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Representative Dykema Hosts Rotary International Team at State House

State House, Boston, MA - Representative Carolyn Dykema was pleased to host the Group Study Exchange, a team of Rotary Club representatives from Brazil and Southborough, on a tour of the Massachusetts State House last month on May 29, 2013. The team from Brazil was spending four weeks visiting Rotary clubs across Massachusetts.

"Through programs like this Group Study Exchange, Southborough's Rotarians bring us closer to the world beyond our borders. It was a pleasure to meet with the group at the State House and learn with them," said Representative Dykema.

During the tour Representative Dykema spoke with the group about the history and workings of Massachusetts's government. The Brazilian team was comprised of a team leader, Marcel Castro and four team members, Jonatas Silva, Juscelio Frade, Samuel Mendes and Wellington Lima. Accompanying the Brazilian team were Carl Guyer of the Southborough Rotary Club and Dayse Sena of the Brookline Rotary Club. At the conclusion of the tour, the Brazilian team leader remarked on the professional quality of our representative and expressed hope all political leaders in the world exhibited such qualities. The Rotary Club of Southborough is grateful Representative Dykema would take the time to host our visitors.

The previous day this same Brazilian team in the company Mr. Guyer and Richard Dietz, the Central Massachusetts Rotary District Governor, traveled to Rockaway New York to see the efforts there to rebuild after Hurricane Sandy. Rotary Clubs in Brazil provided critical monies towards the recovery effort and this trip provided an opportunity for the Brazilian team to see their impacts firsthand. As stated by Governor Dietz, this type of selfless giving is the heart of the International Rotary's commitment of service above self. In Rockaway the team met local Rotarians and first responders and toured a number of the homes destroyed by the hurricane. Everyone they met in Rockaway warmly acknowledged the generosity of the Brazilian Rotary Clubs.

Learn more about Southborough's Rotary Club on their <u>Facebook page</u> and the Group Study Exhange on the <u>Rotary's website</u>.