



CHILDREN'S DENTAL CENTER

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1 Mar 2000

Re: Project Free Enterprise
Project Amigo
Vocational Visitors

Dear Ms. Sohn:

Project Free Enterprise and Project Amigo are one in the same -- a visiting team of business people giving a two-day seminar on various aspects of starting and running small businesses. Project Free Enterprise went to Eastern Europe four different years after the fall of the Berlin Wall and gave seminars in 16 cities. It has discontinued because it hinges on an invitation from a hosting club willing and interested in organizing such seminars.

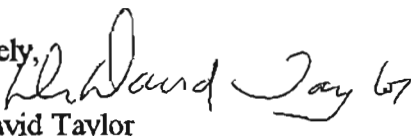
Project Amigo is the same seminar team idea but went to Mexico City and gave five seminars after the NAFTA legislation went into effect and there was a need for exploring common ground in the business model between the United States and Mexico. There also has not been a repeat of this project in recent times and I consider it to be expired as well. It hinges on host Mexican Rotarians who have not extended any further invitations.

These seminar teams could be beneficial for other countries but offers to bring them to Russia, for example, have not materialized. I think it is because the hosts have a big responsibility to find a meeting facility and to place the team of about 8 people in private homes for the duration. These projects typically lasted two weeks. You can delist them from your computer.

As for Vocational Visitors, I have not been involved with that this year and will need to defer to our District Governor John Painter. It is a project whereby a group of individuals who share the same vocation come to Houston to observe in the work place of their vocation. It was an offshoot of the seminar teams. We have hosted vocational visitors from Poland twice, Mexico, and twice from Russia.

Lately our district has been participating in other Russian initiatives and our own home grown idea of Vocational Visitors may not have been active. I will have to check on that. So if you can hold off on this particular project for further correspondence then I or our governor will advise you about it.

Sincerely,


Dr. David Taylor

cc: Painter, Mitchell

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Rotary Vocational Visitors

Rotary District 5890 - Houston

IDEA: Select individuals from a given society which would benefit their community, and not just themselves, by being exposed to the business ideas, expertise and practices of companies or individuals in their same vocation. For example, the owner of a day care facility may acquire ideas about how to better educate and care for children by observing other day care facility practices. This would benefit children at their own business, but would also introduce new ideas or standards into their community.

PURPOSE: World peace through understanding, and the sharing of knowledge and experience which in effect makes the world a global community.

METHODS: In general, a "Visitor" is selected and sponsored by a sending Rotary club which submits an application on the candidate. The district committee in Houston will review the vocational request and network the city to see if an appropriate agenda of participating businesses and host homes can be aligned.

TYPICAL VISIT: for one to three weeks, usually about 10 days. During the "work week", the "Visitor" would be taken to observe at 2 to 5 related businesses. Exactly what is planned can depend upon the vocational field. One business may be all there is available or is necessary. The number of host homes will likely be limited to one and maybe a second one on longer stays. Transportation will be arranged in combination with the host home, hosting businesses, and the hosting Rotary Club in that part of town. The social agenda will also be a collaboration of these hosts.

MULTIPLE INTERNS: are preferred. It's about as easy to make arrangements for up to three people as one. But they need to be following the same business intern work week. The number of people the host business will accommodate will be the most limiting factor. Transportation the second.

WHO QUALIFIES? Must be age 21, and in a position of ownership or management to be able to implement ideas. This is not for students. It is a post-educational internship-like visit to gain experience. It is open to non-Rotarians, Rotarians and their family.

HOW TO GET STARTED? Make a preliminary proposal from the sponsoring Rotary Club as to vocation, number of people and time frame to:

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281 332-6513 (also a FAX)

After some preliminary checking, if it seems feasible, make formal application.

Rotary Vocational Visitors: APPLICATION FOR SELECTION

Name _____
Preferably type, or print legibly

Address _____
City _____
State, ZIP _____
Country: _____

PHOTO

Telephone: Work _____
Home: _____
FAX: _____

Other: _____ E-Mail: _____

Male ___ Female ___ Date of Birth _____ Where? _____

Citizen of _____ Marital Status: _____ Spouse Name: _____

In case of Emergency: (Name, address, phone number, e-mail, FAX -- relationship)

Employment/Occupation Data

Employer: _____ Occupation/ or Job Title _____ Dates: From - To _____

Languages

Language: _____ Skill Codes: s=speak, u=understand Proficiency Codes: f=fluent,
r=read, w=write, a=all m=moderate, s=some

Education / Training

School/Institution	From - To	Major/Degree, Diploma Purpose, Award, Certificate
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Instructions to Applicants:

1. Submit two applications with photos. One is for hosts.
2. Make a brief autobiographical summary describing yourself
(on separate sheet of paper)
3. Goals: what would you like to accomplish by visiting businesses relating
to your vocation? What in particular is of most interest to you?
4. What are your preferred dates of travel? Can you come at other times?

Applicant's Certification of Agreement:

1. That the purpose of this Rotary Vocational Visitor Project is to further
world peace and understanding through the sharing of experience
and knowledge.
2. To be prepared for a personal interview at the discretion of the
sponsoring sending Rotary Club.
3. That travel and miscellaneous expenses shall be paid by the Visitor
(or the sponsoring sending Rotary Club through fund-raising or a grant.)
4. To complete all pre-departure arrangements and orientation with Rotary.
5. To conduct oneself in a professional, responsible manner.
6. To avoid any conflict of interest or pursuit of financial gain.
This shall be a pursuit of knowledge and experience, not profit.
7. To accept the authority and organizational decisions of the host Rotary
Club and host home and to cooperate with activities and plans.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Sponsoring Rotarian signature
print name _____

Sending Rotary District: _____ Club: _____ (send phone, FAX, e-mail & address
information)



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Gov. John Painter
1 Thornhill Oaks Drive
Houston, TX 77015

1 Mar 2000

Re: RI Projects Database

Dear Gov. John:

Allison Sohn of Rotary International headquarters is checking on the status of projects listed in the official database. See enclosed correspondence. I have informed her about the seminar team projects but was not sure if vocational visitors is still active in the district.

Wanda Mitchell of the Baytown Rotary Club and myself have worked closely together on these projects for about 10 years. Among other things, she has kept the check book for operating them. We recently had a conversation about closing that account this year and turning in the remaining funds either to the district or to the vocational service committee. This account is styled vocational service.

Enclosed is an outline of the Vocational Visitors project. It is a very worthwhile activity. The main reason it is not active is that neither I nor Wanda have been promoting it and it requires extending an invitation to some foreign Rotary club to organize some visitors in a given vocation.

I don't know if you have continued it or want to do so. We need to tell Ms. Sohn something for her database. Please advise on that and on how you want to close out this account.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Taylor

cc: Mitchell

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16 Mar 2000

Re: Vocational Visitors

Dear Ms. Sohn:

I checked with our District Governor about the project Vocational Visitors and found that it has not been active. Please remove it from your database.

Sincerely,


Dr. David Taylor

cc: Painter, Mitchell

02-Feb-00

Title: Vocational Visitors

Districts 5890, 2230

Countries USA, Poland

Dates: 1/1/95 -

Topics Vocational Service, small business development

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An on-going project of individuals visiting for 1-2 weeks to study and observe in their own vocation, usually at a

number

of sites. The individuals pay their own way to Houston but are provided homestays and transportation and a social agenda by the local Rotarians, who also network the vocational sites. This is a new project which has been so far hosted physicians from Poland to study cardiology, and a daycare owner from Mexico who visited seven pre-schools and day cares. The 1998 project will consist of five police officers and a prosecutor from Russia who will visit law enforcement and court facilities to study anti-organized crime and narcotics. The district is open to proposals from any country for any vocation but the visitors must speak English.

Misc: Web permission

Entry 2/6/96

I give my permission for my name and address to be listed for contact information in Rotary publications and on the RI Website.

signature

Date

Wanda:

John Painter called to say he
and Charley Clemmons disowned
this and they wanted us to close
the account and turn in the funds
to the district treasurer:

Jackie SKaer

It's been a fun ride!

Sincerely,
Wanda

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