

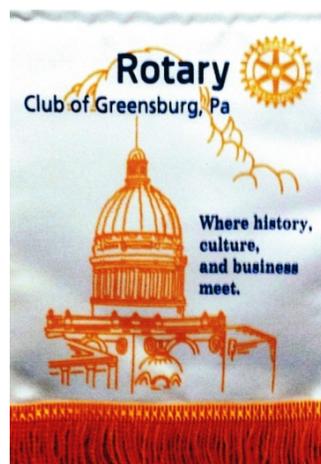



**ROTARY CLUB OF GREENSBURG, PA.**  
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**CLUB BANNER EXCHANGE**

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

Source: From the list as compiled by Bill McGrath