

St. Simons Rotary Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 5, 2005

Attendance: Leslie Mattingly, Jim Szwast, Dick Wicker, Bud Dorsey, Clyde Taylor, Marie Dodd, Ted Wright, Shan Ducom, Kevin Lokey, Millard Allen, Tom Parker, Jim Bruce, Maria Vogt, Allen Berry Chuck Cansler, Susan Hardwick.

Meeting called to order at 11:30 a.m. at Sea Palms. Robert (Bob) Morrison was introduced as a Red Badge Attendee. Treasurer, Jim Szwast, gave his report noting that there are currently a large number of delinquent dues.

A request for a leave of absence has been made by John Bird Daniel; this was approved. A request for a leave of absence from May 13-October 15, 2005, was made by Ted Wright and was approved. Gene Griffiths has made a request for honorary status; this was tabled.

Minutes of the March 1, 2005, meeting were approved. Secretary's report was given by Maria Vogt.

Club Service Membership report by Jim Bruce included announcing the death of member, Jim Shannon; stating that two new members have submitted applications; that Gary Schwartz has gone through orientation; and that four additional new members are still needed in order to reach this year's goal.

Community Service chairman, Tom Parker, reported that plans for Taps at Twilight on May 30, 2005, are presently being formalized; the speaker is General Robert H. Griffith, formerly Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Army. Parker reported that lodging has been arranged for the speaker and his family. It was also reported by Chuck Cansler that the Veteran's Walk Directory Sign had been torn down and Rotarian Mike Muldowney will repair it before Taps at Twilight; so it can be back in place at that time.

International Service chairman, Dick Wicker, reported that Hamsa Thota has made a request for a project in India which he is interested in the club pursuing. President Mattingly indicated that this would have to go into next year's plans since there is not enough time to get the grant written and other details completed this year.

Vocational Service chairman, Ted Wright, reported that the vocational awards have received and will be presented in the near future; classification talks by members have been scheduled; and the literacy project is being coordinated by Pat Donahoo. Wright said that we did not coordinate a poster contest this year.

It was reported that we have over 90 sustaining Paul Harris Fellows out of 123 club members. Clyde Taylor reported that the Brunswick Rotary Club had asked our club to

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consider sponsoring Iraq/Afghanistan students in the 2006-2007 School Year as a joint project. This would be a "unique opportunity," he said.

President Mattingly reminded all members of our "First Tuesday At The Pub," public relations get-together and urged all members and their spouses to attend.

In old business, it was reported that the Centennial Project is moving ahead; Fred Freyer is assisting on this. Marie Dodd reported that the Rotary Sign installation on the Spur in Brunswick is still being worked on with the Department of Transportation. She also reported that our "Spring Fling" social still has many details that need to be finalized.

Under new business, the club voted funds from Rotabucks proceeds to go to: The Navy League; St. Simons Recreation Little League Team Sponsorship; Department of the Navy ROTC Cadet Training at Kings Bay; Coastal Medical Assistance Program; and Map International.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.