Rotary Club Of St. Simons Island Board of Directors January 2, 2001

Present: French, N. Johnson, Worthy, R. Johnston, Winne, Parkins, Kurschner, Swafford, Mooney, Dodd, Haley, McDougall, Mattingly, Szwast, Thota

Absent: Sullivan, Berry, Doehring

Last month's minutes approved: 1st R. Johnston, 2nd Kurschner

Red Badge Introduction: None

Parkins discussed the possibility of making Dot Donahoo and Barbara Cooper a honorary member of Rotary. Parkins checked the Rotary manual and spoke with the District Governor about the procedure. After reading a very impressive resume of Rotary activities and volunteering it was put to a vote. Lifetime Honorary Membership was unanimously approved.

Discussion was also brought up on making Sam Cofer a Lifetime Honary Member. Currently Cofer is a Honorary member. Lifetime Honorary Membership was approved 1st R. Johnston 2nd Kurschner

Our membership is drifting away. Membership is cyclical and our club needs to begin an upward swing towards improving membership. Frank Black and Ray Owens have recently resigned. Ann Tomlin will soon resign. Leslie Mattingly is working on a membership drive.

Director's Reports:

Swafford: Going to promote Lifetime Honorary Membership of Dot Donahoo and Barbara Cooper.

Mattingly: Committee is working on improving Red Badge Program

Winne: Received a letter from Glynn County Recreation Department. They would like the Rotary Club to sponsor a little league baseball team. Approved 1st Winne 2nd R. Johnston

French: Coming soon GRSP presentation to the club.

Mooney: Veterans walk has sold 40 bricks at this point. Sales will hopefully improve now that the holidays have past.

- N. Johnson: Has finalized plans to take trip with Bruce Montgomery to R.I. headquarters in Evanston. New board organization meeting planned for January 30th.
- R. Johnston: Bills go out today. Financial statements were handed out. Received thank you notes from Willou Smith and R.I. thanking our club for donations.

Thota: Spoke to board members on sponsoring Mother India Social Service Organization. This is a polio immunization project in a small village in India. We agreed to give \$500. Approved 1st Mattingly 2nd Parkins. Bob French is going to check into getting a matching grant from Rotary.