



Might you be willing to host a GRSP student for a year of incredible experiences with us?

Please let Kim Walden know! Anyone who has ever done it has said it was Wonderful!

In 1946, Will Watt gave the Thomasville Rotary Club the distinction of having founded the Georgia Rotary Student Program. GRSP sponsors students from around the world for academic studies at Georgia colleges and universities. The Thomasville Rotary Club has participated in GRSP every year since its inception.

GEORGIA ROTARY STUDENT PROGRAM

Many years ago in a land far from here,

A Rotarian, Will Watt, had an idea.

After World War II there was an international need, From his thoughts the Rotary program did seed.

The idea was simple, to bring to this state

Some international students to integrate. America would benefit and so would they, By all the culture transferred each way.

Since its beginning, the program has grown.

This year 65 students came here alone. During their year they study, travel and play, Each of them in their own different way.

The concept is wonderful, of that there's no doubt.

International understanding is what we're about, Which brings me back to my original verse: The Rotary principle that Service comes first.

Maybe this poem's a little bit sappy,

But now that it's finished I feel quite happy. Not having written many poems before,

I think these six verses settle the score.

Meetings

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

- 12/13 Regular Meeting-District Governor Court Dowis
- 12/20 Regular Meeting-Lt Col Reg McCutcheon
- 12/27 NO MEETING TODAY-MERRY CHRISTMAS
- 1/3 NO MEETING TODAY-HAPPY NEW YEAR
- 1/10 Regular Meeting-Shelly Zorn-Development
- 1/17 Regular Meeting-Alan Carson, New City Manager will share stories about his background in city government and his vision for the future of Thomasville.
- 1/24 Regular Meeting-Sharon Edwards with SPARK Thomasville
- 1/31 Regular Meeting - Roger Hawke - Hubs and Hops

Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 12/2 Lindsay Clay
- 12/7 Tim Daniel
- 12/10 Andrew Jones
- 12/11 Eric Ward
- 12/13 Bob Drummond
- 12/19 Tia Turner
- 12/23 Eugene McNease
- 12/24 Carlton Bryant
- 12/29 Susie Shin
- 12/31 Rob Milberg

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 12/1 Harry Tomlinson (46)
- 12/10 Devona Thompson (9)
- 12/10 Stephan Thompson (9)

On behalf of the students who came here this fall, Georgia Rotarians: We salute you all!

But let me finish by saying just this: What's the deal with these tasteless grits?!

Gordon S. Anderson Bellingham,

ENGLAND

Class of 1990-91

Reception for District Governor Court Dowis

The reception for District Governor Court will be on Wednesday evening, December 12th from 5 pm to 7 pm at the home of Michele Arwood located at 331 Remington Avenue.



Thursday morning, December 13th @ 10:30 am December Board Meeting, at the Plaza Garden Room



District Governor Court Dowis



Court joined the Rotary Club of Harris County in the fall of 2000 and served in almost every club position before becoming President for the 2007-2008 Rotary year. He was presented the Sheffield Award for Leadership as Club President. He is also a Major Donor, a Paul Harris Society member, a Benefactor and a level 3 Bequest Society member. His proudest accomplishment to date is a continuing service project building handicap ramps for those in need.

12/11	Rankin Smith, Jr. (34)
12/16	James Bue (43)
12/19	Tom Shaw (10)
12/19	George Stephens, Jr. (73)
12/20	James Deen (12)
12/21	Fran Milberg (56)
12/22	Shelba Sellers (34)
12/29	Joe Brown (67)
12/30	Tim Filston (30)

YEARS OF SERVICE

12/1	Scott Rich (41)
12/1	Rebecca Strickland (15)

Rotary Online

<https://thomasvillerotary.org>
<https://rotary6900.org/>
<https://rotary.org/>

ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE

Thursdays, 12:15 pm
The Plaza Restuarant
217 Broad St
Thomasville, GA 31792

Social Media



LEADERSHIP

President	André Marria
President-Elect	Kim Walden
Immediate PP	Teri White
Vice President	Tom Callaway, III
Treasurer	Teri White
Treasurer	Rick Piper
Secretary	Angela Williamson
Program Director	Jay Flowers
Public Image	Marta Jones-Turner

Directors

Club President Nominee John Brown

His service does not stop at the club level. Court has gone on to serve his district as an Assistant Governor (3 years), District Vocational Chair (2 years), PETS facilitator (4 years), Foundation Annual Giving co-Chair and as a member of the District Training Committee. He has served on the District Finance Committee and Planning & Advisory Committee for the past 2 years.

Court is more than just a Rotarian. He has served his community as the Chairman of the Harris County Chamber of Commerce, the Chairman of FOCUS, he is a Boy Scout Aviation Eagle instructor and a SCCA competition driving instructor.

Court and his wife Annette live on site at their family owned resort, Pine Mountain Club Chalets located near Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Ga. The 65 acre Family friendly Resort Destination has over 100 Chalets/Cabins for vacationers. Court is the second generation to serve as President, following his parents, Courson and Gussie Dowis, who started the development 47 years ago.

While growing up, Court and his family lived in Roswell, Ga., he then attended Southern Tech in Marietta, Ga. studying Architecture and Construction Management. After college he worked for a few firms in the construction industry until he started his own construction company in 1984 in Pine Mountain. Ten years later he took the full time duties of the Resort as President.

Annette and Court have four grown children, Michael, Joe, Amanda and Meagan and five grandchildren that all live in the surrounding area. When he isn't volunteering, handling vacationers or spending time with his family, he enjoys flying airplanes and racing Formula Sports Cars.

Last Week's Program

Georgia Rotary Student Program - Will Watt & Debbie Goodman



GRSP Mission Statement

Promote peace through understanding.

Encourage the exchange of cultural and social experiences.

Advance the ideals of Rotary.

Create opportunities for friendship.

Foundation	Scott Rich
Foundation	Kim Walden
Membership	Ben Wilds
Youth Service	Eddie Smith
Community Service	C. Grubbs, III

Envision a world where peace is a reality

G.R.S.P. Awards



GRSP Student: Robert Carias



Next Week's Program

Lt Col Reg McCutcheon

Reg McCutcheon is a retired US Air Force Lt Colonel with over 34 years of service, he is a combat veteran and Bronze Star recipient, with two Meritorious Service Medals, three Commendation Medals, NATO Medal, and an Afghanistan Campaign Medal along with a host of other medals and awards for his service.

He is a Marriage and Family Therapist, certified in Eye Movement Desensitization & Reprocessing and a Certified Clinical Trauma Professional.

Colonel McCutcheon has served in many capacities in his career to include Squadron Commander, Chief of Operations Training, NATO Senior Planner, Combat Crew Commander and Regional Director of Admissions at the USAF Academy along with several other Space and Missile Operations Officer positions. He is a graduate of the Valdosta State University with a Master of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy, Graduate of Webster University with a Master of Arts in Business and a bachelor's degree from Indiana University.

He is also a graduate from US Air Force, Air University: Air War College, Air Command and Staff College, Squadron Officer's School, Undergraduate Space Training and Undergraduate Missile Training programs.

Currently, Reg is the President and Chairman of the board of Kindle Lodge in Quitman GA. Through Experiential and Post Traumatic Growth programs Kindle Lodge provides a wide range of nonresidential support programs to include individual, couple, family, and group therapy, peer-mentoring, and coaching. They are passionate about helping veterans, first responders and their families overcome the traumatic impacts of service.

December 17-21 @ WalMart Food Entrance

**Rotary will be ringing the Bell for the
Salvation Army**



**This Thursday, December 20th at the
Plaza**

**Blood Drive starting 11am - 2pm-We
need your BLOOD!**



Message from the President's Desk

Be a Blessing to others in your attitude and actions

Receive the blessings from other by celebrating the gift of love they give.

Look to the New Year with hope and expectations that what you have to offer will be enough.

Let our Motto" Service Above Self "be your Mantle

Open Doors to new Friendships and share the gift you!

Believe that will truly be are enough!

That what we have in Rotary is the way to "True Peace and better understanding through a world of Fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service."

Be The Inspiration!

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Time for Rotary Leadership Institute

Want to learn more?



RLI - Thomasville, GA - 6900

January 19, 2019 @ 8:00 am - 3:30 pm

\$100 value paid by the club!

Rotary is a worldwide organization that accomplishes change in the world. RLI shares the knowledge of rotary on a deeper level and will give you a greater understanding of your membership organization. please join us for a day of fun, inspiration and learning on the house!

Email kimberlywalden@gmail.com to sign up or learn more!