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For additional information, Contact Jim Bruce, (912) 638-3561. □

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Rotary Club of St. Simons Island announces 2007-2008 officers & directors



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Berry, Gary Schwartz, Linda Butler,
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The St. Simons Island Rotary Club recently installed its 2007-2008 officers and directors.

"The year ahead will be an important one for our club," according to Jim Bruce, the newly elected president of the St. Simosn Island Rotary Club. "We've got a great team and lots of enthusiasm as we work toward completing several projects and important programs."

Officers include Jim Bruce, president: Chuck Cansler, president-elect; Maria Vogt, secretary; Becky Stephenson, assistant secretary; Linda Butler, treasurer; Shirley Redanz, financial administrator.

Others serving include Pat Storino, immediate past president; Kevin Lokey, past president's representative; Jack McDonald, sergeant-at-arms; Mike Harris, assistant sergeant-at-arms and Allen J. Berry and Julian Flexer, historians. Directors include Stan Kyker, club relations; Brooke Pridmore, club serv-

ice and membership; Millard Allen, community service; Stan Humphries, international service; Don Fielder, programs and fellowship and Robert Cable, vocational service.

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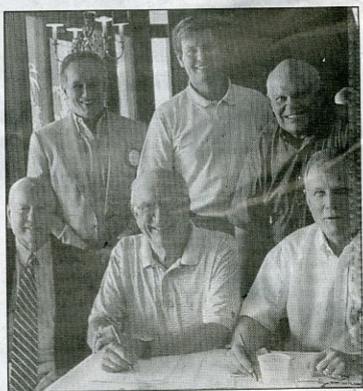
Pictured at top are the 2007-2008 officers of the St. Simons Island Rotary Club, Jim Bruce, seated, and from left, Alan Berry, Chuck Cansler, Becky

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Savannah South Welcomes GRSP Student

The Rotary Club of Savannah South welcomes GRSP student Ruth Murphy from Edinburgh, Scotland, to attend Armstrong Atlantic State University for the 2007-2008 academic year. Ruth follows a long line of international students attending AASU who have been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Savannah South.

The Rotary Club of Portobello in Edinburgh, Scotland, is the sponsor-

ing Rotary club for five recent graduates from Portobello High School to the Georgia Rotary Student Program. Ruth is the only student from her home high school who will be attending AASU. She plans to focus her educational career in biology, preferably animal biology, marine biology or zoology. She speaks French and Spanish in addition to her native language from Scotland.

Ruth said that she was attracted to the GRSP scholarship because it promotes world peace by bringing people from all nationalities and walks



of life together, an ideal which she looks forward to participating in. She added that the GRSP experience is a productive way of taking a year out of education at home and bringing new opportunities while traveling abroad in America.

Ruth leaves behind her mom, Colleen, and her grandmother as she participates in the academic year at AASU. Her mother will join Ruth during the Christmas/New Year Holiday season. Ruth enjoys reading, Church of Scotland activities, drama, listening and playing music. She is advancing towards grade 5 in ballet, grade 4 with the cello, singing with an international group – The Swingle Singers - and has trained with the Scottish National Polo Team. She follows the ways of Scottish poet Robert Burns with a poem of her own that has been published in a Scottish anthology.

This will be a great year for Ruth and our Rotary club members as Ruth becomes part of our club's activities with the Georgia Rotary Student Program. Kenan and Beth Kern will serve as Ruth's host family.

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Concert association receives Rotary check Posted by Bud Dorsey

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Jones III speaks at Rotary meeting Posted by St. Simons Island Rotary Club



Bill Jones III, chief executive officer of the Sea Island Co., center, was introduced by Marie Dodd, right, at a recent St. Simons Island Rotary Club meeting. Jim

Bruce, left, club president, thanked Jones for his presentation and update on the Sea Island and St. Simons Island activities of the Sea Island Co. Jones' talk centered on the many changes that have been made on the islands during the past four and one-half years, including the demolition and rebuilding of The Cloister Hotel. PAGE 2, SEPTEMBER 24, 2007, THE ISLANDER

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Stars and stripes forever!



The Rotary Club of St. Simons Island recently presented the Whitefield School, an independent Christian school with a flag and flagpole that will be placed at the front of the school. Front row left to right: James Parker, Carol Ann Fendig, Luke Smith, Will Bowdoin, Walker Butin. Back Row left to right: Shari Darrith, Joe Mruk, Lilia Bournigal, Jim Bruce, Troy Purvis, Pat Storino, Frank Sidella. The school currently offers kindergarten through the sixth grade, with plans to expand to seventh and eighth grade in the 2008-09 school year.

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Youth Leadership awards bestowed Posted by St. Simons Island Rotary Club



The St. Simons Rotary Club recently honored Rotary Youth Leadership Award students at its weekly meeting at Sea Palms Resort on St. Simons Island, RYLA students recognized were Wells Ellenberg of Frederica Academy and Couper Cox of

Glynn Academy. They were called on by Hamsa Thota. the club's RYLA chair, to discuss their experiences while at the RYLA conference held in June at South Georgia College in Douglas, Sixty-one participants from Georgia were involved in the program. Pictured, from left, are Anne Gilmore, Frederica Academy counselor: Kevin Lokey. incoming RYLA chair; Thota; Jim Bruce, president of the St. Simons Rotary Club: Wells Ellenberg; Couper Cox and Patrice Hall, Glynn Academy counselor.

Rotary supports local high school students



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"This is one small way we support youth in our community," Thota said.

From left: Anne Gilmore, FA counselor; Kevin Lokey, Incoming RYLA chairman; Hamsa Thota; Jim Bruce, Rotary president; Wells Ellenberg, Couper Cox and Patrice Hall, GA counselor.

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Rotary honors Paul Harris fellows Posted by Susan Hardwick



Rotary District Governor Dick Hyer of Macon recently attended a meeting of the St. Simons Rotary Club to assist in presenting Paul Harris Fellow designations to club members.

Hyer called this Rotary foundation the heartbeat of Rotary International.

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Twelve Rotarians were recognized by Wally Forsythe as new Paul Harris fellows, including Bob French, Erik Kaufmann, Marion Moore, Joe Mruk, Mike Muldowney, Roger Petersen, Dr. Willard Snyder, Maria Vogt and Martin Worthy.

District Governor Hyer, assisted by club members Jim Bruce and Stan Humphries, presented certificates, lapel pins and medallions.

Next, three generations of the Sanders family — Paul Sanders Jr., Paul Sanders III and Paul Sanders IV, were recognized as Paul Harris Fellows.

To conclude the program, club president Jim Bruce and member Leon Jorgensen were also recognized as multiple Paul Harris Fellows.

Governor Hyde made the presentation, assisted by member Stan Humphries.

New Paul Harris fellows include, from left, Martin Worthy, Maria Vogt, Mike Muldowney, District Governor Dick Hyer, Joe Mruk and Erik Kaufmann.

Not pictured are Bob French, Marion Moore, Dr. Willard Snyder and Roger Petersen.

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St. Simons Rotary rings Salvation Army Bell

In early December, members of the unteered to man the Salvation Army kettles at Winn Dixie's island location to accept donations for needy families Rotary Club of St. Simons Island volthis Christmas.

Over the three-day period, the volunteers collected over \$4,300.00. "This had for this effort," said George "Bud" Dorsey, who coordinated the work of is the most outstanding year we've ever fellow Rotary volunteers.

Below: Chuck Cansler, Right: Stan Humphries

and Schwartz, Gary

Rick Powers



Above: Millard Allen with Cathy

Left: Teresa Jones King and Mar-

gie Henderson

Prescott, after her donation.

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Above: Dorsey Right: Above

Chuck Cansler, Ruth Heyward

Susan Hardwick Right:

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Perst receives check Posted by John Goodrich



The St. Simons Rotary Club recently made a \$1,000 contribution to the Coastal Coalition for Children and the Ferst Foundation of Glynn County.

Pictured, from left, are Sonny

Doehring of the St. Simons Island Rotary Club, Lorene Reid of the Coastal Coalition for Children, John Goodrich and Jim Bruce, of the St. Simons Island Rotary Club.

Rotary Club Donations



St. Simons Rotary Club recently presented individual \$1,000 donations to three recipients. President Jim Bruce (right) made the donations last month to (from left) Sonny Doehring, chairman, for the Rotary Scholarship Fund; Lorene Reid, for the Coastal Coalition for Children and John Goodrich, Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy.



Rotary announces Ed Bruce Fellows Posted by Susan Hardwick



The Rev. Dr. James Wethern, Allen Berry and Bill Keim were recently named Ed Bruce Fellows by the St. Simons Island Rotary Club. This award is presented to recipients for their distinctive contributions to the St. Simons Island Rotary Scholarship Fund. Pictured from left are the Rev. Dr. James Wethern; Jim Bruce, president of the St. Simons Island Rotary Club; Sonny Doehring, fund chair; and Allen Berry.

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Rotary presents check to ESL program Posted by Susan Hardwick



The St. Simons Island Rotary Club recently presented a check to St. Simons Island Elementary School staff working in the English as a Second Language (ESL) program. Pictured from left are Robert Cable, Rotary Club vocational service coordinator; Jim Bruce, president; Kati Ginn, assistant principal, St. Simons Elementary School; Connie Herndon, Rotary Club member and program volunteer; and Katie Hildebrand, ESL program coordinator, St. Simons Island Elementary School.

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Rotary donates to CASA Posted by Susan Hardwick



The St. Simons Rotary Club recently presented a donation to Jayne Monroe, center, advocate coordinator for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Pictured with Monroe, from left, are Rotary Club members and CASA volunteers, Stan Kyker, the Rev. Dr. James Wethern, Ruth Heyward and Jim Bruce, president of the St. Simons Island Rotary Club.

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Rotary adds to Hall of Fame Posted by Susan Hardwick



The St. Simons Island
Rotary Club Hall of Fame
inducted four of seven
members during a recent
meeting. Recognized, based
on recommendations of club
historians, Allen J. Berry
and Julian Flexer, were
Calvin F. Paynter and the
late William A. Way, Edward
C. Bruce and Llewellyn
Sobke.

Way, a charter member and the first club president, was a member from 1950 to 1973.

Bruce was a member from 1950 to 1990; served as president from 1952 to 1953 and treasurer from 1955 to 1983. Bruce spearheaded the club's student college scholarship loan program which bears his name. Sobke, a retired U.S. Army Colonel, was a member from 1971 to 2004 and was the first chair of the Memorial Day Taps at Twilight, which he established.

Paynter became a club member in 1985 and was treasurer from 1988 to 1997. Through his work in the club's American flag sales, he was responsible for raising more than \$100,000, which has been used for many of the club's charitable causes.

Three club members the board of directors also selected in late 2007 were Bill Marshall, Gil Tharp and Sam Wells.

Marshall created and designed the Rotary Scout -Building on St. Simons Island and served as the club's president from 1954-1955.

Tharp, active for more than 35 years in Rotary, is honored by having his name as the St. Simons Rotary Foundation 6920 Scholarship.

Wells was a longtime club secretary.

Shown receiving certificates for the honorees are from left, in front Alex Binkney and Meg Way, the family of Bill Way; Betty Fendig and Beverly Burns, the family of Edward Bruce; and Mr. and Mrs. John Sobke, the family of Llewellyn Sobke; in back, from left, are Brooke Pridmore, club membership director; Edwin Fendig; and Rotary President Jim Bruce.

Taps at Twilight Posted by Susan Hardwick



St. Simons Rotary Club members on the planning committee for this year's "Taps at Twilight" May 26 Memorial Day observance in Neptune Park are shown at a recent meeting. Pat Storino, chair of the committee, has outlined duties for each member. Shown seated from left are Minor Harris, Jerry Schueneman, Pat Storino and Jack McDonald; in back, from left, are Gary Schwartz, Becky Stephenson, Tuffy Adams, Fred Collins and Wally Forsythe. An annual event. "Taps at Twilight" will begin at 7 p.m. May 26 and will include patriotic music, recognition of

the service branches, special events and a keynote address by Brig. Gen. C. Stewart Rodenheaver, deputy commanding general of the First Army.

PAGE 6, MAY 26, 2008, THE ISLANDER Ed Bruce Scholarship winners



Recipients of the Ed Bruce Scholarship Awards presented annually by the St. Simons Rotary Club were announced at last week's meeting. Beginning with the fall semester of 2008, Benjamin Tyre, Amanda Brown, Alexandra Emmons, Sophie Dunn, Danielle Sturkie, Lane Johnson and Brian Remier will receive funds for their college education. These scholarships renew each semester for the student's school as long as the recipients maintain a 2.5 scholastic average and attend school full time.

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Rotary helps school's language program Posted by Jim Weidhaas



St. Simons Elementary School recognized the St. Simons Rotary Club at a recent school-wide assembly for a donation the club made to purchase books and tapes for the school's ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages) students.

Pictured in front from left are Rotary Club member Connie Herndon, fifth-grade student Maria Morales and assistant principal Katy Ginn; in back from left are Rotary Club members Sue Cansler, Chuck Cansler, Cathy Petkash and Jim Bruce. Rotary Club members also serve as mentors for students at the school. To recognize all of the club's

contributions, St. Simons
Elementary nominated the
St. Simons Rotary Club for
the GAESP (Georgia
Association of Elementary
School Principals) Patron
Award, which will be presented at the Georgia
Association of Educational
Leaders conference this
summer on Jekyll Island.