

GSE TEAM DISTRICT 5130 – 2010/2011 to DISTRICT 2620



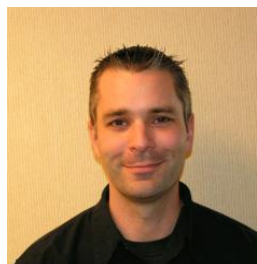
Team Leader Gerald S. Besses, MD JD is a physician originally from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1976, he moved to California and opened a medical practice in Petaluma as an Internist /Endocrinologist, teaching at the University of California in San Francisco. In 1983 he joined Petaluma Valley Rotary. Jerry finished law school in 1995, passed the bar exam and practiced law from 1998 to 2002 when he resumed his medical practice. Currently he works at medical/legal examination. He wants to learn about Japanese medicine, hospitals, private practice and the interaction between medicine and law.



Windy Swindt was born and raised in Santa Rosa, California with her loving family before leaving for college with the goal of establishing herself in the field of advertising. She graduated Cum Laude with Distinction from Sonoma State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and focuses in Public Relations and Journalism. Windy currently works at an advertising agency which provides print, radio, television and internet advertising as well as website development. She is passionate about her career and equally passionate about exploring different cultures. She also feels very fortunate to live in such a special place, famous for delicious foods and wines.



Brianne Nelson was born in Ukiah, California and now lives in Rohnert Park. She is a 911 emergency senior dispatcher. Brianne is also a Master's student in Education at Sonoma State University (SSU). She grew up in a rural small town with her parents and older brother. She has traveled to 15 countries, speaks fluent Spanish and loves music, cooking and anything outdoors including scuba diving. Brianne is also President of the SSU Rotaract Club. She is eager to learn about emergency services in Japan.



Craig Reed was born in Livermore, California. His quest for a place to live and income led him to Eureka, where he studied theater and became a network engineer. He has two cats, a son, a girlfriend, and a finely tuned sense of humor. He is fond of sports, especially hockey. He is excited to see the differences and similarities that Japanese Information Technology and American Information Technology practices have. When not playing video games or working, he can be found asleep.



Jillian Yerby was born in rural Eureka, California. Throughout her life Jillian was drawn to nature and the sciences. She has studied physics, geology, and environmental engineering during her educational career, graduating from Humboldt State University in Environmental Resources Engineering in May 2010. She was also active in competitive sports, competing in track, cross country, and archery. Jillian has held several engineering positions the latest being at SHN Consulting Engineers and Geologists in Eureka. Jillian loves to practice archery, read, travel, exercise, and learn. She has a goal of becoming a P.E. and becoming a valued asset of the community by providing professional engineering solutions for complex environmental problems.