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

District 6920

Rotary Spray

November 11, 2003

Today's Program: Anthony Quickie War Dog Memorial

Club Brunswick Glvnn County Jekyll Island St. Simons Island SSI Marshes of Glynn

Area Rotary Clubs Meeting P.G. Archibald's. Brunswick P.G. Archibald's. Brunswick Jekyll Island Club Hotel

Sea Palms (Confirm before attending) **Epworth**

Day & Time Thu. 1:00 P.M. Wed. 7:30 A.M. Wed. 8:00 A.M. Tue. 1:00 P.M.

Thu. 7:30 A.M.

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Attendance

Last Meeting: 70.5%

Rotabucks

\$59 won by Don Robertson.

New Club Members

- Robert Cable—Welcomed by Lisa Anderson.
- Dr. Bill Collard—Welcomed by Alyssa Mansfield.

Prospective Member—Sponsor

Bob Sprouse—Jack Sullivan

Upcoming Programs

Nov. 18: Frank Selgrath, Ex. Director SEAMAP. Meeting is at the King & Prince.

Greeters

11/11 Jim Shannon, IIISam Shaw11/18 John SimmsRem Sims

This Weeks Birthdays

Dorothy Donahoo
Bill Turbeville
Ann Nermoe
Alyssa Mansfield
Nov. 15
Nov. 16
Nov. 16



Location Change for Club Meeting

The St. Simons Island Club Meeting for **November 18** will be held at the **King & Prince** Beach Resort Hotel. Spouses and prospective members are invited. Notify Clyde Taylor or Bud Dorsey if you plan to bring guests.

Special Announcement

Taps at Twilight Committee Meeting. Today. 2 PM. The Green Room following our regular meeting. Pat Storino requests attendance by former as well as new members.

Cal Paynter, during the Nov. 4 club meeting, reminded all that Tuesday, November 11th is **Veteran's Day**. He urged every club member to fly the American Flag. He also stated, "this would be a tremendous community-wide effort for the G-8 Summit – seeing the American Flag flying from every home on the island."

Repeat Announcement

The Rotary Auxiliary will meet at the Ocean Room of the Sea Island Beach Club on Wednesday, **November 12, 2003, 12:30 PM.** We urge all members to attend. Mibs Johnson, President.

Last Week's Program:

Ben T. Slade III St. Simons Land Trust



Prior to the program, Dr. John Law presented the Rotary International Minute. November is Foundation Month. "How We're Doing" was Dr. Law's topic. He reported that the club has 10 new sustaining members and one new Paul Harris Fellow. Totals are 41 sustaining members and 71 Paul Harris Fellows. He urged the club to work towards 100% participation, stating that "This is a fairly modest contribution that truly impacts the world."

Kevin Lokey introduced Ben Slade, chairman of St. Simons Land Trust, a position he has held since its founding in April 2000. Slade has been President of First Federal Savings Bank since 196l. He retired from that position when First Federal became Bank of America. Currently, he is chief executive officer of Slade-Hancock Insurance Agency in Brunswick.

Today, the land trust has 1,085 members; 278 of this number are Live Oak Society members giving donations of \$1000 per year. He mentioned their upcoming Oyster Roast as one of the largest outdoor gatherings held each year at Fort Frederica. Response to this event, he noted, has been exceptional.

Turning to the work of the trust, Slade noted that it has generated phenomenal interest from a variety of donations. There are three ways the St. Simons Land Trust acquires property: owners make outright contributions of their property; the trust buys property; and residents give conservation easements.

He spoke about his staff members – a group of four individuals led by St. Simons Rotarian, Fred Freyer III. He named the members of his board and the many others serving as ex-officio members. "We must be good stewards of properties we now have," Slade commented; noting, he wanted St. Simons Island to be like Nantucket, Jackson Hole and Charleston in preserving our resources.

While attending a recent national land trust rally, he was asked repeatedly about the lodging program in place here. The Sea Island Company requests a \$2.00 per room fee when checking in guests at their facilities. "Frankly, we are hardly ever turned down at check-in; it's an opportunity for us to give guests to the area more information about St. Simons; and, we've received additional donations from this awareness of our program. We're very grateful to Sea Island for this."

In closing, Slade said the next project for the land trust is the Green Print Comprehensive Plan. Having hired a consultant, they will begin to work immediately on the important elements in the overall green space plan – identifying parks, trails, marshland protection, wetlands, etc.