

Bert Rappole
GSE Team Leader
District 7090

Bert is a General and Vascular Surgeon in Jamestown, New York. He is a partner and co-founder of Jamestown Area Medical Associates LLP, which is a 23 physician multi-specialty medical group. Jamestown is a city of 30,000 in the Southwest Corner of New York State. Jamestown is 750 kilometers West of New York City.

Bert and his wife Mary have a home at Chautauqua Institution on Chautauqua Lake. Bert and Mary have 5 children and 7 grandchildren. Bert, Mary, and family summer at Chautauqua and enjoy the lake, the programs and most of all family.

Bert has been active in many community programs and charitable activities, medical staff leadership, and the county and state medical societies. Over the past four years Bert and Mary (Nurse Practitioner) have participated in five medical missions to the Republic of Haiti and plan to return for a sixth mission trip in 2005. Bert performs surgery there and Mary helps run mobile medical clinics.

Bert has been a Rotarian for 12 years and was a Charter Member of the Greater Jamestown AM Rotary Club; his main interest has been Youth Exchange and GSE.



Diane Weeks
GSE Team Member

Diane Weeks is a Canadian from Welland, Ontario. Welland is a town of 60,000 people, located only 15 minutes from the beautiful Niagara Falls.

Diane has been working for an orthodontist for 13 years as an orthodontic dental hygienist. Some of her duties include bonding and removing braces to straighten teeth, taking x-rays, helping to make different orthodontic retainers.

Diane has been married for 14 years to a police detective named David. They have two sons, Robert is 10 and Matthew is 9. They keep them busy with soccer and basketball games and school activities. Their family loves going to church and has become quite involved in church programs and events. The other member of their family is Beatrice, the adorable pet bunny rabbit.

In addition to her family, Diane has two other loves: reading and traveling. She enjoys spending any free time she can spare with a good book to read. Diane has traveled to many places around the world including Europe and Africa. Diane is looking forward to learning all that she can about Central America, its people and the culture.



Group Study Exchange
2005
District 7090 Visits
District 4250



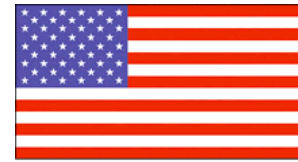


**Sue Dolan
GSE Team Member**

Sue has been a registered nurse for sixteen years, most of which has been invested in emergency and trauma care. Sue has also worked as a clinician in family practice, as a flight nurse for out-of-country medical evacuations, as a co-ordinator of cardiovascular health programs, and currently as an infectious diseases co-ordinator. She is employed by the Niagara Health System, a conglomeration of eight healthcare facilities clustered in the Niagara Region.

A lifelong resident of the Niagara area, Sue currently resides in Welland, Ontario, a city with a population of approximately 48,000. She lives with her twenty year old son, Terrence, several fish and an iguana.

During her time away from work, Sue is completing her health sciences degree at Brock University in St. Catharines. Sue also has several volunteer commitments, including leadership workshops with the Niagara Health System, food and shelter programs for the homeless and assisting with local blood donor clinics. Sue has traveled in Europe, the U.K., Canada, the United States and several areas of the Caribbean. Her greatest travel wish is to visit Africa.



**Pamela Kardeen
GSE Team Member**

Working as a nurse for 10 years has been a wonderful adventure. Pam has a diverse background in Nursing including, a Surgical/Orthopedic unit, Psychiatric unit and for a Drug / Alcohol rehabilitation program.

Pam is employed at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York a health insurer. Pam has experience with appropriate use of hospital services and is now going to participate in the Physician Support unit. This unit is designated to assist Physician's in utilizing and maintaining excellence in patient care.

Community service is an important part of Pam's life. An active volunteer at the local hospital's Drug / Alcohol rehabilitation unit, Pam also works with the women at the halfway house for drug addicts and alcoholics in the area. She is a member of the Board of Directors for a Treatment and Rehabilitation service in Buffalo, NY. Pam speaks frequently at a women's prison to educate the inmates on Drug / Alcohol abuse and recovery.

Pam and her husband Tim, live in a small rural community with their two children: Megan, a sophomore in college studying sports Medicine, and Mitchel who is a freshman in high school and a member of the basketball team. Their small farm is the perfect setting for raising her horses. The family are all avid equestrians and Pam recently started driving their new horse, named Martini.



**Sarah Townsend
GSE Team Member**

Sarah Townsend is a full time paramedic for the ambulance service of Norfolk County. She works shift work on the ambulance, which is available 24 hours a day 365 days a year to respond to emergencies in her community. She is also very involved in community awareness and safety programs with her fellow paramedics.

Norfolk County is in Southern Ontario, Canada, on the north side of Lake Erie with a population of 60,000 people. The county is made up of many towns and villages, the largest of which, Simcoe, is Sarah's home town with a population of 15,000.

Sarah is married and has eight year old twin daughters, Alexandra and Mackenzie who keep her busy with soccer games, playing cards and making crafts. Sarah and her husband Bob are active volunteers in their community, serving with the Lions clubs in their area.

In her spare time, Sarah loves to travel, read and paint. The family dog, Ivey, loves being spoiled and taking walks to the park to play with the girls. The family also enjoys sitting together and watching funny movies.