

Dedicated to the Memory of

Dr. Hartwell (Hart) Joiner
for his 32 years of faithful service
as a GRSP Trustee

and to

Maynard Knestrick
The Ultimate GRSP Host

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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.

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

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