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**Rotary Club
St. Simons Island
Georgia, U.S.A**

District 6920

**Rotary Spray
September 30, 2003**

**Today's Program:
Lydia Thompson
Georgia Coast Bird Festival**

Club	Area Rotary Clubs Meeting	Day & Time
Brunswick	P.G. Archibald's, Brunswick	Thu. 1:00 P.M.
Glynn County	P.G. Archibald's, Brunswick	Wed. 7:30 A.M.
Jekyll Island	Jekyll Island Club Hotel	Wed. 8:00 A.M.
St. Simons Island	Sea Palms (Confirm before attending)	Tue. 1:00 P.M.
SSI Marshes of Glynn	Epworth	Thu. 7:30 A.M.

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Attendance

Last Meeting 76.4%

Rotabucks

\$76 won by John Johnson.

Visiting Rotarians

- Don Johnson -- Neenah, Wisconsin
- Lorie Williams – Marshes of Glynn
- Buddy McNeese – Marshes of Glynn
- Ron Maulden – Brunswick Rotary
- Dr. Dorothy Lord – Brunswick Rotary

Guests - Hosts

- Dawn Swan, Joe Wills – Tom Swan
- Bob Dickinson, Pat Moore – Mike Harris
- John Ludwig, Nancy Ludwig – Dwight Plyler
- Barbara Cooper – Jim Cooper
- Brooks McCrary, Jane Stoner, Sue Taylor – Clyde Taylor
- Margie Dorsey – Bud Dorsey
- Madge DeMay, Bud Prata – Gene Griffiths
- Dorothy Donahoo, George Stapleton – Pat Donahoo
- Frank Sidella – Lorie Williams
- Robert Cable, T. E. Stivers – Lisa Anderson

Upcoming Programs

Oct.7: Amy Lamb, PA
Diabetes and treatment.

Greeters

9/30 Mary Ellen Parkins
Cal Paynter

10/7 Bob Peery
Roger Peterson

Special Guest

Jane Stoddard, Associate
Director, Georgia Tech
Alumni Club, Atlanta, Ga.

This Weeks Birthdays

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| • Andy Hunt | Oct 1 |
| • John Edwards | Oct 5 |
| • Jim Langston | Oct 5 |



Announcements

There will be a meeting of the Taps at Twilight Committee today after the Rotary meeting at 2:00 pm in the Green Room.

Last Week's Program

Commissioner Orson Swindle
Federal Trade Commission, Washington
D.C.



President Taylor introduced Commissioner Orson Swindle. A native Georgian, he graduated from Georgia Tech in 1959, with a bachelor of science degree in industrial management. Swindle holds an MBA from Florida State University. After graduation from Georgia Tech, he joined the United States Marine Corps and became a jet fighter pilot.

Swindle served as an aviator in the Vietnam War flying 204 missions. On November 11, 1966, while flying his 205th mission – the last combat mission before returning home – he was shot down and spent the next six years and four months as a Prisoner of War in Hanoi.

Released from prison, Swindle became active in Ronald Reagan's presidential campaign. He served in the Reagan administration from 1981-1989, holding a variety of positions including Assistant Secretary of Commerce and State Director of the Farmers Home Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. In 1992, Orson became the first national leader of United We Stand and in 1993, was active in the founding of Empower America. He was sworn in as a Republican Commissioner of the FTC in 1997.

Swindle has been a member of Rotary Clubs in Camilla, Thomasville and Hawaii. Retiring with the rank of Lt. Colonel, Swindle earned two silver stars, two bronze stars and two Purple Heart Medals. His presentation included many recollections of Glynn County friends and fraternity brothers while at Tech.

In discussing the agonizing experiences of more than six years as a prisoner of war, Swindle emphasized the “things that don't change” – leadership, public understanding, credibility gaps, concept of what a hero is today. He talked about the terrific beating experienced by his captors; what it was like to “walk the depths of Hell” and the moment when you reach your breaking point. Noting that prisoners of war have a “boring life” with stark terror “every now and then,” he turned to the leadership lessons learned: deprivation and despair; torture tactics; memory techniques; sticking together; learning to listen; focusing on goals and the return to honor.

In conclusion, Commissioner Swindle thanked his grandmother and great aunt for inspiration growing up mentioning their emphasis on discipline, honor and truth.