



Rotary Club of Dalton Newsletter

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This Week:

December 1
John Didier
*National, State & Local
Economy - David
Pennington*

Upcoming Meetings:

December 8
Robin Lindsey
*Christmas Message
Board Meeting*

December 15
Bill Ireland
*First Baptist Men's
Ensemble - Bryan
McAllister*

December 22
No Meeting

December 29
No Meeting

Club Officers:

Jason Parker
President
Bruce Satterfield
President-Elect
Frank M. Hogshead
Secretary, Treasurer
David Aft
Immediate Past President
Teresa Carter
Club Administration Chair
John Hutcheson
Public Image Chair
Rick Cobb
Membership Chair
Janice Kiker
Community Service Chair
Scott Rhoden
Youth Service Chair
Kevin Brunson
Vocational Service Chair
Archana Srivastava
International Service
Chair
Greg Dent
Foundation Chair

The Georgia Rotary Student Program: an Update

By: John Hutcheson



Past President John Richmond presented an overview of the Georgia Rotary Student Program, drawing on his host family experiences and his current position on the GRSP Board of Trustees. He began by showing a video which recounted how GRSP began in 1946 in the wake of World War II, when Rotarian William A. Watt of Thomasville initiated a scholarship project to bring international students to Georgia for a year with American students and with each other, focusing on their similarities rather than their cultural or national differences—Will Watt's desire to "get the politics out" was inspired by hearing a story of the unselfish help a German youth gave an American student during a bicycling accident in pre-war Germany. The video used interviews with some of the sixty GRSP students who attended the 2014 GSRP Conclave in Columbus and several of the program's Rotarian leaders to demonstrate how the students arrived as "ambassadors" from their homelands and left at the end of their year in the state as ambassadors for Georgia and the United States. No program like GSRP exists anywhere else in the world of Rotary.

Moving to a slide presentation, John noted that by the end of the 2014-2015 school year GRSP had sponsored 3,507 students since its origin. Using host families is unique to GRSP and encourages students to immerse themselves fully in their local communities as well as in their academic environments. Scholarships are based on the costs of attending public colleges at in-state rates and currently run between \$20,000 and \$25,000 per student, including tuition, room and board, and books. Funding comes from annual assessments of \$7.00 per member in each of the three Georgia Districts, support from club budgets, and members' discretionary contributions of \$25.00 per quarter to the GRSP Endowment. About one-third of the total annual amount is derived from each of these sources, with 85% going to the students and 15% to administrative costs. The Endowment corpus is never touched and presently stands at more than \$10,113,000; its earnings are used to supplement contributions from the clubs and enable them to redirect their resources toward other youth-oriented programs.

GRSP is coordinated from an office in Savannah and typically receives 200 to 250 applications each year from around the world, with about 50 to 55 usually accepted—in 2015-2016, 46 students are enrolled. Historically most students have come from Europe—home for 35 of this year's cohort—but efforts are underway to inform Rotary clubs in Asia, Africa, and Latin America of GRSP's existence and to promote applications from those areas.

Locally, the Dalton club has contributed more than \$258,000 to GRSP over the years, and it administers the Carlton McCamy Scholarship, named in honor of a District

Governor from our club who bequeathed \$100,000 to GRSP in his will—there are only two other such club scholarships in the state. Joined by Past President and long-time GRSP worker Bill Bowen, John ended the program by presenting President Jason a check for \$2165 from the Endowment in recognition of Dalton’s support of GRSP—a first-time honor for the club.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

	<u>Birthday</u>
Venable, Margaret H. (MARGARET)	1-Dec
Barnett, George S (SMITTY)	1-Dec
Fultz, Arthur Paul (ARTHUR)	4-Dec
Laughter, R Lynette (LYNN)	4-Dec
Cruse, Lesley Dale (DALE)	6-Dec

Partner Birthdays

	<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Maret, Carla	Maret, Michael S.	3-Dec
Mooney, Bobby	Mooney, Patricia H	5-Dec

Member Anniversaries

	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Years</u>
Kirkman, Lowell D (LOWELL)	1-Dec-72	43
Henson, Paul E. Jr.(PAUL)	1-Dec-68	47
Brooker, Robert H. (ROBERT)	1-Dec-76	39
Clark, M Michael (MIKE)	1-Dec-80	35

Wedding Anniversaries

	<u>Partner's Name</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>	<u>Years</u>
Jones, J Sherwood III(SHERWOOD)	Danielle	2-Dec	20
Satterfield, Bruce A. (BRUCE)	Kayanne	3-Dec	27
Alderman, Paul Wayne Jr.(PAUL)	Alicia	5-Dec	23
Sponcler, Maurice M. Jr.(MAURICE)	Betty	7-Dec	47

Four Way Test

