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“Go in’ to the

Rotary sponsors medical ride services

The St. Simons Island Rotary Clubs volunteer medical drivers are now entering their third year of driving patients long distance to Jacksonville and Savannah.

These drivers, over a period of 38 months, have driven 69 patients to their respective doctors. Anyone interested and needing help can contact Don Robertson at 638-7544 or Lisa Anderson at 638-1153. □□□□□□



Drivers from left: Front row: Joe Mruk, Mike Harris, Marie Dodd, John Law, and Charles Lewis; Back row: Don Robertson, Tom Swan, Henry McGrath, Lee Haller, and Jim Bruce. Not pictured: Camille Adams, Lisa Anderson, Jane Green, Rick Powers, Sam Shaw, Bill Waddington, and Maria Vogt.

Rotary change of command



The Rotary Club of St. Simons Islands newly elected president Marie Dodd gets off to a roaring start as she is shown at left, presenting retiring president Nat Johnson a plaque to commemorate a job well done during his term.



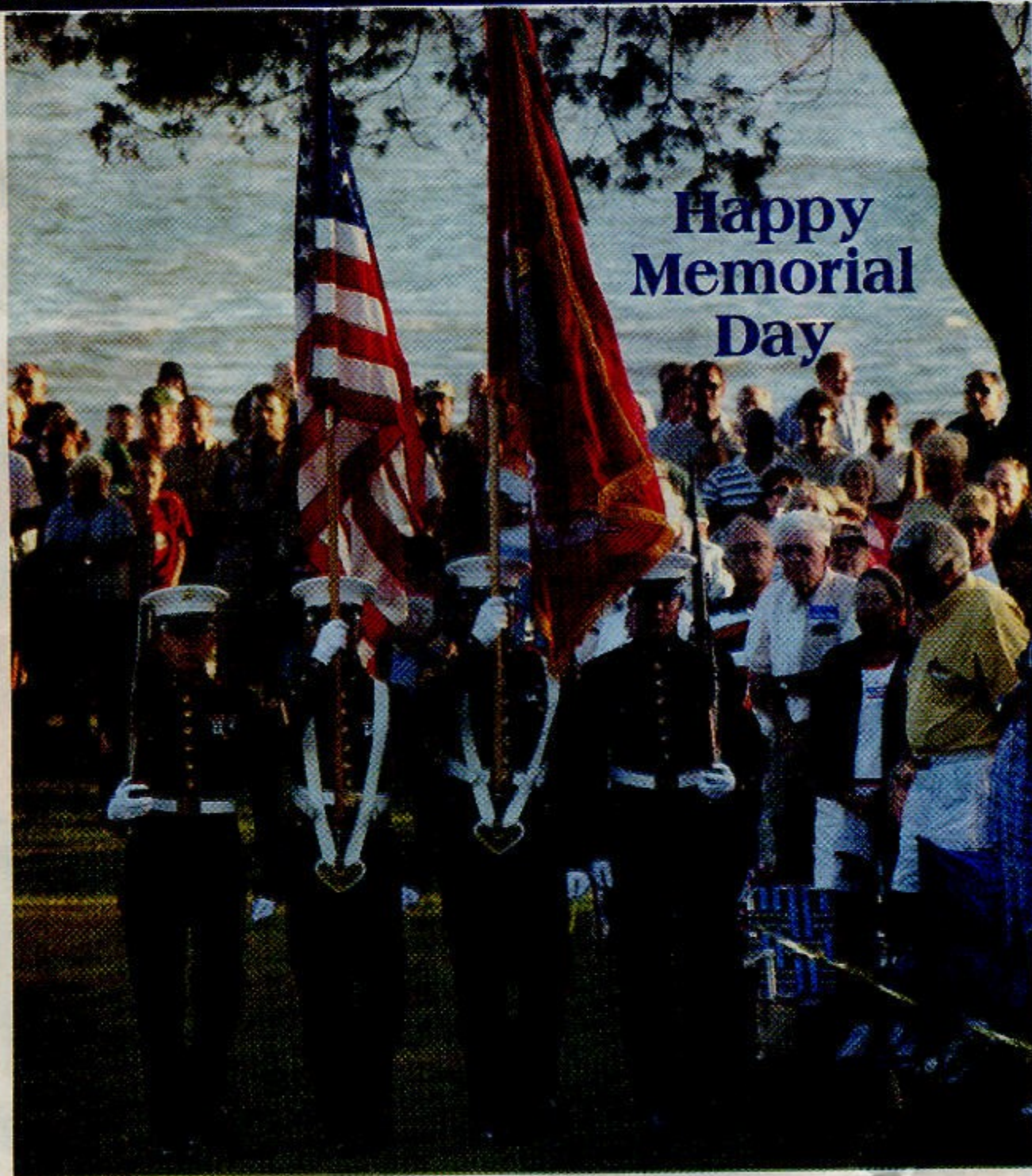
Newly elected Rotary of St. Simons president Marie Dodd (right) presents retiring

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Ex-seaman wants history to live on

By AMY HORTON
The Brunswick News

Though his was one of the deadliest war assignments in the world, Don Robertson didn't give his World War II career a second thought for more than 40 years.

"Most veterans, we didn't talk about the war when we were young," Robertson said. "We had married life, jobs, all that to think about."

In fact, Robertson played golf in Atlanta with two fellow veterans of the U.S. Merchant Marine, and none of the three knew they shared that common experience until much later.

NEWSFocus

On people

"We were all about golf and talking business," Robertson said.

Then Robertson retired from the chemical business and began looking around for hobbies and other activities to occupy his time. He joined organizations like the Navy League of the United States, and his memories of World War II bubbled back to the surface.

Now — in part by virtue of being one of the few veterans of the Merchant Marine still living — Robertson has become a tireless



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Don Robertson

and quite talkative champion of the Merchant Marine's contributions to Allied Victory in the war. In the month of May, particularly,

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History: Merchant role surprises many

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his thoughts turn to the time he and his fellow veterans spent serving their country at sea.

Thursday is National Maritime Day. It's a holiday few people recognize honoring a significant period in history that few people know. Robertson's reservoir of war stories is bottomless and concern not just his own experiences but those of the Merchant Marine as a whole.

"A lot of people don't know the Merchant Marine had the highest casualty totals of all the services. Much higher than the Navy. Much higher than the Army," Robertson said.

Even though merchant mariners weren't recognized as veterans until 1988, they volunteered for service knowing they were sailing directly into combat.

"Eighty-four percent of all merchant marines received the combat bar, which means they were in combat," Robertson said.

American merchant ships were the targets of German U-boats aiming to cripple the Allied war effort by cutting off its supply lines. Merchant ships sailed unarmed and unescorted in the early days of the war, and the losses were staggering, prompting President Franklin D. Roosevelt to initiate the Liberty ship program to replace the lost vessels. In launching the unprecedented ship-building spree, Roosevelt crowed: "We'll build 'em faster than they can sink 'em."

The realities of war at sea didn't stop young men like Robertson, who was just 19 at the time, from signing on to fight the Axis powers in Europe and Japan.

In October 1942, Robertson was a second-year student at Virginia Technical Military Institute. His entire class was entered in officer's candidate school in preparation to lead the U.S. Army into

battle.

"All of a sudden it hit me in the head. I said, 'Jeepers-creepers, I don't want the Army. I want the Navy or sea service,'" Robertson said.

He returned home with the intent of joining the Navy when a smooth-talking acquaintance appealed both to his patriotism and his machismo by telling him he could ship out immediately if he'd sign on with the Merchant Marine.

Robertson jumped — straight into the cold waters of the North Atlantic.

On Oct. 3, 1942, his first ship, the S.S. Susana, a "Hog Islander," predecessor to the Liberty ship, left New York bound for Murmansk, Russia, loaded with munitions and food. She set sail in a small convoy of eight ships. On Oct. 7, the Susana's convoy joined a larger armada of 36 ships off Halifax, Nova Scotia.

On Oct. 13, the convoy was attacked by three German submarines. The attack lasted two hours and sank four ships. The Susana was the last to go. Six Navy sailors and 27 merchant mariners went down with her. Twelve men released the last seaworthy lifeboat, while Robertson and two others ended up drifting on a raft for 15 hours until all survivors were rescued by a west-bound convoy.

Robertson returned to sea, serving on four Liberty ships before the war was over. Only one of the four Liberties was attacked, and it managed to limp to port in England with the assistance of a tugboat.

The day Robertson left his Liberty ship in October 1945 was the last time he set foot on a ship until May 2002 when the John W. Brown, one of the last surviving Liberty ships in the world, called on the Port of Brunswick.

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Veterans Walk continues to grow



Veterans Walk, a presentation of bricks commemorating veterans of all wars, is alive and well as is evidenced by this photograph of the site at Neptune Park of St. Simons Island. This project, sponsored by the Rotary Club of St. Simons Island, was started just 2 years ago, was an instant hit with those who wanted to present a brick to be inlaid with the name of a veteran and placed alongside others. Individual bricks may still be obtained for \$50 by writing to Veterans Walk, P.O. Box 21132, St. Simons Island, 31522 or by calling 261-5066. If you have not seen this attractive addition to the park, just stroll onto the grounds and take a look.

BACK TALK

Crisis Control?

Overheard over a cup of coffee at a local sandwich shop - "I wish Glynn County could get through just one week without a crisis!"

A great wish but very unlikely to happen.

Although the Board of Education is simmering down and doesn't make headlines every week, they are being replaced by the County government with their 'Crisis of the Week' agenda.

Last week it was:

Crisis #1. County administrator resignation - with huffs and puffs

Crisis #2. Collapsing steel under the Casino courtyard walkway

Crisis #3. Second St. Simons Pier proposed

So with three hot potatoes the Commissioners will receive a multitude of phone calls this week and as usual, the game of gossip will distort the facts.

1. County administrator - okay - he resigned. Why? What difference does it make? No one is talking - and again, what difference does it make. It isn't like a marriage - it's only a contractual agreement. If there are unresolvable issues, the County Board should have an opportunity to hear such as a rare local op

Elise J. Pernar
Editor

THE ISLANDER

Mack Mattingly to speak at taps at twilight

St. Simons Rotary Club committee chairman Minor Harris, Jr., has announced that former Senator Mack Mattingly will be the keynote speaker at the May 26 Taps at Twilight program being held at Neptune Park on St. Simons at 7 p.m.

Mattingly, born in Indiana, joined the Air Force during the Korean War, and served four years.

Following his discharge he returned to Indiana, where he graduated from Indiana University and began a successful career with IBM. He relocated to Savannah and shortly thereafter to St. Simons, where he became interested in politics.

In 1980 he was elected U.S. Senator. He served two terms in the Senate from 1981 to 1987. He was re-elected in 1986 and served until 1991.



former Senator Mack Mattingly

In 1987 President Reagan appointed him Assistant Secretary for Defense, NATO Headquarters, Belgium. He served as the highest-ranking American officer at NATO until 1990.

In 1992 President Bush appointed him Ambassador to The Seychelles, but his appointment terminated with the election of a Democrat president.

He is now retired and resides on St. Simons. Prior to the program Boy Scouts from local troops 214, 227, and 248 will distribute

American flags.

Music will be provided by the Golden Isles Community Concert Band conducted by Michael Warden.

from Jane Macon Middle School. Guest soloist will be Steven Bris. Following the program Taps will be played by Willie Hammett, well known trumpeter.

The U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard from Kings Bay, assisted by the Naval Junior ROTC from Brunswick High School, will post colors.

Come early as a large crowd again expected.

County Police raise suspected drug lab

Capt. Ray Starling of Glynn/Brunswick Narcotics Enforcement Team announced that at 11 a.m. May 16, a search warrant served at 6950 New Jesup Highway in reference to an ongoing methamphetamine distribution location. Due to the possibilities of chemicals being in the residence, calls are being in the production of methamphetamines, the Savannah office assisted in the search warrant in case chemicals found.

Also assisting were the Glynn County Fire Department and Glynn County Police Patrol Division. The search of the residence is ongoing at this time.

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Remembrance memorials to be held on island, in city

The Brunswick News

Glynn County will get a double dose of Memorial Day fare Monday.

As in the past, observances will be held on the mainland early in the day and on St. Simons Island in the evening.

Both will feature guest speakers. Col. Dennis Keith, commander of the U.S. Air Force Special Investigations Academy at the Federal Law Enforcement Train-

ing Center in Brunswick, will speak at the service in Brunswick. Mack Mattingly, a former U.S. Senator, ambassador and NATO official, will address the ceremony on St. Simons Island.

Sponsored by the Veterans of the Golden Isles, the Memorial Day tribute on the mainland will begin in the city with a parade. Men and women who served in the Armed Forces in Glynn and surrounding counties are invited

to march in the parade, which will begin at 10 a.m. at Mary Ross Waterfront Park. It will end at the local war memorial on the grounds of the old county courthouse.

The service at the war memorial will begin at 11 a.m. with an address by Keith and the placing of wreaths by veterans organizations in honor of all Glynn County residents who died in the defense of their nation.

The annual Memorial Day observance on St. Simons Island will begin at 7 p.m. and will include music by the Golden Isles Community Concert Band. Steven Bristol will be the guest soloist.

Taps will be played by trumpet Willie Hammett. The U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard from Kings Bay, assisted by the Naval Junior ROTC from Brunswick High School, will post the colors.

Taps at Twilight is sponsored by the St. Simons Rotary Club. Boy Scouts from troops 214, 227 and 248 will distribute small American flags prior to the start of the ceremony.

A special Memorial Day commemoration will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Fort Morris State Historic Site in Liberty County. The day will include artillery demonstrations, musket drills and soldier talks.

Tuesday, April 22, 2003

Rotary: Red convertible revs up for cure

A 2003 red Thunderbird convertible will be given away May 3 at a fund-raising raffle at the Rotary District 682 Conference on Jeekyll Island. The five Glynn County Rotary clubs are sponsoring the event in support of Rotary International's program to eradicate polio worldwide by 2005.

Since 1985, more than two billion children have received oral polio vaccine through a joint effort between Rotary International and the United Nations.

To date, Rotary International has committed over \$400 million to the program of global polio eradication. Polio has been eliminated entirely from the Western Hemisphere and most of Europe. Asia and Africa are not yet polio-free, but major progress is being made. It is expected that polio will be eradicated from those continents by 2005 in the final phase of the Rotary program.

Raffle tickets for the red convertible are \$50 each. They can be purchased from any Rotary member and are available at Pat's Hallmark in Retreat Village on St. Simons Island.



Rotarians, from left, Bill Turbeville, Leslie Mattingly, Marie Dodd, John Parkins and Clyde Taylor pose with the 2003 Thunderbird convertible to be raffled off May 3. Proceeds will support Rotary International's program to eradicate polio worldwide by 2005.

Rotary raffles red convertible for polio eradication



This red 2003 Mustang convertible will be given away at a fund-raising raffle to take place at the Rotary District 6820 Conference being held at Jekyll Island May 3. The five Glynn County Rotary clubs are supporting a major effort to help Rotary International in the final phase of completely eradicating polio worldwide by 2005. Raffle tickets are being sold for \$50 each and are available from members of the local Rotary clubs or from Pat's Hallmark shop on St. Simons.

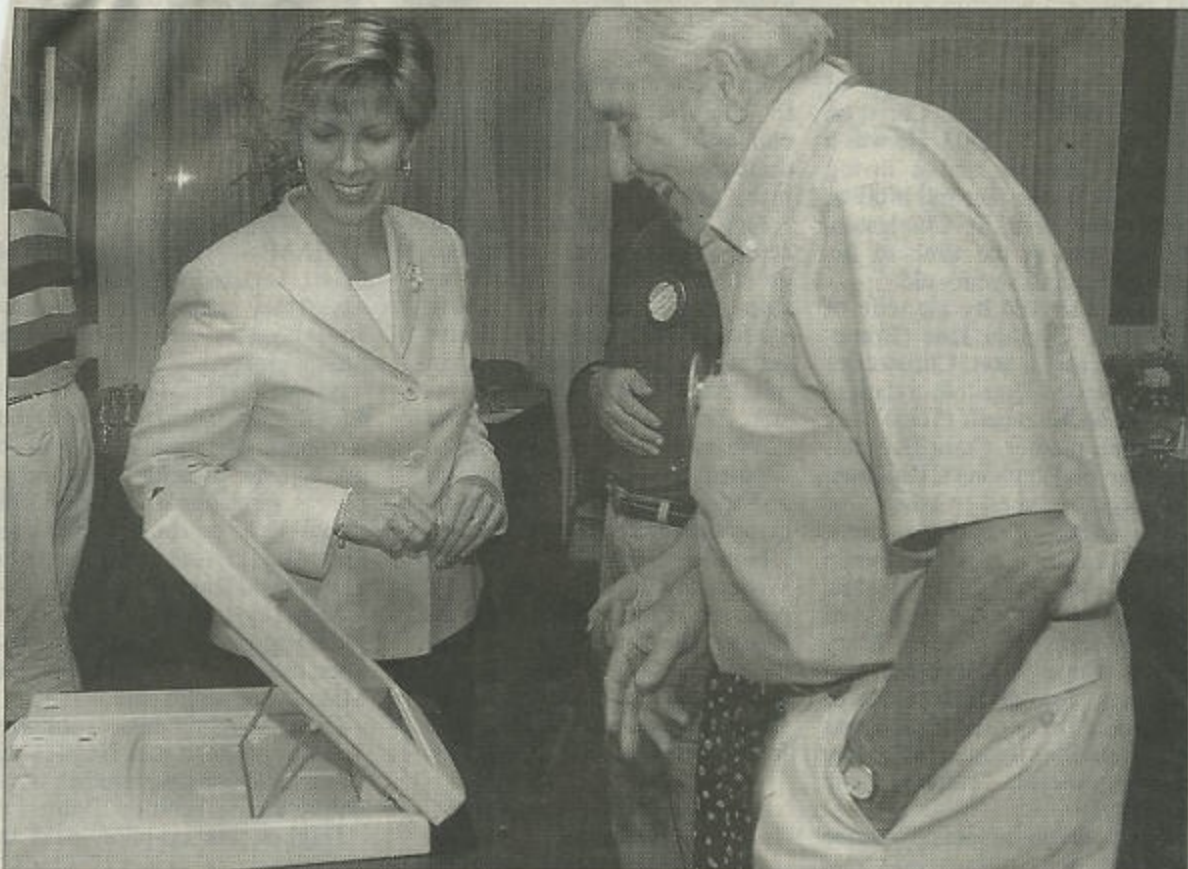
Shown in this photograph l to r: Bill Turbeville, Raffle Team Captain; Leslie Mattingly, Contact Chairperson; Marie Dodd, President St. Simons Rotary Club; John Parkins, 2004 District Governor-elect and raffle chairman; and Clyde Taylor, Vice President and President-elect of St. Simons Rotary club.

Eagle Scout Honored by VFW

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4092 recently honored Wade Carlton Carruth III, center, for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. His Eagle Scout project was the repairing, sanding and painting of picnic tables at Frederica Academy. Wade completed the project with the help of his fellow scouts in troop 214 of St. William's Catholic Church. Wade is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Carruth of St. Simons Island. He is pictured with Mike Browning, left, commander of VFW Post No. 4092, and Keith Stephenson, scout master of Troop 214.



P.M. Briefing



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Secretary of State Cathy Cox shows Bud McGrath a touch-screen voting machine after a St. Simons Island Rotary meeting.

Rotary gets first look at new touch-screen voting machines

By JOSH RAYBURN
The Brunswick News

By some horrible mishap, Chipper Jones could be Georgia's next governor.

But that kind of mistake is exactly what Secretary of State Cathy Cox says won't happen with Georgia's new electronic voting system, set to make its debut during the November general election.

Ms. Cox met with the St. Simons Island Rotary Club in Tuesday to show off the computer system and promote the ease it will bring to casting votes.

Club members were able to practice using the machine by casting votes in fake elections for Favorite Leader, which had Dolly Madison and George Washington on the ballot, and Favorite Athlete, which featured Jones.

On touch-screen voting, names of candidates appear in large type and light up when touched. A large red "X" appears in a box to signify the voter's choice.

If the voter accidentally votes for the wrong person, they can easily go back and change the vote. At the end of the voting process, a summary screen appears showing all the votes cast by the voter. Another chance to go back and change votes also is offered again.

"We are going to make history in Georgia this year," Ms. Cox said. "Your vote certainly is going to count

this November."

That wasn't the case in 2000 for many Georgians. Ms. Cox said her office documented 94,000 uncounted presidential election ballots in the 2000 race, which equaled 3.5 percent of all voters in the state.

In Glynn County, Ms. Cox said 767 presidential votes were not counted in the 2000 race.

"We were in worse shape than Florida," she said. "This was a wake-up call for the state of Georgia. If we hadn't known that George W. Bush had beaten Al Gore by more than 200,000 votes, we would have been Florida."

"It would have been me they were making fun of on Saturday Night Live."

Glynn County voters will use the optical scan voting method for the last time during the August primary elections. Demonstration versions of the new touch-screen systems will be on hand at all local precincts, and will be displayed throughout the county before their November debut.

Rotary member Joe Mruk tested out the new machine and gave it his approval.

"I think it's terrific, absolutely terrific," he said. "They think people will be apprehensive about using them because it's a computer, but there's no need for that. It's easy, just like reading the church bulletin."

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Higher, faster!: Clint Winne of St. Simons Island and his granddaughter Sylvia Winne, 2, of Albany spend a sunny afternoon at Massengale Park.

and two elected at-large.

Keen said the measure would
take effect in 2004.

charged with statutory rape.

A football star and signee
with Vanderbilt University has
been charged with forcing a 15-

Gary Conway, an investigator
with the Floyd County Police
Department.

Dixon, 18, has been

At Lunch With...

By Cheri Harden

"The Flag Man"

It is a sight we are all familiar with, yet one that always leaves a lasting impression. Perhaps for some it was on the steps of a neighborhood grade school while waiting on the school bus. Perhaps for others it was on the battle front where young men armed with courage and determination defended their country. Or most recently, it was at the base of the World Trade Center where evil reared its dark and ugly head. The sight is that of Old Glory beautifully bouncing through the air. With a deep breath, we stop, we remember and we rejoice in the freedom of our symbolic American flag.

Here locally, Cal Paynter has made it his mission to spread the patriotism of Old Glory all over the Island. Frequently known as "The Flag Man", Paynter would like nothing more than a wave of red, white and blue flying across every St. Simons Island home.



an elite group trained for mountain combat.

Cal met and fell in love with Vivian Carpenter right after basic training and they were married in June 1943, 59 years ago. (fitting: a Carpenter marrying a Paynter.) Cal was stationed in Italy when their first son was born. It was incentive to return from Italy alive. I am sure it is what kept him going during the seizure of Riva Ridge. To succeed in this mission, the infantry

The St. Simons Island Rotary Flag Program was founded in the spring of 1996 with the purpose of promoting patriotism and further enhancing the display of the American flag at residential and commercial properties. If Paynter did the same poll of counting homes flying the flag that he did on areas around the Island years ago, the results certainly have improved.

The club uses the profits to erect and maintain flag poles in public areas of St. Simons Island at locations such as the intersection of Demere and Frederica Roads, the St. Simons Island pier, Mallery Park, the Veteran's Walk at Neptune Park and Glynn Academy's gym. Funds also go towards the annual "Taps at Twilight" program and many more worthy and patriotic causes.

How did Cal Paynter become so patriotic? He comes by it naturally growing up in Philadelphia 5 miles from Independence Hall and Betsy Ross' house. "Everyone waved flags in Philadelphia," said Cal. "Philly was very patriotic. It was where it all started; where the Constitution was signed."

A graduate of Temple University, Cal was faced with the decision of joining the military when World War II broke out during his senior year. He joined the U.S. Army and went to Camp Hale in Colorado to train for the 10th Mountain Infantry,

climbed nearly 2000 feet of rocky terrain in the night to take the Germans by surprise. Daybreak was upon them, which would spell their doom. However, miraculously a fog came and bought them a few more hours of cover so they could sneak up on the Germans. Their mission was successful. These mighty mountaineers played a huge role in World War II. Cal returned to Camp Carson in Colorado to regroup but the war ended and he was discharged and returned to his family.

Cal led a successful career with Nestle Food Company. Upon retiring as a vice president of sales 18 years ago, Cal and Vivian moved to St. Simons Island where they, to this day, stay busy playing golf and enjoying visits from children and grands. Of course, Cal enjoys Rotary and peddling flags.

It was amazing to me that this charming 81-year-old man greeted me at Frederica Cafe with a small flag, his "calling card" and before leaving the restaurant sold a new flag to Leslie and Mack Mattingly dining at a nearby table. He had plenty in his trunk "just in case." It truly is his mission to promote patriotism. As he said, "people really don't realize what a great country we live in." It is people like Cal that remind us everyday. ■

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Rotary Club of St. Simons Elects New Officers



New officers and directors for the year 2002-2003 were recently elected. They are, from left front row, Barbara Chal, secretary, Marie Dodd, President, Jim Szwest, treasurer, Maria Vogt, assistant secretary, and Clyde Taylor, President elect. Second row: Directors: Leslie Mattingly, Pat Storino, Rem Sims, Bill Jens, Erik Kaufman and Charles Lewis.

St. Simons Rotary Awards Outstanding Community Service

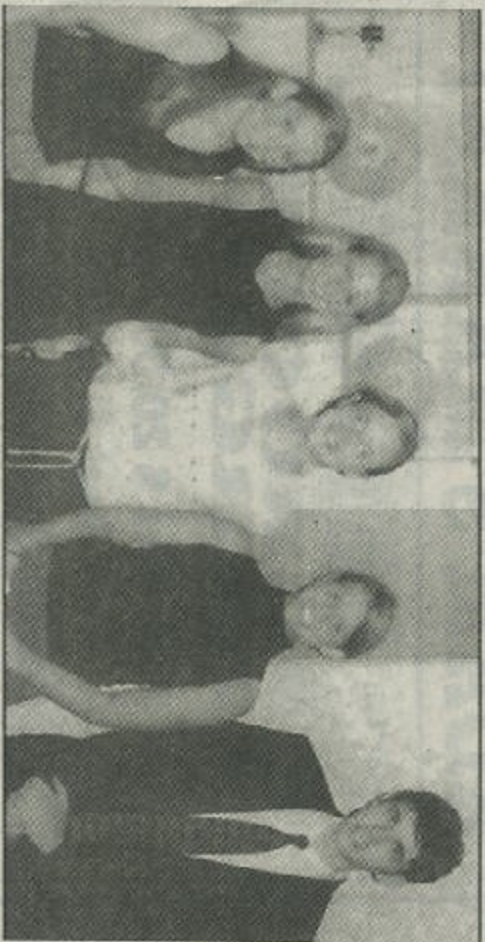
St. Simons Island Rotarian Erik Kaufman (center) presents Rotary's Outstanding Community Service Award to Missy Lane, realtor with Georgia Coast Realty (left) and to Bernie Swafford (right) of Pat's Hallmark for their work and service to the community



Newly installed **Rotary Club of St. Simons** President Marie Dodd presents retiring president Nat Johnson a plaque to commemorate a job well done during his term.

Dodd is shown with Cathy Cox, Georgia Secretary of State, who demonstrated to the club the state's new voting machine and assured members there will be no problems as our neighboring state

Rotary Club honors outstanding students



Frederica Academy: Rebecca Laws, Peyton Hoshall, Casey Paschonoti, Jaclyn Martelli, Derrick Barksdale.

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of St. Simons Island, 5 outstanding seniors from each of the area's high schools were honored at its Senior Honors Day program. Each gave an overview of his or her accomplishments and college expectations. Pictured here are each school with its students left to right:



Brunswick High: Slade Turner, Tabitha Wasdin, Kim Raines, Ricky Carreker, Brandi Thomas.



Glynn Academy: Sarah Elizabeth Johnston, Dustin Pitts, Shenna Clinch, Bryan Hendley, Lance Weiss.

& MORE



Rotarians honored for community service

St. Simons Island Rotary recently honored two of its members for their work and service in the community. Rotarian Erik Kaufman, center, presented Rotary's Outstanding Community Service Award to Missy Lane, left, realtor with Georgia Coastal Realty, and to Bernie Swafford of Pat's Hallmark shops.



Rotary installs 2002-2003 leaders

The Rotary Club of St. Simons Island recently elected new officers and directors for the year 2002-2003. They are, front row, from left, Barbara Chal, Marie Dodd, Jim Szwast, Maria Vogt and Clyde Taylor. Pictured in the second row, from left, are Leslie Mattingly, Pat Storino, Rem Sims, Bill Jens, Erik Kaufmann and Charles Lewis.



St. Simons Rotary honors member

Henry Kingdon, second from left, recently received an appreciation plaque from the St. Simons Rotary Club recognizing him as a Will Watt Fellow. Will Watt was the founder of the Georgia Rotary Student Program which supplements individual clubs' con-

tributions toward the sponsorship of a student's higher education. Pictured with Kingdon are, from left, Nat Johnson, St. Simons Rotary Club president; Hamsa Thota, club chairman of the GRSP Endowment Fund Drive; and Clyde Taylor, a current Will Watt Fellow.



Rotarians contribute to higher education

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of St. Simons, Clyde Taylor, left, chairman of the Georgia Student Rotary Program, awarded certificates to, from left, Marie Dodd, Dwight Plyler and Fred Collins for their contributions program. The Georgia Student Rotary Program funds scholarships for outstanding graduating seniors at local high schools.

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COMMUNITY LIFE



Clubs get together to support worldwide program

Four local Rotary Clubs recently held a combined meeting to hear Bruce Montgomery, center, district governor of Rotary District 6920, discuss past accomplishments and future plans and programs for each club with particular emphasis on Rotary's worldwide polio eradication program. Pictured with Montgomery are the local club presidents, from left, Delores Brantley, Marshes of Glynn; Marie Dodd, St. Simons Island; Carla Lee, Glynn County; and Brad Stewart, Jekyll Island.

St. Simons Island Rotarian of the Year



Henry has been a Rotarian for 27 years and his major interest has been the Rotary Scholarship Fund. He is also a Will Watt Fellow, a Paul Harris Fellow and an Ed Bruce Fellow all scholarship oriented funds.

Marie Dodd, President of the Rotary Club of St. Simons, presents the Rotarian of the Year award to member Henry Kingdon. His wife Ina looks on.

St. Simons Island Rotary Volunteer Medical Drivers

St. Simons Rotary Club continues its Volunteer Medical Drivers program. Over the past two years the group has driven 47 patients to Savannah and Jacksonville to receive various types of treatments when they cannot otherwise transport themselves. For further information or assistance call either of the leaders.



Pictured left-right are: John Law, Jack Kirschner, Bill Waddington, Mike Harris, Jim Bruce, Camille Adams, Don Robertson, Leader - phone 638-7544, Tom Swan, Charles Lewis, Maria Vogt, Lisa Anderson, Leader - phone 638-1152 and Lee Haller.

Linda Novey Donates To St. Simons Island Rotary Scholarship Fund



Linda Novey presents Sonny Doehring of the Rotary Club of St. Simons a check for the Rotary Scholarship Fund. At left is member Dennie McCrary, President of the Sea Island Company for which Linda is presently engaged. She attributes her start from a life of poverty to an educational career and later into her profession to a gift from the Rotary Scholarship Fund. She is a

consultant in training, leadership, development and motivational coaching. In addition to the Sea Island Company her clients include Ritz Carlton and The Four Seasons Hotel chains worldwide.

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QUICK TAKES

Rotary Club Honors Outstanding Students

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Frederica Academy

Rebecca Laws, Peyton Hoshall, Casey Paschoaloti, Jaclyn Martelli, and Derrick Barksdale.



(left to right) Marie Dodd, Dr. and Mrs. Randolph Stevens, Jack and Billie Conyers

Lee Scheinman initiated the concept of neighborhood parties in Atlanta to benefit The American Cancer Society (ACS) after her first mastectomy in 1970. Her parties raised more than \$290,000 in 28 years.

After moving to St. Simons Island, Lee wanted to continue the benefit. Her friends, Anne Tomlin, Marie Dodd, Carol Warner and Pat Sullivan joined her in hosting what is now their sixth annual cocktail buffet with all donations going to ACS. To date, they have raised more than \$42,000. They look forward to continuing this fun and productive annual event.

The recent parties party was held at the lovely Enclave home of Pat Sullivan.



(left to right) Hostesses: Marie Dodd, Pat Sullivan, Lee Scheinman



(left to right) Rod Miller, Lee Scheinman, Marie Dodd



(left to right) Dr. and Mrs. Randolph Stevens, Lee Scheinman

TY LIFE



Rotary recognizes members for contributions

The Rotary Club of St. Simons Island recently honored its newest Paul Harris Fellows. These individuals joined a group of 67 members who have contributed a significant amount to the Rotary Foundation which funds many programs including a worldwide program of polio eradication. The new Fellows are, back from left, Rem Johnston, Roland Daniel and Alwin Brillembourg, center from left, Frances Shannon and John Laws and, front from left, Clint Winnie, Mary Alice Kimel and Nat Johnson. Lee Haller, not pictured, is also a New Paul Harris Fellow.

Kingdon named Rotarian of Year



Marie Dodd, left, president of the Rotary Club of St. Simons, presents the Rotarian of the Year award to member Henry Kingdon, whose wife Ina looks on. Henry has been a Rotarian for 27 years; his major interest has been the Rotary Scholarship Fund. He is also a Will Watt Fellow, a Paul Harris Fellow and an Ed Bruce Fellow, all scholarship oriented funds.

St. Simons Rotary presents several honors

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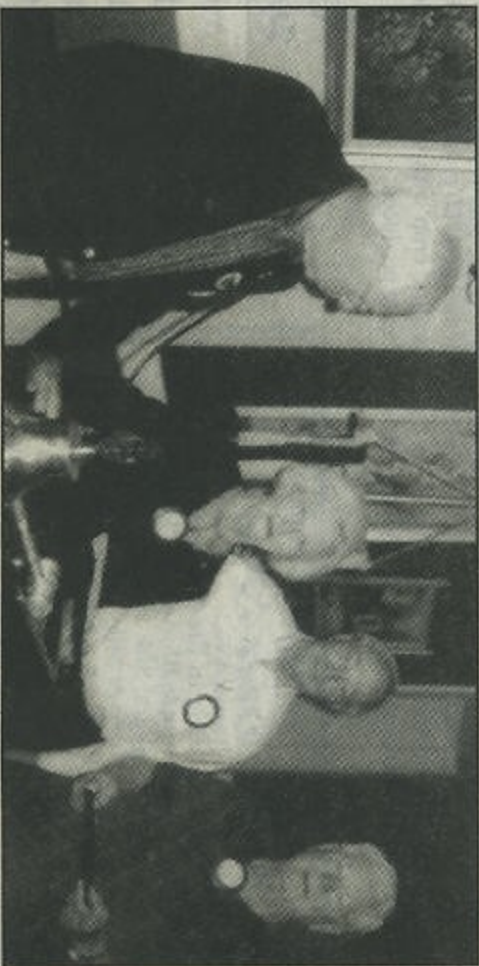


The new Fellows are, left to right, Rem Johnston (*), Frances Shannon (*), Clint Winnie, Roland Daniel, John Laws, Maryalice Kinmel, Alwin Brillenbourg, and Nat Johnson (*). Not present Lee Halter. (*) Denotes multiple donor..

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Rotary Clubs work to eliminate polio

The world is on the verge of eliminating one of the most dreaded diseases of the 20th century -- poliomyelitis. During the first half of the 20th century, polio crippled over a half million people every year. Even today, children in developing countries continue to fall victim to the disease. But by 2005, thanks in large part to Rotary International and to the 1.2 million Rotary volunteers worldwide, the disease will be all but a memory.

Before celebrating this public health milestone, the spread of the polio virus must be interrupted in the poorest and most populous regions of the world, and surveillance must continue for several years to be sure the vi-

rus is completely wiped-out. This is no easy task. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that over US\$1 billion is needed from donors through 2005 to eradicate polio, of which approximately \$725 million has already been pledged. The current estimated funding shortfall is \$275 million. Much of the needed assistance will come from Rotary International or from Rotary's advocacy work with national governments and the private sector.

Through its PolioPlus program, Rotary's contributions to the global eradication effort will reach nearly a half billion US dollars by 2005. In addition, millions of dollars of in-

kind, and personal contributions have been made by and through local Rotary clubs and districts for polio eradication activities.

Of even greater significance has been the large volunteer army mobilized by Rotary International. As a result, a highly motivated and trained volunteer base of 10 million, many of them Rotary members, offer their time and expertise to fight polio by providing support at clinics, transporting vaccine, contributing medical supplies, and mobilizing their communities for immunization and other polio eradication activities. More than one million members of Rotary worldwide have contributed toward the success of the polio eradication effort to date, demonstrating the extraordinary impact civil society can have on a global public health initiative.

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The PolioPlus program represents the largest private-sector support of a global health initiative. The initiative was recognized by Secretary-General of the United Nations Kofi Annan as a model for public/private partnerships in the 21st century. Other key partners on the global eradication team include WHO, UNICEF, and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Once eradicated, polio will join smallpox as one of only two diseases ever eliminated. And, Rotary will continue serving as a leader in humanitarian programs, with the hope that its success will inspire other private entities to work in similar ways for the public good.

All Rotary Clubs in Glynn, Camden and McIntosh counties will be involved in this project.

OF LATIN SENSATIONS...



St. Simons Rotary Club continues its Volunteer Medical Drivers program. Over the past two years the group has driven 47 patients to Savannah and Jacksonville to receive various types of treatments when they cannot otherwise transport themselves.



Linda Novey presents Sonny Doehring of the Rotary Club of St. Simons a check for the Rotary Scholarship Fund. At left is member Dennis McCrory, president of the Sea Island Company for which Linda is presently engaged.



Marie Dodd, president of the Rotary Club of St. Simons, presents the Rotarian of the Year Award to member Henry Kingdon. Henry's wife Ina, looks on. Henry has been a Rotarian for the past 27 years.

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Rotarian honored for service

Hamsa Thota, left, was presented with the Rotary International 4 Avenues of Service Citation by Nat Johnson, president of the Rotary Club of St. Simons Island. The award is given for outstanding service in international, club, community and vocational affairs.



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Rotary: Local clubs join international cause

During the first half of the 20th century, polio crippled more than half a million people every year.

While the disease has been almost totally eradicated in developed countries, children, in particular, are still falling prey to it in Third World countries.

A major project of all the Rotary clubs in Glynn, Camden and McIntosh counties is support of Rotary International's PolioPlus program.

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In addition, millions of dollars of in-kind and personal contributions have been made by and through local Rotary clubs and districts throughout the world.

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Other key partners are the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

For more information on local PolioPlus activities, call 267-9623.

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Flags: Rotary club keeps on giving

Six years ago, the Rotary Club of St. Simons instituted a flag program for public and private schools in Glynn County.

The program is chaired by Rotarian Cal Paynter, who has earned the nickname The Flag Man.

To date, Paynter and the Rotary

program have distributed 615 2-by-3-foot, gold-fringed silk flags to 20 area schools. In addition, a flag and flagpole were provided for the Morningstar Treatment Services school.

Most recently, Paynter presented 40 classroom flags to Satilla Marsh

Elementary School.

Darlene Moye, Satilla Marsh principal, said, "The students accepted the flags with true American spirit and say the Pledge of Allegiance daily."

For more information on the flag program, call 638-7009.