

**GUEST SPEAKER** — George Atherholt of Savannah, right, was the guest speaker at the recent regular meeting of the St. Simons Rotary Club at the King and Prince Hotel. Atherholt will assume leadership over Rotary District 692, which includes 40 clubs in the eastern third of Georgia, in July 1984. With Atherholt are club program chairman Morgan Stapleton and club president Dr. Hamsa Thota.



October 11, 1983





#### A SPECIAL FEATURE

On October 11, 1983, in addition to the planned program, the club was privileged to hear from the Manager of the King and Prince Hotel, Richard (Dick) Tucker.

Dick advised the club of the nature of the renovations then underway and displayed several slides depicting what the facility would look like after the work is completed.

He observed that the work now underway is part of a master plan to overhaul the entire facility which had been in bad shape for some time.

October 11, 1983



The Harbor Sound - October 26, 1983



**TORRES CAUSEWAY PROJECT REPORT** - Ted McKenzie, District Engineer, Ga. Dept. of Transportation (Jesup) shown here (right) with Dr. Hamsa Thota, Club President, was a recent speaker before the St. Simons Island Rotary Club. McKenzie was assisted by Ronnie Hammock, Brunswick Area Engineer and Franklin Griffis, Causeway Project Engineer, both also of the Ga. DOT. The slide presentation showed before and after pictures of all approaches, bridges, roadways and the toll plaza. McKenzie reported that the project is currently below budget and ahead of schedule. Estimated completion date is mid-1985. McKenzie also advised the Rotarians that a contract had been let to Glynn County to widen and provide appropriate turn lanes at the intersection of Sea Island and Demere roads. This has become quite a bottleneck at certain peak traffic times. Work is now underway by the County.

Friday, October 28, 1983

The Brunswick News



**ROTARIANS HEAR PROJECT REPORT** - Georgia Department of Transportation officials recently addressed a regular meeting of the St. Simons Island Rotary Club on the plan for and current status of the F.J. Torres Causeway project. Shown here, (left to right), are Ronnie Hammock, Brunswick area engineer, Ted McKenzie, District engineer (Jesup) and Franklin Griffis, causeway project engineer. The slide presentation included before and after pictures of all bridges, approaches, roadways and the toll plaza. McKenzie reported that the project is significantly below budget and ahead of schedule with a current completion date of mid-1985. Of particular interest to island Rotarians was McKenzie's statement that a contract had been let to Glynn County to widen and provide appropriate turn lanes at the intersection of Sea Island and Demere Roads and that this work is now underway.

October 18, 1983





*Staples speaks  
at St. Simons  
Rotary meeting*

Dr. Scott Staples, Director of Institutional Research and Development at Brunswick Junior College is shown here (right) with Dr. Morgan Stapleton, Dean of Academic Affairs for BJC (left) who introduced him as the speaker at a regular meeting of the St. Simons Island Rotary Club at the King and Prince Hotel. Staples discussed the origin of BJC, the status of its current facility expansion program and the size and diversity of the student body. He concluded with a strong argument that the junior college should be expanded into a four year institution because of area needs and geographical location. Staples also serves as Athletic Director and Director of Alumni Affairs for BJC.

October 25, 1983





**GPA OFFICIAL SPEAKER** — George Nichols, right, executive director of the Georgia Ports Authority, was recent speaker for the St. Simons Island Rotary Club. At left is Rotary program chairman Dr. Pat Donahoo. Accompanying Nichols were local attorney Robert Miles, a member of the GPA Board of Directors and Bill Dawson, Brunswick terminal manager for the GPA. Nichols gave a wide ranging talk which included comments on the USA export-import imbalance, the heavy demands for loading/unloading facilities at GPA, the absolute need for replacing the Lanier Bridge if Brunswick is ever to be a major port, potential of Brunswick as a major container cargo port and, a discussion of the improvements now underway at the City Docks. He concluded with a statement that the GPA is a responsible agency and that the decision regarding the location here of a sulfur processing plant was a good one. He asked that the public keep an open mind on the subject and decried Agrico Chemical's (which would process the sulfur) competitors actions in "keeping the pot boiling."

— Say You Saw It In The Harbor Sound - November 9, 1983

## Nichols speaks at St. Simons Rotary

George Nichols, Executive Director, Ga. Port Authority (left) was a recent speaker before the St. Simons Island Rotary Club regular meeting at the King and Prince Hotel. Shown here with Dr. Hamsa Thota, Clbu President, (right) Nichols was also accompanied by local attorney Bob Miles, a member of the Bd. of Dir. of the Authority and Bill Dawson, Brunswick Terminal Manager.

Nichols covered a number of current concerns in his talk including the need for

replacing the Lanier bridge if Brunswick is ever to become a major port, the current heavy demands for unloading and loading facilities at Ga. ports, the potential of Brunswick as a container cargo port and the improvements now underway at the City Dock. He concluded with a plea that the public keep an open mind with respect to the current sulphur controversy and maintained that the Authority decision on the sulphur plant was a good one.



November 1, 1983





**HOSPITAL SPEAKERS** — Michael Barry, Glynn-Brunswick Memorial Hospital administrator, and Rhonda Butts, director of community relations were recent speakers at the St. Simons Rotary Club. At right is Hamsa Thota, club president. Barry advised the club that in 1984 the hospital is expected to bill for about \$44 million in services of which \$4 million will be for indigent care. After operating expenses, a cash flow of about \$2 million will result of which \$1.3 million will be used for equipment replacement and \$700,000 for working capital. Hospital revenue is derived primarily from about 15,000 annual admissions from the service area (Glynn and surrounding counties) of approximately 90,000 people. Ms. Butts discussed the new and remodeled facilities which include a blood analyzer and a Cambridge Treadmill system which is a \$300,000 donation from the Glynn County Heart Association.

November 8, 1983





### *Berry speaks to Rotary*

Michael Berry, Glynn-Brunswick Memorial Hospital Administrator and Randa Butts, Director of Community Relations were recent speakers before the St. Simons Island Rotary Club. They are shown here with Tom Stroud, Jr., Program Chairman.

Berry, a member of the Rotary Club, discussed the financial aspects of the hospital and Butts reviewed the new and remodeled hospital facilities.

In 1984, the hospital, which services about 15,000 admissions annually is expected to bill for over 44 million dollars in services and will have cash flow over about 2 million. The hospital employs over 1000 people.

November 8, 1983





### THE JEKYLL ISLAND STORY

On November 15, 1983, the club was privileged to hear from George Chambliss, Executive Director of the Jekyll Island Authority. He is shown here (above) with Pres Thota and (below) with Program Chairman Tom Stroud, Jr. Chambliss told of the trials and tribulations of operating a resort island but did confirm that Jekyll is growing in tourism and motel occupancy.







#### THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

Rev. Ben Haygood, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, St. Simons Island (right) gave the club its annual Thanksgiving message. He explored the historical and spiritual basis for the holiday and defined it primarily as a time for sharing food, fellowship and families. He was followed by Tom Nash (left) who related the four-way test to Thanksgiving.

November 22, 1983





ISLAND ROTARY HEARS THE NASA STORY - Mr. Ron Olson of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, shown here with Tom Stroud, Jr, program chairman, was a recent featured speaker before the St. Simons Island Rotary Club at its regular meeting at the King and Prince Hotel. Olson reviewed the history of the highly successful U.S. space program, discussed its current status and suggested that large space vehicles capable of containing large numbers of people and certain industries are a distinct and practical future possibility.

November 29, 1983





**HAWLEY SINGERS ENTERTAIN** — Continuing what has become an annual tradition for the 10th consecutive year, the current Hawley troupe of young singers from Frederica Academy, organized, trained and accompanied by Mrs. R.G. (Katie) Hawley, presented a program of uniquely choreographed Christmas songs and dances to the St. Simons Island Rotary Club at its regular meeting at Epworth-by-the-Sea. Shown (l-r) in the picture are Shoko Kaneda, Meredith Armstrong, Carry Whelchel, Allyson Saleeby, Ryan Snow, Lauren Alexander, Vance Leavy, Elizabeth Whittle, Bob Miles, Doree Avera, Bryan Baer, John Allen Stubbs and Hiro Kaneda. Not pictured are Jim Barger, Ellsa Benini, Ann DeLoach, Kayoko Kobayashi, Nicky Little, Tony Malone Tiffany Wiederholt and Elizabeth Willis.



December 6, 1983





The Hawley Singers presentation is one of the club meeting occasions to which the Rotaryans are invited. Shown here is Pres Hamsa as he gavelled the meeting to order and Sec'y Allen Berry as he prepared to greet the guests.



Shown at the piano is Katie Hawley with her hubby (holding up the piano). Katie is the guiding force behind this effort and despite failing eyesight continues to do a superb job.





Scenes at Epworth  
during the Hawley  
Singers Musicales  
on December 6, 1983.



December 6, 1983





AT&T DIVESTITURE EXPLAINED

David Muschamp, local Southern Bell Telephone Co. Manager (shown here with Robert Strange, Program Chairman) gave the club an in-depth discussion on the break-up (divestiture) of the AT&T organization.

He discussed the impact of the action on the local telephone subscriber and on the so-called Bell operating companies. He explained some of the options available to both individuals and businesses with respect to ownership or continued lease.

December 13, 1983



OUR MAJOR ANNUAL COMMUNITY EFFORT -  
The Salvation Army Kettle Drive for  
St. Simons Island.

SALVATION ARMY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS KETTLE FUND DRIVE - For over 10 years, the St. Simons Island Rotary Club has sponsored and administered the annual Salvation Army Christmas Kettle drive on the Island. Although Rotary Club members provide much of the bell-ringing manpower, bell ringers are solicited from other St. Simons religious, social and fraternal organizations. Among them is the Frederica Academy Rotary Interact Club.

The program requires the time of approximately 180 individuals for one hour each of bell ringing. Three kettles are used, one at each of the Island's principal shopping centers. Kettles are manned from 12 noon to 6 pm beginning about 10 days prior to Christmas. Administering the program takes the almost full-time attention of the Rotary Club Kettle Drive Chairman during these 10 days plus a substantial amount of time in liaison with the many supporting organizations. The initial effort begins in October.

The St. Simons Island fund drive has made a substantial contribution to the overall area drive each year and each year has seen the total raised increase dramatically. The St. Simons Club is in friendly competition with the Brunswick Rotary Club and Jekyll Island Lions Club for the largest total in contributions. An engraved award is passed from winner to winner each year at the annual recognition dinner sponsored by the Salvation Army Advisory Board. The St. Simons Island Rotary Club has been a frequent winner. This effort has brought much favorable attention to the St. Simons Club in particular and the Rotary organization, generally. It will be continued.

December 14-24, 1983



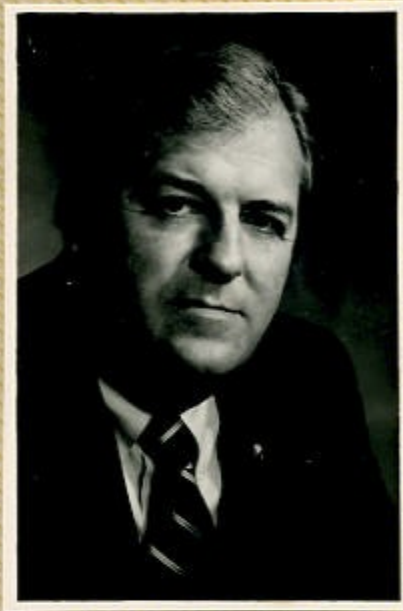


Frank Avent, Chairman - 1983 Salvation Army Kettle Drive

-- The SALVATION ARMY kettles here on the Island netted \$3,825, just surpassing last year's good work. Frank Avent thanked his bell ringers, and the Club thanks Frank for the outstanding job he did. ~~PLEASE ALSO THANK FOR:~~

December 27, 1983





THE PROGRAM speaker was Hugh Mayberry, President of the Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Brunswick Rotary Club.

Hugh reported that the Chamber will soon move to its new location in a landmark residence of Brunswick. The Chamber's membership of 700 represents the businesses employing about 90% of the workers in this area. Hugh gave a review of the areas of the Chamber's activities: tourism, legislation, industrial development, adjustments after the Brunswick Mall fire, membership, finances, and the move to new quarters. This was an excellent description of the work of an organization that is vital to the welfare and growth of this area.

We thank Hugh for his presentation, and Robert Strange for another fine program.

December 20, 1983





THE PROGRAM, introduced by Robert Strange, brought Craig Mahlman, executive director of the Joint Planning Commission. The purpose of the presentation was to give information on the flood insurance situation in this area, and to describe its effect on the type of construction likely to take place here from now on. Craig answered many questions on flood insurance and on what appears to be happening to St. Simons Island as a result of the current apparent boom in building condominiums. Some 1100 building permits have been issued in 1983!

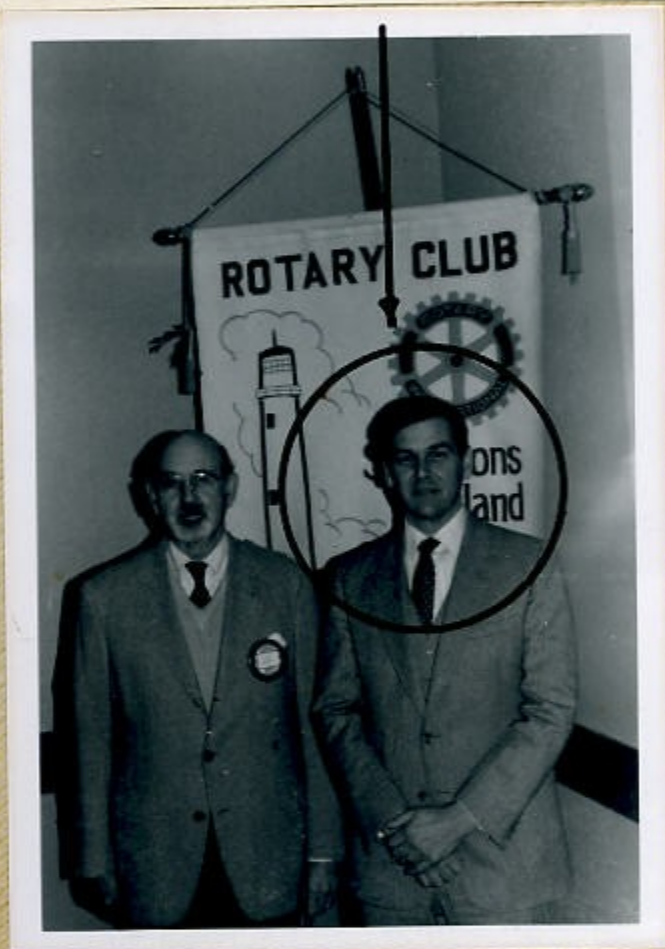
December 27, 1983



NEW DIRECTORS, to take office on July 1, 1984, were elected.  
Congratulations to John Law, Tom Sayer, and Gordon Strother.

-- DIRECTORS MEETING, for the purpose of electing next year's officers, will be held at the Scout Hut on Thursday, December 29, at 4:00 p.m.

. . . And they met and elected the Officers for the 1984-1985 Club year. And the new President on July 1, 1984 will be Morgan Stapleton (shown here with Lloyd Smith)



At the Board of Directors meeting on 12/29/83, officers for the Rotary Year 1984-85 were elected as follows: President, Morgan Stapleton: Vice President, Dick Reeves: Secretary, Allen Berry: Treasurer, Baxter Rains.

January 3, 1984





President Elect Stapleton shown  
accepting the high honor.

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Lloyd then presented Peter Smith, President and C.E.O. of the American National Bank. Mr. Smith was born in Chicago, educated at Yale. Served in the U.S. Navy and has been with ANB since 1974.

Peter Smith gave us highlights from the Kiplinger Washington Letter that point to a modest but good year of 1984 for the economy. U.S. population will grow from 235 million today to 268 million by the year 2,000, and there are more people over 65 than there are teenagers even today.

As in most industry, banking is seeking to improve its productivity and thus use any facet of technology that will reduce its and the bank patrons' costs. Financial services are broadening, leading to the need for more automation. Some day checks will be outmoded and you'll do your banking from the home computer, an energy saving option. In the meantime, get your plastic ticket from the bank along with your secret number and use the machines.

January 3, 1984



### LADIES NIGHT

The social event of the year for the St. Simons Island Rotary Club is Ladies Night. At one time this event was called Presidents Night. For the past several years the affair has been held at the Cloister on Sea Island and 1984 was no exception. Not only were the Rotaryans honored, but the party this year had a very special additional purpose; that of honoring one of the clubs best known members and long time Treasurer - Ed Bruce - with the coveted Paul Harris Fellowship. To present the award was District 692 Governor Lloyd L. Joyner who, with his lovely wife Frances, journeyed from Statesboro for the occasion. Ed, normally a man of many words, was overwhelmed and, temporarily, out of them for the moment.



Another highlight of the evening was Governor Joyner's inspiring discourse on Rotary aims and ideals.

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Resident comedian Ben Moore who enlivens our regular meetings with his pithy humor was at his best..... and his puns were never worse!



Next came the main event of the evening when Governor Joyner called Ed Bruce and wife Beth to the podium for the surprize announcement.

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Beth was then asked by Governor Joyner to affix the Paul Harris emblem to Ed's person.



She performed this difficult task with great expertise while the Governor led the applause for this well deserved recognition.

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Ed, overcome with emotion, then expressed his appreciation to the club membership for giving this award in his honor.

. . . . . And, let us not forget that the Paul Harris Fellow Award was made possible by the fund raising efforts of the World Community Service Committee and the generosity of Club Members. Through this effort not only were funds made possible for the Award but an additional one thousand dollars was raised for a second microscope for a public medical facility in El Salvador.



Shown here again (See July 26, 1983) are the WCSC Members. From left to right - Homer O'Steen, John Holbrook (Chairman), Jack Welch, Jack Conyers and Don McCaskill.

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Shown here (L-R) Ruth Williams, Lucille May, Jane May with husband Lt Col Tom May (son of Dick and Lucille May) and Sam Franklin. Tom and Jane were visiting from Dayton, Ohio.



Shown here (L-R) are Janice and Frank Avent and Ruth Nash.

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OUR "SOCIAL DIRECTOR"-TOM SAYER

Chairman - Fellowship Committee

(Shown here left-right with -  
Tom Nash, Tommie Taylor and  
Pat Donahoo)

Responsible for the highly suc-  
cessful Ladie's Night and two  
well supported golf matches.



ANNOUNCEMENTS: Tom Sayer announced a Golf Tournament between St. Simons and Brunswick Rotary at Sea Palms on August 24. Shotgun Start at 1:00 p.m. The \$20. entry fee will cover greens fee, cart, prizes and refreshments. A sign-up list will be circulated at the August 9th meeting.

Tom Sayer announced a golf match to be held on Sea Palms on November 16, a 4-ball scramble.

LADIES NIGHT details, given us by Tom Sayer:

Friday, January 13, with dinner at 7:00 p.m. in the older dining room at The Cloister. Order your dinner from the regular Cloister menu. Gather in the clubrooms for fellowship before the dinner hour and for dancing after dinner as you wish.

Black tie optional.

If organizing tables of 8 to 12, give one name to Tom Sayer to represent your table. There will be seating for all, however, so it is not necessary to pick a table in advance unless you want to be with a particular group.

Get in the reservation and pay Treasurer Baxter Rains \$14.50 if you will be accompanied by your Rotaryann or other lady guest. Additional guests, \$21.00.



As the Club moved from one meeting place to another - the Officers and Board of Directors held their regular meetings wherever they could.

They are shown here meeting in the dining room of the Sea Palms Resort just prior to a regular meeting.



January 17, 1984





Mrs Bessie M. Miltiades, Executive Director of the Better Business Bureau of the Coastal Empire, Savannah, Ga. (which is also our Bureau for the Golden Isles,) shown here with Presi-Hamsa, was the speaker for the January 17, 1984 meeting.

Mrs Miltiades observed that the Bureau is non-profit, non-government, is privately supported and is the voice of the consumer and the conscience of business.

She gave practical and current examples of "scams" that the Bureau is aware of and explained how to request Bureau assistance in correcting questionable business practices.

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Our Rotary President-to-be for 1984-85, Morgan Stapleton, came through for the Program Committee with a fine discussion of education in Georgia, and plans for the future. The Georgia Board of Regents having to do with college education and the State Department of Education having to do with Elementary and High School education have agreed on a pre-college program. This high school program will require 4 years of English, 3 years of Science, 3 years of Mathematics, 3 years of Social Science and 2 years of Foreign Language - all for admission to college. Unfortunately, the Georgia high schools will not have the staff to handle this upgraded pre-college curriculum.

Georgia is not alone in facing the dilemma since 70% of the states require only one year of English and Math in their secondary schools. This has resulted over the last several years from what Morgan called a "Unilateral Educational Disarmament."

Heavy emphasis of vocational training and extra-curricular activities has helped to take the guts out of pre-college education. As you read in the newspapers, S A T scores have dipped.

7 It is sad that in Georgia 60% of job offers go to Engineering graduates but only 10% of Georgia graduates qualify. Between 1955 and 1979, high technology industries accounted for 75% of the job increases.

In a nutshell, for young Georgians to ride the crest of the wave of the future, their education must be upgraded and toughened.

January 24, 1984





**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Continuing the month's series of programs on Consumer Concerns, Lloyd Smith introduced as speaker Barry Reid, Administrator of the Consumer Affairs Dept. of the State of Georgia. Mr. Reid, a native of Maryland with a master's degree from Florida State U., has a staff of 42 people in Atlanta. He brought along with him his computer expert Dan Jacobs,

Mr. Reid said that honest business people are in the majority in Georgia and his department has to deal with only a small percentage of businesses in the state. He said that in 1983, 800 calls were received from Glynn County.

The top six types of complaints from business customers are:

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| 1. Advertising:      | 2. Delivery or failure: | 3. Contract or Lease: |
| 4. Defective profit: | 5. Estimates:           | 6. Repairs            |

This group amounts to 60% of the department's activity.

His department was formed as a result of the Georgia Fair Business Practices Act of 1975.

Their toll-free number is 1-800-282-5808 which is an Information and Referral Service.

The Department stresses Consumer Education but refers any of 13 different infractions only 35-40 times a year to the Attorney-General.

In the field of Scams, the major problems are:

1. Odometer roll-backs - Title changes
2. Energy Savings Fraud
3. Undercover Auto Repair Fraud

Mr. Reid certainly showed us that his department has the interests of the Georgia consumer high on its list.

January 31, 1984