



Want to know more about The Georgia Rotary Student Exchange Program GRSP ?
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– Get involved THIS year through your club – and begin thinking now about NEXT Year...
Could YOUR Family Host an International Student ?

Young Adults in the Georgia Rotary Student Exchange Program Have Arrived From Across the Globe!

In Early August – Students began arriving in Georgia – Greeted by Host Families and Rotarians in all three Georgia District. As soon as they had settled in to their new surroundings - Bainbridge GA was the site of the **2017-2018 GRSP Conclave** – the first Official event bringing together all participating Students, again, in all THREE Georgia Districts for two days of getting acquainted, team building and bonding between host families and Sponsoring Clubs. A packed room of students, host families, and Rotarians spent a joyous day getting acquainted, watching the kids make new friends, hearing from all three Georgia District Governors – and taking part in the Celebration!

The Students, wearing the Traditional Dress of their Home Nation – Came together on Stage to tell a bit about themselves, their country of origin, their hopes and aspirations for the coming year, and to thank Rotary, their new families, and their Host Clubs for giving them this truly amazing year long opportunity.





As Students were introduced at Conclave, they Assembled on the stage - Each Student Carried the Flag of their Own Country, in a moment of National Pride, mixed with the reality of being part of a TRULY international experience happening right here in Georgia!



There WAS also Serious business at GRSP Conclave – Including information sessions both Students and Host Families - and general sessions – during which, all three District Governors addressed the students.



During the General Sessions - DG Hamsa – as well as the District Governors from 6900 and 6910, addressed the audience and the students – Welcoming them on behalf of our State and our 3 Districts, and reviewing with them just a few of the experiences and opportunities that await – Students, Host Families, and Sponsoring Clubs.

The auditorium was a place of information, celebration, and laughter – as families and Rotarians became better acquainted – and had some playful fun throughout the day.



2017-18 Georgia Rotary Student Program Conclave was a GREAT CELEBRATION of CULTURES!



Students forged new friendships as they worked together to create entertaining programs for host families, sponsoring club representatives, and guests!



— and no-one was more ‘into’ the fun — than our own DG Hamsa —
He caught the hat and was delighted to discover that it matches perfectly with the theme tie for this year. —



**Presenting - - The GRSP Class of 2017-18,
Students from all three Rotary Districts: 6900, 6910, and 6920.**

..... And so - by the end of Conclave – these kids, ‘Our’ kids - were no longer individual students arriving in Georgia to a new world, and a new life experience, - - they were a TEAM !!
By the time this photo was taken, it was clear many new, and probably life-long friendships had already been formed. And the year has only just begun!

How true it is, that: **TOGETHER WE EMPOWER !!!**



Here (below) are ‘OUR’ District 6920 Students - 9 in all:
The Georgia Rotary Student District 6920 Class 2017-18

A Group Shot of - students, trustees, directors, and chair, with our District Governor Hamsa Thota —
(Our GRSP Students have Facebook Pages, so you can just click on their name and visit their page)
Maggie Cripps (Australia), Troels Ebbesen (Denmark), Brendan Mungwena (Zimbabwe),
Sofia Ståhlfors (Sweden), Jakob Fahl (Denmark), Rungano Nyamayedenga (Zimbabwe),
David Probst (Germany), Mary Sharples (Wales), and Henry Speir (Scotland).

