

St. Simons Island Rotary Club  
Board of Directors  
Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> 2001 Minutes

Present: Parkins, French, Swafford, Berry, Winne, Sullivan, Mooney, R. Johnston, Haley, Worthy, Dodd, Kurschner, Cooper, N. Johnson, Sam Shaw

Absent: Mattingly, Doebling, McDougall

Allen Berry opened the meeting with discussion on making Cal Paynter a Honorary Lifetime Member. This title would excuse Cal from quarterly dues. Cal turns 80 years old in a few weeks and the club would like to honor him for all of his hard work over the years. 1<sup>st</sup> Berry 2<sup>nd</sup> Sullivan Approved Unanimously. Please keep this award a secret until it is announced.

Approval of the Minutes 1<sup>st</sup> Winne 2<sup>nd</sup> Cooper

Jim Cooper gave a presentation on where our club stands on Rotary Foundation donations. Currently our club has 41 PHF sustaining members. 46 Paul Harris Fellows. The club sold 36 raffle tickets this year, a percentage went towards PHF. Jim sent out a letter to existing PHF to encourage annual donations even though they are PHF. Jim calls this his PHF plus fund-raiser, only 2 people responded. Our goal this year is to raise \$16,000 for the Rotary Foundation. To date donations are at \$8100. It was suggested that the board considers adding \$25 dollars to each members quarterly bill. This would be a voluntary donation. We also discussed a mandatory \$100 donation for all new members introduced into the club. This will make new members aware of Rotary Foundation and hopefully begin a positive habit of a yearly contribution.

John Parkins expressed that several members have spoken with him in the past two weeks and that many members feel that they are constantly being asked for money. From Rotary Foundation to Georgia Rotary Scholarship Program members have been bombarded with solicitations for money.

The board had a lengthy discussion that consumed most of the meeting on what our agenda should be in the way of philanthropy. We all agreed that Rotary Foundation should be the heart of our concentration.

It was approved that the board would present to the club a outline for future philanthropy plans. Starting April 1<sup>st</sup> it will be mandatory for new members to give \$100 towards Rotary Foundation. At that time it will be optional for members to check a box on their bill that will add \$25 to go towards Rotary Foundation each quarter. This allow the member to donate \$100 each year. This was approved unanimously 1<sup>st</sup> R. Johnston 2<sup>nd</sup> Sullivan. The board will present this idea to the club by April 1<sup>st</sup>

Our clubs membership is continually dwindling. Leslie Mattingly is working on some new ideas to improve membership.