



Rotary Club of Dalton Newsletter

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This Week:

April 19

Rotary Golf Tournament

Upcoming Meetings:

April 26

Director Program

Commissioner Bert

Brantley

*Georgia Department of
Driver Services - REAL
ID Act & DDS Update*

May 3

Allen Peterfreund

DHS Soccer Team

May 10

Amanda Myers

5th Grade Awards

May 17

Jonathan Bledsoe

*Rotary Scholarship
Awards*

May 24

Director Program

May 31

**No Meeting / DGCC
Closed**

Special Recognitions

At its meeting on April 12, Past President John Richmond, a Trustee of the Georgia Rotary Student Program, and Bill Bowen, the Club's GRSP Director, presented Sheri Blevins a certificate as the Club's newest member of the Will Watt Fellowship in recognition of her financial contributions to the GRSP.



President Jason Parker presented Past President David Aft a District 6910 Presidential Citation for his outstanding work as President of the Rotary Club of Dalton for 2014-2015.



Our GRSP Year: A Report from Clarissa Böker and Maisy Murphy

By: John Hutcheson

Rotarian Mel Abernathy, whose family served as this year's GSRP hosts, introduced GRSP students Clarissa Böker of Dalhausen, Germany, and Maisy Murphy of Edinburgh, Scotland. Clarissa was sponsored by the Dalton Rotary Club, while five other District 6910 clubs, including the Carpet City Rotary Club, sponsored Maisy. Both young women have been enrolled at Dalton State College, where they lived as roommates and became close friends.

Using a slide show, Clarissa and Maisy described some highlights of their year in Georgia, which began with a conclave of all GSRP students at Georgia Gwinnett College. On weekends they visited various places around the state, supported by the members and resources of local Rotary Clubs. The first such trip was to Clayton County, where they engaged in team-building exercises aimed at transcending cultural differences.

Club Officers:

Jason Parker

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Bruce Satterfield

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Chair

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Later they especially enjoyed their time in Savannah; the city's history, semi-tropical ambience, and proximity to the coast at Tybee Island left strong impressions, and they were also fascinated by the military museum and the perspective it gave them about World War II from the American point of view. Just before Christmas they spent a weekend in Atlanta, and more recently they visited sites as varied as a public high school, a state prison, and an alligator farm. A few days ago, for what will be the GSRP group's last weekend together, they returned to the coast in Camden County and spent time on Cumberland Island.

Because their Dalton State courses won't transfer to institutions in their home countries, Clarissa and Maisy enrolled in whatever classes interested them most, including United States history and government, psychology, French, English, and Spanish, and they experienced typical extra-curricular activities such as Homecoming and various games. Meanwhile, an appearance on Judy Elliott's television show deeply impressed their families back in Germany and Scotland. Clarissa shared the Abernathys' celebrations of Thanksgiving (when she ate turkey for the first time), Christmas, and Easter, and with other GRSP students she and Maisy went to Orlando's theme parks over the Thanksgiving break. Just before Christmas they visited Asheville, staying with local families and seeing Biltmore House, the Grove Park Inn, and other attractions. After Christmas they went to New York City for New Year's, and when Clarissa's parents came from Germany during Spring Break she and they travelled the length of Florida from St. Augustine to the Keys and then on to Puerto Rico. In the meantime, Maisy met her father in Las Vegas and toured national parks in Nevada and Arizona.

Summarizing the biggest differences they've found between their experiences here and what they were accustomed to at home, Clarissa and Maisy both cited America's relative lack of extensive public transportation. American roads and streets are bigger, but they're not conducive to bicycling. People in Georgia are generally more open and friendly toward strangers, going well beyond mere polite acknowledgements. The weather is hotter and more humid, of course, but air conditioning often tends toward the opposite extreme. They were amused by Southerners' near-panic at the very mention of snow while on the other hand being quite casual about warnings of severe storms or even tornados. For everyday purchases, Americans are more likely than Europeans to use credit rather than cash, and tipping in the U.S. is much more important as an income source for service workers. Gasoline is cheaper here, but some basic commodities, such as bread and butter, are more expensive. Being in the country during an election year was particularly interesting, and America's non-stop campaigning sharply contrasts with the much more limited campaign periods preceding elections in the U.K. or Germany.

Looking ahead, Clarissa and Maisy will join other GRSP students on a trip to Los Angeles and San Francisco before returning home to further their educations—in Dundee for Maisy and for Clarissa at a university yet to be determined. Whatever their futures, each of them will always remain marked by their time in Georgia and by gratitude to the state's Rotary clubs for enabling them to experience it.



April 19th Birthdays and Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Brantley, Traylor M (TRAY)
Goodroe, Robert S. (ROBERT)

Birthday

22-Apr
23-Apr

Partner Birthdays

Bledsoe, Ginny
Hoskins, Carole
Bestawros, Hilda

Member Name

Bledsoe, Jonathan
Hoskins, Douglas
Bestawros, Onsy A

Birthday

21-Apr
23-Apr
23-Apr

Member Anniversaries

Myers, Jeffrey Donald (JEFFREY)
Wright, William B. Jr. (WILLIAM)
Waugh, Derek (DEREK)

Start Date

4/19/2005
4/24/2012
4/24/2012

Years

11
4
4

Wedding Anniversaries

Kinard, Dixie (DIXIE)
Kinard, Robert W (ROBERT)
Maney, Clifford E. (CLIFF)
Kelehear, Leon S. (SPARKY)

Partner's Name

Bob
Dixie
Mary
Pat

Anniversary

19-Apr
19-Apr
24-Apr
25-Apr

Years

47
47
68
30

