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St. Simons Rotary Club Posted by Bill Halderson



The St. Simons Island Rotary Club recently installed new officers and directors for the 2005-2006 membership year. Officers and directors pictured with **Clyde Taylor**, back left, assistant governor, St. Simons Area, **Maria Vogt**, secretary; **Pat Storino**, president-elect; second row from left, **Bud**

Dorsey, sergeant-at-arms; **Leslie Mattingly**, immediate past president; **Mike Harris**, assistant sergeant-at-arms; third row from left, **Kevin Lokey**, president; **Leon Jorgensen**, **Mike Muldowney** and **Bill Halderson**, directors; back from left, **John Buchanan**, director; **Millard Allen**, assistant secretary; and **Chuck Cansler**, director.

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 **St. Simons and McIntosh Rotary clubs** Posted by Bill Halderston



David and Karen Williams, the St. Simons Island Rotary Club's host family, recently welcomed **Trilin Saag**, center, of Italy as she began her year with the St. Simons Island Rotary Club's Georgia Rotary Student Program. Saag is a student at the University of Genoa and will be attending Valdosta State University. She is being sponsored by the St. Simons Island and McIntosh County Rotary clubs. Since its inception in 1946, the Georgia Rotary Student Program has brought almost 3000 students from around the world to Georgia to study for one year. The program's motto is "World Peace Through Understanding."

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Stacy Short, left, guidance counselor at Altama Elementary School, recently accepted a check from **Becky Stephenson** of the St. Simons Island Rotary Club in support of the Rotary-sponsored Child in Crisis program at the school. During the past year, Rotary has donated \$1,250 to the program, which aids students in need.



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Kevin Lokey, left, incoming president of the St. Simons Rotary Club, recently presented Leslie Mattingly, outgoing president, with a presidential plaque in recognition of her service to the club. Lokey, who will serve for the 2005-2006 year, was a founding member of the Griffin Day Break Rotary Club and has served on the board of the St. Simons club since 2003.



St. Simons Island Rotary Awards Scholarships



First row, from left, president of St. Simons Rotary, Kevin Lokey, Greg Loper, John Loper, Kathy Hill and Rotary scholarship chair, Sonny Doehring; second row, from left, Ruth Ortega, Emily Ortega and Julio Ortega; third row from left, Dora Johnson, Bridgett Johnson and Ben Johnson; fourth row, Richard Baker and Lynder Young; fifth row, from left, Sidneye Henderson, Mary Beth Henderson and Lou Henderson; and sixth row, from left, Becky Farrow and Mike Muldowney

The St. Simons Island Rotary club recently presented five scholarship to local high school students.

Recipients of four year scholarships were Bridgett Johnson, Brunswick High School; Richard Baker, Brunswick High School; and Mary Beth Henderson, Frederica Academy.

The two year winners were John Loper, Brunswick High School; and Emily Ortega, Brunswick High School.

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Triln Saag, center, is originally from Estonia and has spent the past year as part of the Georgia Rotary Student Program. Sponsored jointly by the St. Simons Island Rotary Club and the McIntosh Rotary Club, she has been attending Valdosta State University. Her hosts during her time in Georgia are **Clyde Taylor**, the past president's representative at Rotary and his wife, **Sue Taylor**. Prior to the Rotary exchange to the U.S., Saag had been attending the University of Genoa in Italy where she will return after finishing her session at Valdosta. She, accompanied by other students in the program, has traveled to various parts of Georgia, Florida (including Key West) and New York City.

TODAY'S PEOPLE

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Volunteer makes dream a reality

By CAROLE HAWKINS
The Brunswick News

When it comes to helping the Coastal Symphony of Georgia, Tom Parker believes firing up people's imaginations is a good first step.

In this vein, the Coastal Symphony volunteer and board member came up with a novel fund-raising idea - to auction an opportunity to conduct the symphony during the group's annual Cabaret event in February.

"I've always been a serious music lover. I've always dreamed of conducting the symphony myself. And I told the board there are probably more people than you know who would like the chance to do this," Parker said.

Amid heated competition, Parker got carried away and won the bid for himself.

"I'm embarrassed to say it, but I bid \$2,000."

Parker, who had no previous music training saved from a music appreciation class at LaGrange College in LaGrange, prepared for the task by attending rehearsals, where he received basic instructions on keeping time for the two pieces he was to conduct.



Carole Hawkins/The Brunswick News

Tom Parker bid \$2,000 to win a chance at conducting the Coastal Symphony for one of its concerts.

He also videotaped symphony conductor Vernon Humbert.

"He's right-handed and I'm left-handed," said Parker. "In the video he's facing me, so I was able to mimic what he was doing."

Another side

Tom Parker:

- Admired the Lone Ranger as a child.
- Received only a "C" in his music appreciation class in college.
- Is a retired real estate investor.

Parker said the video helped know which instruments would be playing at certain times and how to cue them. "It really gives you a sense of power."

For his efforts, Parker received a standing ovation from board members during a pre-concert dinner.

During the concert, held May 8 at Glynn Academy, Parker conducted the "Star-Spangled Banner" and the "William Tell Overture."

In keeping with the spirit of the event, Parker donned a Lone Ranger mask before taking a bow at the end of his second piece.

"It was received swimmingly. The symphony ladies rushed down the aisles and threw roses," he said.

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The St. Simons Island Rotary Club recently presented high school scholarships to several local students. The scholarship awards were for both two years, worth \$1,000 per year, and four years, worth \$2,000 per year. From left to right, in the front row, **Kevin Lokey**, president of the St. Simons Island Rotary Club, **Greg Loper**, **John Loper** of Brunswick High School, a two-year winner, John's mother, **Kathy Hill**, **Sonny Doehring**, St. Simons Island Rotary Club Chair of the Scholarship Fund. Second row, **Ruth Ortega**, **Emily Ortega** of Brunswick High School, a two-year winner, **Julio Ortega**. Third row, **Dora Johnson**, **Bridgett Johnson** of Brunswick High School, a four-year winner, **Ben Johnson**. Fourth row, **Richard Baker** of Brunswick High School, a four-year winner, **Lynder Young**. Fifth row, **Sidneye Henderson**, **Mary Beth Henderson** of Frederica Academy, a four-year winner, **Dr. Lou Henderson**. Sixth row, **Becky Farrow** and **Mike Muldowney**, both members of the scholarship committee.



St. Simons Island Rotary Posted by Bill Halrderson



St. Simons Island Rotary Club president **Kevin Lokey**, left, with Youth Symphony member **Ashley Smith** and **Ted Davis**, the chairman of the Youth Symphony and a member of the board of the Georgia Coastal Symphony, presented Davis with a check for \$1,000 to support the Youth Symphony. The Youth Symphony played for the Rotary Club recently. And, in keeping with the theme this Rotary year of helping children and youth, the club made the donation in their support.

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Taps is played during the annual Taps at Twilight program on St. Simons Island.

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Veterans fold up the flag after the Taps at Twilight ceremony on St. Simons Island.

Taps at twilight.

Day: Solemn time

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John Stalvey, a 22-year-old Marine Corps sniper, was killed Oct. 3, 2005, in Iraq when a bomb exploded near the Humvee in he was riding.

Billy Stalvey, John Stalvey's father, said the family is beginning to adjust to its loss, adding that the family's deep religious faith is of great comfort.

Speaking to a crowd of onlookers during the dedication to his son, Stalvey recalled his son as a young man of deep faith and strong convictions.

"We're all saved," Stalvey said. "When our time does come, we'll all be reunited with John."

Retired U.S. Army Col. George J. Stapleton said Memorial Day is important for many reasons.

"Today, we are a nation at war and we can never forget our soldiers who are serving now, just as we can never forget the service of our fathers and grandfa-

thers who fought to give us the freedom we enjoy," he said. "Now, our wonderful sons and daughters are continuing that service."

Monday's activities were sponsored by the Golden Isles Veterans Council, which is composed of representatives from military organizations and auxiliaries, such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Navy League and the Military Officers Association of America.

Monday evening on St. Simons Island, the community came on foot, by bicycle, golf cart and car, for the Rotary Club of St. Simons Island's annual Taps at Twilight program. An estimated 2,000 people attended the remembrance at the Old Coast Guard Station on East Beach for military personnel lost in war.

Amelia Day, 4, perched on her father's shoulders to get a better view over the sea of red, white and blue.

Amelia's parents, Matt and Julie Day, recently moved to St. Simons Island from New York City, and they wanted to bring their children to the ceremony.

"It's important to remember the meaning (of Memorial Day)," Matt Day said. "I don't think it should just be another day off."

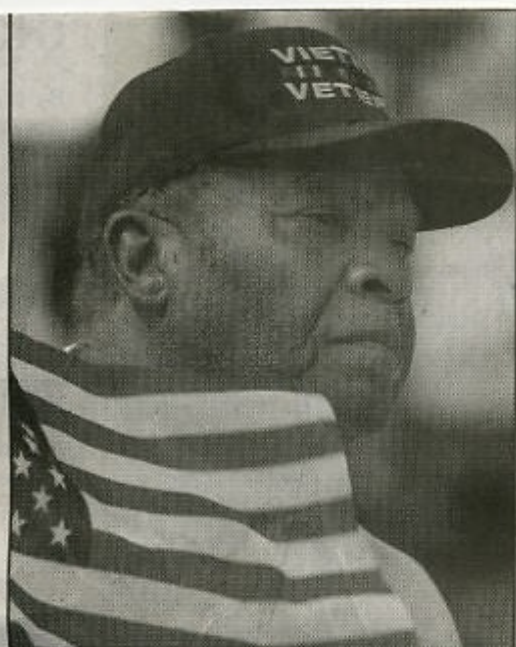
Hall Ware, of St. Simons Island resident and a Navy veteran, agreed.

"I think it's good to teach (the children) the sacrifice we made to protect the Constitution and freedom and to learn respect for people who served in the armed services," said Ware.

Although Taps at Twilight marks a new family tradition for the Day's, it is an annual tradition for the Ware's.

"It seems like we've been coming to this forever."

Included in the program was opening music by the Golden Isles Community Concert Band, singing of the National Anthem, an address by Vietnam veteran Donna C. Rowe ... and the concluding Taps at twilight.



Bobby Haven/The Brunswick News

Holding an American flag, Vietnam war veteran Earnest Henley of Brunswick watches the Memorial Day parade arrive Monday at the historic Glynn County Courthouse.



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