SPECIAL EDITION - GRSP WEEKEND COMING SOON!

From Friday, January 13 through Sunday, January 15, 2012, The Rotary Club of Dunwoody's Georgia Rotary Student Program Leadership Conference will take place at Oglethorpe University. In addition to our Club, the Conference enjoys sponsorship by The Atlanta Rotary Club, The Halle Foundation and Oglethorpe University.

This Special Edition focuses on the Conference and includes a couple of special announcements about upcoming events in which our Club is involved. Be sure to read the articles on the Continental Airlines Charity Miles Contest, on the Dunwoody State of the City event and on the Governor's Ball.

Please read this issue and look for the first regular Bulletin of 2012 next Wednesday, January 4.

GRSP Leadership Conference Overview & Help Needed
by Harvey Rosenzweig

The Georgia Rotary Student Program is a unique opportunity for students from many countries to study at Georgia colleges and get to know the American people and culture.

In addition to sponsoring our extraordinary GRSP student, Helen Murphy, our club hosts a Leadership Conference for GRSP students at Oglethorpe University on MLK Weekend. This year’s conference begins at noon on Friday January 13 and ends on Sunday January 15. We have hosted this conference for a number of years and it is always a terrific learning experience for the students and our Rotarians and their families.

We still need some families to host students over the weekend. Getting to know these intelligent and articulate students is always rewarding for the host families. The students find the interaction with their host families to be one of the highlights of the weekend. Roy Ethridge ethr4533@bellsouth.net is coordinating host families and Past President Jackie Cuthbert Cuthbert@mindspring.com is making the assignments of students to host families. Contact either of them if you want to participate in this great experience.

On Saturday afternoon from 3:00-5:00, students, Rotarians and their families participate in The PaintFest activity at the Emerson Student Center. Participants paint murals which are donated to hospitals here and abroad. This is a wonderful family activity and all club members are invited to participate. Don't miss it.

On Saturday evening, we host a dinner for students, Rotarians and guests at the Student Center. If you wish to attend, please notify Harvey Rosenzweig harveyrotary@gmail.com so that he can provide an estimate to the catering service. See the article later in this Bulletin about our special speaker at this year’s dinner.
Georgia Rotary Student Program: Details & Agenda

It's that time again! Dunwoody Rotarians prepare to host 50 GRSP students for the 11th annual GRSP Leadership Conference at Oglethorpe University, January 13 - 15, 2012. In this "signature" project of the Rotary Club of Dunwoody, students focus on servant leadership - looking at how they can make a difference in the world. Throughout the weekend students will meet several guest speakers who share their stories about "making a difference in the world"; discover and discuss humanitarian needs and solutions; participate in a "hands on" service project; and, discover some life lessons about the fundamentals of communication for leaders.

While you may already plan to participate as a host family or program volunteer, you are invited to participate in any aspect of the program. Program highlights are listed below. Please notify President Nominee Harvey Rosenzweig of your plans so space will accommodate. Want to help with the program? Contact Past President Kathy Brandt.

Here is a detailed look at what will happen when at this year's conference - and if you want an overview of how the weekend works and what it means to students, take a look at the YouTube video prepared a couple of years ago at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O__nBUZC4mg&feature=related

Program - Friday, January 13, 2012 - Lupton Auditorium, Lupton Hall


1:30 - 2:15 "This Close! Closing the Book on Polio: A Global Public Health Case Study" Presentation by Dr. Laura Kann and discussion led by Fred Brandt.

2:15 - 2:30 Break/Refreshments

2:30 - 4:30 Discovering Global Needs, Creating Solutions Interactive discovery activity centered around The Rotary Foundation's Six Areas of Focus. This activity is facilitated by Kathy Brandt with the help of two featured guest speakers: Eduardo da Costa - Visiting from his graduate studies at Duke University as a Rotary Peace Scholar, Eduardo and his family are from the Amazon region of Brazil. Daniela Salas - a member of the 2001 GRSP class from Baranquilla, Colombia, Daniela lives in Atlanta and works in the field of public health. She earned a BA degree (Armstrong College) and a Masters in Public Health after her GRSP year.

4:30 - 5:00 A Personal Story: Service Above Self Kristi Matthews, Atlanta City Attorney, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar

Program - Saturday, January 14, 2012 - Lupton Auditorium, Lupton Hall

8:30 Students Arrive Lupton Hall

9:00 - 2:30 Communications Workshop for Leaders Interactive session
facilitated by Larry Hart is focused on development of communications skills and insights for leaders. Students will receive a copy of the book *Fierce Conversations* by Susan Scott (2005). There will be breaks for lunch and visits from GRSP leadership. TBD (possible, Jim Drake, Chair GRSP Board of Trustees and Blake McBurney, Secretary GRSP. 

**3:00 - 5:00**  
*Paint Fest* (Emerson Student Center - Grenwald Room) John Feight - Foundation For Hospital Art. Fun for all! Rotarians, children and GRSP students paint giant murals together. These beautiful murals will be sent to hospitals in developing countries to being moments of joy, inspiration and hope to patients. Carolyn Bishop will coordinate this session with the help of six Rotaract members. Welcome one and all. Let your inner Picasso shine!

**5:00-5:30**  
GRSP Student Rehearsal with Kay Knestrick - Tallmage Room

**5:30 - 6:00**  
Reception - host families, students, Rotarians. Deadline for Students to turn in GRSP Coference Passports

**6:00 - 8:30**  
Dinner and Program  
Featured guest speakers and entertainment include: Two GRSP student reps, Rotary Foundation Peace Scholar, Eduardo da Costa and music by visiting musician and GRSP students conducted by Kay Knestrick, Rotarian from Clayton County. Conclude with drawings for Conference door prizes.

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**Program – Sunday, January 15, 2012 - Emerson Student Center Grenwald Room**

**9:00**  
Students arrive

**9:30 - 1:00** "Making a Difference - Building the Future"  
Interactive session facilitated by Kathy Brandt with Daniela Salas, Eduardo da Costa and team of eight Rotarian Coaches. It's "decision time" - time for students to decide how they want to turn ideas into action to results through their personal commitment to service. Final drawing concludes the session. Box lunches available.

**Saturday Dinner Speaker: Eduardo da Costa**

Our speaker at the Saturday evening dinner will be *Eduardo Costa* of Brazil. He is a Rotary Peace Scholar at Duke University, an economist, and asocial/environmental activist in the Brazilian Amazon. As an economist for the Pará State Chamber of Commerce, he has pioneered the mobilization of local corporations on issues related to corporate social and environmental responsibility. He has assisted local business leaders with the design and implementation of socially and environmentally responsible corporate projects and advocated for the development of sustainable small businesses in the Brazilian Amazon.

As a professor in the Program of International Relations at UNAMA-Amazônia University, his academic interests focus on conflict prevention, human rights and the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development in the Brazilian Amazon. Eduardo believes that only economically viable, socially just and environmentally sustainable development policies can ensure that the needs of the local populations are met, that the Brazilian Amazon has the opportunity to develop its economy, and that the rainforest persists as an ecologically functioning ecosystem that plays a vital role in regulating the global climate. Upon completion of the Rotary World Peace Program, Eduardo wishes to seek employment with a private consulting firm, international NGO or
multilateral organization that works towards the promotion of sustainable development policies in the Amazon and around the world.

GRSP Conference– Historical Perspective
by P. Frederick Brandt

The Dunwoody Rotary Club has been involved with MLK weekend for the past 10 years, and actually began the planning and execution for each weekend after the first event took place (at Morehouse College), primarily under the direction of PDG Tom Kent and several other Rotarians with GRSP responsibilities (Trustees, Host Families)...The theme and focus became "One Person, One Group...can make a Difference" shortly thereafter.

Because the weekend comes at the mid-point of the students' year, many have gotten past the culture shock of being in a 'new' place, and quite a few have had at least minimal exposure to Rotary's international mission and programs. However, although there are several 'Student weekends' sponsored by various Clubs during the months leading up to the Christmas break, the students have primarily focused on social interaction and getting to know each other informally, and have not really had to address any serious topics (as a GRSP Class).

The weekend at Oglethorpe is "different" in the sense that we want to challenge the students to become more aware of their possible roles as World Citizens...ones who have the capability to provide real assistance to those in need...Many have come from countries where private charitable effort is limited; and, because they are young they have not had experience handling financial resources. We want to show them that it is possible for individuals to make a big difference for others...and, that by working in Groups, much can be accomplished without government involvement. In short, we want to demonstrate the Rotary model in action, and allow them to produce a project which is real and directly helps others. Past GRSPers have gotten quite excited by this prospect...and, of course we hope they will make good Rotarians someday in the future.

The weekend is also designed to allow for interactions amongst the students themselves and also with us...we have seen that the students really enjoy seeing Americans 'at home', and are anxious to share their own stories about their families and their plans/hopes for the future. They are really great ambassadors and particularly enjoy time spent with children and teenagers of Rotarians. They also LIKE TO PARTY, so we give them that chance on Friday night.

It takes a lot of Rotarians to make this event happen...so, thanks in advance for your help and your suggestions for how we can improve it all. Kathy and I have watched this program grow in popularity both with the kids and with our Membership, and we really enjoy showing these students 'Rotary at its Best'...DRC can be proud of its efforts in support of the Georgia Rotary Student Program.

Special Note: Thanks to our current sponsors-The Halle Foundation, Oglethorpe University, and the Rotary Clubs of Dunwoody and Atlanta.

Hosting Georgia Rotary Program Students in January
by Roy M. Ethridge

Plans are already well under way for the Georgia Rotary Student Program ("GRSP") Martin Luther King Weekend program at Oglethorpe University, January 13-15, 2012.

This year I will be coordinating with our Rotary Club of Dunwoody host
families and am asking if you and your family would serve again during the upcoming weekend. From what many of you have said it is an opportunity your family would not want to miss.

Here are some details for the weekend:
- **Friday January 13**: Hosts meet their student-guests at 6:00 pm at Oglethorpe

- **Friday evening**: after pick up of students at Oglethorpe, host families and GRSP students are invited to 1 of 3 informal dinners hosted at 3 Rotarian homes to begin about 6:30 or 7:00pm.

- **Saturday morning January 14**: after a light breakfast at home, Hosts drop off Students at Oglethorpe at 8:30 am

- **Saturday afternoon**: Paintfest Activity starts about 3 pm; Host families are welcome to participate.

- **Saturday night dinner at Oglethorpe** - Reception planned for 5:30 with dinner at 6:30; Host families are invited to attend.

- **Sunday morning January 15** after a light breakfast at home, Hosts drop off their new Student-friends at Oglethorpe at 9:00 am.

As you can see the weekend involves a couple of weekend social events, some transportation to and from Oglethorpe, a place to sleep and a couple of breakfasts.

**We still need a few host families, so please let me know (Roy Ethridge) ASAP, if you can host students on this upcoming GRSP MLK weekend. Thank you again for your support of this annual weekend tradition.**

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**Vote for Rotary to Win Charity Miles!**
by Don Griffing

Thanks to a Rotarian friend on social media, I learned about this charity giveaway. On December 17, **Rotary International** was 24th on the list. We are now **second**. It takes literally less than 30 second to vote. It is as simple as finding the Rotary Wheel and pressing the vote button. The URL is: [http://10millioncharitymiles.com/](http://10millioncharitymiles.com/).

Continental Airlines [merged with United, the former sponsor] is sponsoring this giveaway and they write: "Our gift to you this holiday season is the opportunity to select your favorite charity among the 45 listed below to receive a percentage of our 10 Million Charity Miles Giveaway. Your vote helps increase your favorite charity's percentage of the 10 million miles. You can vote for one charity once a day. And you can encourage your friends to join you in supporting your favorite charity. The 10 Million Charity Miles Giveaway is our way of thanking you and honoring the causes closest to you. Happy Holidays from MileagePlus!"

The 10 Million Charity Miles Giveaway program began at midnight, December 14, 2011 and **ends at 11:59 p.m., December 31, 2011.**
During this time frame, you may vote for one of the listed charities to increase the percentage of the miles that they receive. **You may vote once per day.** Membership in MileagePlus or OnePass® programs is not required to vote for your charity. Each charity is guaranteed to receive a minimum of 25,000 miles. The donated miles will be deposited by January 31, 2012.

**Here's what is on Rotary International's Facebook page:**

We jumped to second place for the 10 Million Charity Miles Giveaway with 12.9 percent! Let's go for first place. You can vote once a day through 31 December. Rotary has partnered with United [now merged with Continental] over the years through "Rotary Miles" to provide free airfare for hundreds of children and adults in need of lifesaving surgery and other worthy causes. The miles will help Rotary provide airfare to even more families.

**Lullaby of Broadway: Guys n' Dolls Needed!**

"Lullaby of Broadway"

will set the theme for this year's **Rotary Club of Dunwoody Governor's Ball.** We will gather at 6 pm at the Atlanta Athletic Club in Johns Creek on **Saturday, March 3, 2012**

Come prepared for Dinner and Dancing. Participate in games of Risk and Chance including a Raffle, a Wine Toss, and Heads and Tails. Look for The Godfather's Table. Listen for Show Tunes and the Piano Bar. And you may need to offer Bribe donations for entry and song requests.

Through your dues, you are paying for two tickets. The cost per couple for guests is $150 until January 31, 2012 and will be $200 thereafter. Call **Past President Anne Glenn** for information and tickets. Call **Jim Floyd** to sponsor a table or to suggest sponsors.

This is our general fundraising effort that will permit us to undertake service projects next year. The Ball is always a fun event and invited guests are of critical importance! Start thinking now about who you'll invite to participate and get it on their calendars (and yours) before the end of the year!

**State of the City on February 21**

The deadline for table sponsorships for the State of the City meeting is January 13. As members of the **Rotary Club of Dunwoody** know, this is an event that attracts over 400 Dunwoody residents and business owners and offers an opportunity for table sponsors to showcase their businesses and services. There are a few of the 25 sponsor tables left -- see **Dottie Toney** for more information.

Sponsorships are $750 and include:

- Special reserved seating for 10.
Special admittance for two (2) to VIP Meet & Greet Reception
- Recognition of company in the event program
- Recognition of company on event signage
- Included in event advertising
- 8ft sponsorship display table
- 10 drink tickets per table
- Individual gift bags

Rotary Club of Dunwoody Information!

The following links will open The Rotary Club of Dunwoody's website for information on our leadership, recognition of our members' important contributions to the Rotary Foundation and the Georgia Rotary Student Program, along with Rotary's Four Way test. Please be sure to use these links to celebrate our many contributions:

Rotary Club of Dunwoody Leadership 2011-2012
Rotary Foundation Major Donors
Paul Harris Society Members
Rotary Foundation Bequest Society Members
Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Fellows
Our Support of the Georgia Rotary Student Program
We are the Home of 3 Past District Governors!
Our Service Above Self Recipients
District 6900
Rotary International Leadership

The Four Way Test and the Object of Rotary

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