

## **Gil Tharp Scholarship Recognition**

Gilbert R. Tharp was a member of the St. Simons Rotary Club and served as the song leader for the club. He was an avid music lover and the saxophone was his instrument. He performed at the Cloister for many years and played in a dance band for over 20 years.

He was a Paul Harris Fellow, Benefactor and Bequest Society member. Gil's wife predeceased him they had no children. Gil's bequest to the Rotary Foundation was in the amount of \$150,000.00 and was for a named scholarship. This endowment is invested and when sufficient interest has accrued the funds are made available to District 6920 for a scholar program. Scholarships from this endowment are not available each year.

The residue of his estate of \$430,000 was given to the Foundation of the St. Simons Rotary club and is known as the (Bruce/Tharp) St. Simons Rotary Scholarship Fund. This fund is maintained and administered by the St. Simons Rotary club who provide scholarships to students each year. These scholarships are usually awarded for 4 years of study.