



**75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
WINTER BUSINESS MEETING**

GEORGIA ROTARY STUDENT PROGRAM



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GRSP
GEORGIA ROTARY
STUDENT PROGRAM

**JANUARY 21-22, 2022
THOMASVILLE, GA**



75th Gala

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2022 | THE PLAZA RESTAURANT

APPETIZERS	6:30 p.m.
WELCOME	<i>Scott Rich, GRSP Trustee Rotary Club of Thomasville</i>
DINNER	7:00 p.m.
GRSP WELCOME	<i>Bert Guy GRSP Chair Rotary Club of Camden County</i>
GENERATIONS OF GENEROSITY DONOR RECOGNITION	<i>J. Michael Sweigart GRSP Vice Chair Rotary Club of Duluth</i>
PRESENTATION OF GRSP FOUNDATION AWARDS	<i>Joe Jones GRSP Foundation Chair Rotary Club of Sandy Springs</i>
RESOLUTIONS	<i>Bert Guy</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	<i>Bert Guy</i>

Celebrating

75 Years

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

On behalf of the Georgia Rotary Student Program, I want to thank the past and present leadership along with our students, alumni, host families, Trustees, Foundation Board, staff, partnering colleges, universities and clubs plus Rotarians in Georgia and around the world who have propelled us to this point. As we celebrate 75 years, I am aware of the many sacrifices and time devoted to the success of GRSP.

Historic Thomasville, home of GRSP Founder William A. Watt, Sr., provides the perfect backdrop for our Winter Business Meeting and 75th Celebration weekend. We honor the memories and contributions of our distinguished heritage as we dedicate the GRSP Peace Plaza and Will Watt Memorial Fountain.

As we embark on the future, this is a very important opportunity for GRSP to truly align the goals and aspirations of the organization to our strategic plan. It will provide all of us with great support to Trustees, clubs and students as well as contribute substantially to growing the organization. Most importantly this is an opportunity to further the mission of GRSP and secure a long-term sustainable future for the organization.

As we celebrate this significant milestone, I'm confident that GRSP's future will be characterized by the same high standards and incredible work we have collectively devoted to develop world leaders through peace and understanding.

Service above self,

Bert Guy
Chair



FOUNDED:
1946 - "TO PROMOTE
WORLD PEACE THROUGH
UNDERSTANDING
THROUGH THE MEANS
OF EDUCATION"

VISION:
TO DEVELOP LEADERS
WHO PROMOTE
UNDERSTANDING
AND PEACE AROUND
THE WORLD

MISSION:
GRSP PROVIDES
SCHOLARSHIPS TO
ADVANCE CULTURAL
UNDERSTANDING AND
SOCIAL EXPERIENCES
THROUGH FRIENDSHIP,
DEVELOPS POTENTIAL
GLOBAL LEADERS, AND
EXPANDS THE IDEALS
OF ROTARY
AROUND THE WORLD.





History

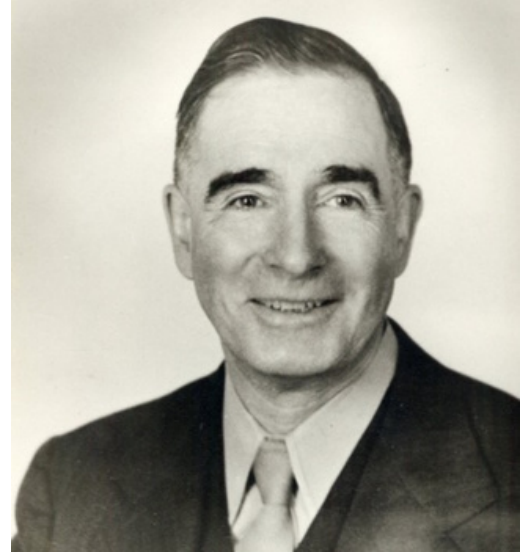
EST. 1946

Georgia Rotarians since 1946 have promoted "world peace through understanding" and shared Will Watt's dream that students from war-torn Europe, eager for peace, could come to the United States and study in Georgia colleges and universities and learn about the American way of life.

In the Fall of 1946, three young men and one young woman from European countries became the first Rotary-sponsored students to attend schools in Georgia.

Through the years, the interest of Georgia Rotarians in this program grew in intensity; the per capita contribution by Rotarians and the special club donations increased, permitting a steady increase in the number of scholarships granted. GRSP is a special and unique international service project of all the Rotary Districts in Georgia. There is no other Program like GRSP in the entire Rotary World. GRSP pre-dates The Rotary Foundation's Ambassadorial Scholarship Program by one year. GRSP receives no funding from the Rotary Foundation. It is funded solely by Georgia Rotary Clubs and Georgia Rotarians.

In the years since the inception of the program, more than 3,692 young men and women from 114 countries have been brought to Georgia campuses by Rotarians. It is the desire of GRSP that students return to their home countries after completing their year in Georgia to become active members in their communities and serve mankind through Rotary. We have many exciting stories about former students who have become very influential members of society and quite accomplished in the business world.



AFTER WWII, UNDER THOMASVILLE MAYOR WILL WATT'S DIRECTION, THE US ARMY FLEW A PLANELOAD OF SUPPLIES AND RELIEF GOODS TO "SISTER CITY" LÜNEBURG IN NORTHERN GERMANY. IN HIS LIFETIME, WILL WATT WAS SINGLED OUT FOR HIS BRAVE LEADERSHIP AND FOR HIS TIRELESS SERVICE. HE WAS EVENTUALLY MADE AN HONORARY CITIZEN OF LUNEBURG (ONE OF ONLY TWO PEOPLE SO HONORED IN 1,200 YEARS), AND HE WAS DECORATED AND KNIGHTED BY THE KING OF NORWAY. THE WILL WATT MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN IS PATTERNED AFTER A FOUNTAIN FEATURED IN LÜNEBURG.



Chair Emeritus

*Hue Thomas
Dennis Still*

*Ronnie Waller
Jim Drake*

*Greg Adams
Terry Gordon*



DONOR RECOGNITION LEVELS

NAMED SCHOLARSHIP:

A contribution of \$100,000 or more will earn the donor a permanent Named Scholarship in their name or the name of an individual designated by the donor.

FRANK BENTLEY, SR. FELLOW:

A contribution of \$25,000 or more will earn the Frank Bentley, Sr. Fellow designation, honoring this past GRSP Endowment Chairman. He guided the Endowment Fund in the '90s to successful campaigns that gave the GRSP financial stability. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs.

HART JOINER FELLOW:

A contribution of \$20,000 or more will earn the Hart Joiner Fellow designation, honoring one of the original 12 Trustees selected in the program in 1958. A member of the Rotary Club of Gainesville, he was host to many GRSP students and also served as GRSP Chairman in 1964-65.

JIM BRIM FELLOW:

A contribution of \$15,000 or more will earn the Jim Brim Fellow designation, honoring this dedicated GRSP Trustee from the Rotary Club of Pelham. He wrote the original GRSP By-Laws and served as Vice Chair of the GRSP program.

RONNIE WALLER FELLOW:

A contribution of \$10,000 or more will earn the Ronnie Waller Fellow designation, honoring this original Endowment Chairman who guided the Endowment through a significant period of expansion. A member of the Rotary Club of Gainesville, he also served as the GRSP Chairman.

JAKE CHEATHAM FELLOW:

A contribution of \$7,500 or more will earn the Jake Cheatham Fellow designation, honoring this long time GRSP Trustee. Jake served as the GRSP Secretary/Treasurer for over 30 years. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Griffin.

KENDALL WEISIGER FELLOW:

A contribution of \$5,000 or more will earn the Kendall Weisiger Fellow designation, which honors this Atlanta Rotarian, whose support of international students through the Rotary Education Foundation of Atlanta was merged into GRSP.

HUE THOMAS FELLOW:

A contribution of \$2,500 or more will earn the Hue Thomas Fellow designation, honoring this past GRSP Chairman who guided the program through 35 years of growth. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Savannah.

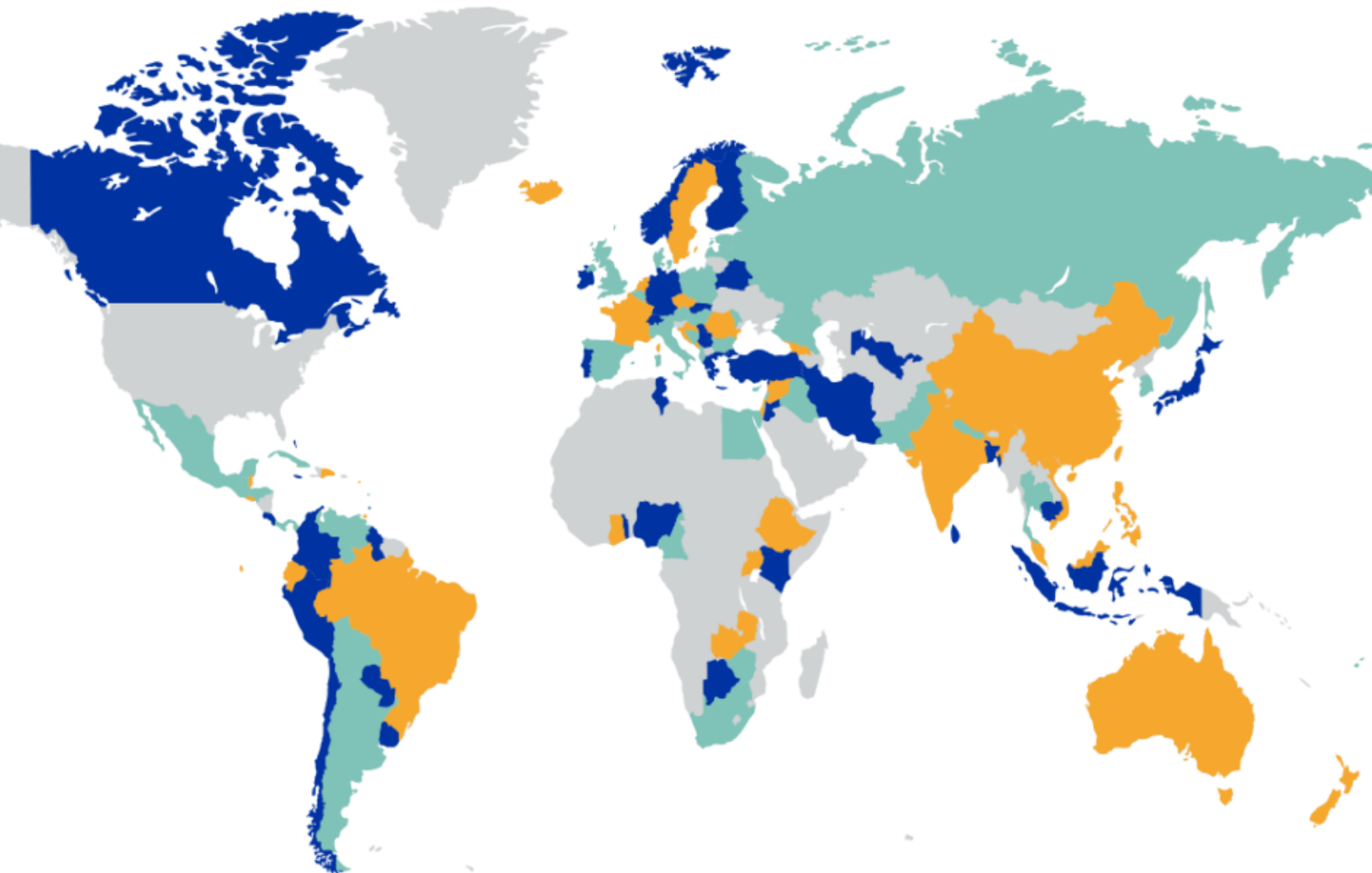
WILL WATT FELLOW:

A contribution of \$1,000 or more will earn the Will Watt Fellow designation, honoring the founder of the Georgia Rotary Student Program, who was a member of the Rotary Club of Thomasville.

Alumni



WE HAVE BEEN BRINGING NATIONS TOGETHER
SINCE 1946. THE PROGRAM BEGAN WITH ONLY
4 SCHOLARS, AND NOW WE ARE PROUD TO
SAY THAT WE HAVE MORE THAN 3,692 ALUMNI
FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.











GENERATIONS OF GENEROSITY

THE GEORGIA ROTARY STUDENT PROGRAM GRATEFULLY RECOGNIZES OUR PLATINUM DONORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO GRSP.

In Memory of

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JANUARY 22, 2022

11:30 am

WELCOME

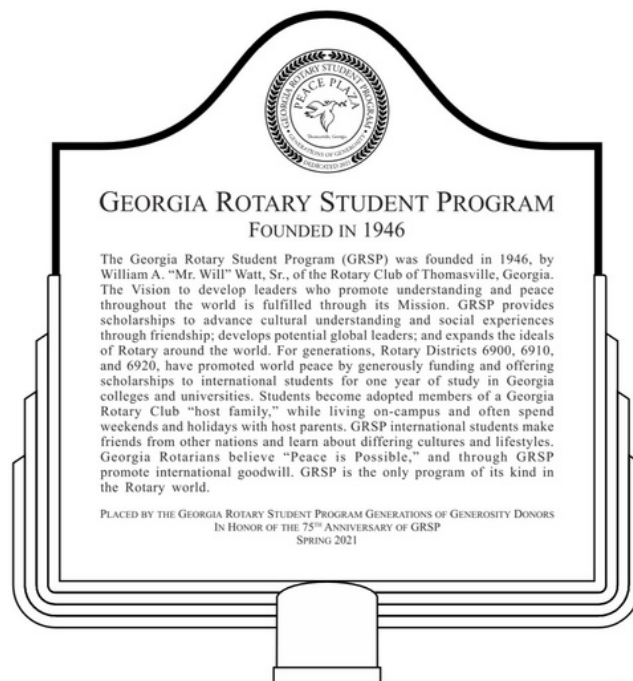
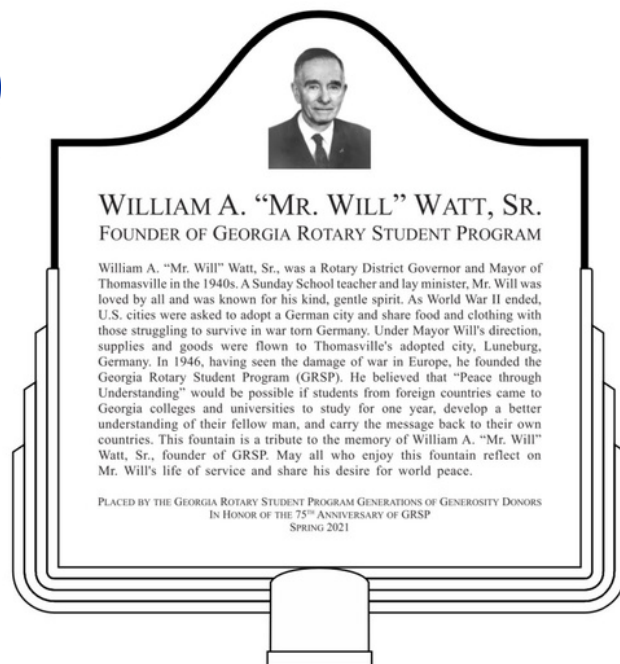
Jay Flowers, Mayor

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Will Watt III, Grandson of GRSP Founder
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**J. Terry Gordon, Chair Emeritus,
12/30/2020**

**Sylvia Shortt, Trustee & Alumni-
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GRSP is grateful for your years of leadership and service. As we look to our future, sadly without you, your love for our program will never be far from our thoughts.



GRACIAS, MERCI, GRAZIE, TACK, OBRIGADA, DANKE SCHOEN
REGARDLESS OF HOW YOU SAY IT... WE CAN'T SAY IT
ENOUGH AT GEORGIA ROTARY STUDENT PROGRAM!



Thank you!

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