland Club	<u>Scotland</u> South Queensbury Club
<u>Pennsylvania</u> Ben Salem Club Donora Club Norwin Club Pittsburgh Club Rich Mar Club Rockwood Club Shaler Club Uniontown Club	<u>Slovakia</u> Club Nitra Mikaluc Club Zvalon Club
<u>South Carolina</u> Hilton Head Club Mt. Pleasant Club	<u>South Africa</u> Haut Bay Club
<u>Tennessee</u> Fairfield Glade Club	<u>South Korea</u> Club Hanyang Fesoul Club
<u>Texas</u> Amarillo Club Bryan Club Fort Worth Club Mission Club San Antonio Club	<u>Spain</u> Besancon Club Jabia Club Rio Negro Club Santa Domingo Club
<u>Utah</u> Moah Club	<u>Turkey</u> Istambul Findikli Club
<u>Vermont</u> Lymington Club	<u>Switzerland</u> Club Geneva
<u>Washington</u> Kennewick Club	<u>Zimbabwe Africa</u> Victoria Falls Club
<u>Washington D.C.</u> Washington D. C. Club	
<u>Wisconsin</u> Lake Mills Club	
<u>Vermont</u> Lymington Club	

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