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Rotary Club of St. Simons • Founded in 1950

Meets Tuesday 1 P.M. - Sea Palms Golf & Tennis Resort

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

District 6920

Rotary Spray

December 2, 2003

**Today's Program:
Frank Inman,
Golden Isles Bowl
Football Classic**

Area Rotary Clubs

Club	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: TBA

Rotabucks

\$53 won by John Booth

Prospective Member—Sponsor

- Bob Sprouse—Jack Sullivan

Guest—Host

- Ray Arens—Joe Mruk
- Guerry Norwood—J. Buchanan

Visiting Rotarian

- Alden Stilsor, Jr., Columbus OH

Wellness Report

- Bob Kestor—Still wants male visitors.

Upcoming Programs

Dec. 9: TPC Sawgrass
Dec. 16: Christmas Program

Greeters

12/2 Pat Storino
Thomas E. Stroud
12/9 Thomas B. Stroud
Jack Sullivan

Makeup

- Jim Cooper—Brunswick
- David Williams—Brunswick

This Weeks Birthdays

None for this week.



Some Important Dates

The **Rotary Club Christmas Lunch** is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16 at Sea Palms. More details to follow.

The **Board Meeting** is scheduled for next Tuesday, December 9.

The **Nominating Committee Report** was distributed to all present. Leslie Mattingly reviewed briefly the by-laws and the fact that today (Dec.2) is the cut-off for proposed additions to the nominations.

Child in Crisis Program

Leslie Mattingly announced that Rotarians are requested to bring a canned food item to either the Dec. 2 or 9 meeting for our **Child in Crisis** program at Altama Elementary. Alyssa Mansfield and Connie Herndon are coordinating this effort.

Members of the Rotary Auxiliary at their November meeting brought 32 Christmas gifts for elementary school children. These gifts will be delivered to the Altama Elementary School Counselor who will distribute them to needy children.



Last Week's Program:

Walt Barton Sparrow's Nest

Jim Cooper introduced today's guest speaker, Walt Barton. Walt gave a brief history of Sparrow's Nest. The organization was founded about three years ago. The Brunswick Christian Community got together to respond with compassion to a wide range of needs. Pastors, ministers, and benevolent committee members who had struggled for years to assess needs and respond using limited resources decided to blend their efforts. Sparrow's Nest began. Walt commented that the churches involved have expanded from eight to thirty.

Walt described the efforts as providing help for emergency situations in a "band-aid" type approach. Direct handover of cash is not a part of the program. He spoke more specifically of food and clothing closets maintained by Sparrow's Nest. Standard hours of operation are 9-12 five days a week, with someone on call at any hour. The organization started with cash reserves only on a day-to-day basis, whereas today several months of reserves are maintained (or the specific means to obtain them). Walt talked of many specifics provided. Two of the many are: (1) providing transportation of children to day care centers while the parent searches for employment; and (2) maintaining a contact center for those without phones, for example for someone expecting a follow-up call on a job interview. The contact center is manned and has phone, fax and PC equipment.

Walt talked of the Sparrow's Nest operation in Augusta, GA, as a real success story. That organization has an 88% success rate. For example, 88 out of 100 families helped have a job, a place to live and most importantly, they are together as a family. Walt related in detail a number of specific incidents involving emergency help provided by the local organization. In closing, he answered questions from the audience and provided brochures including contact information.

The Rotary Minute

Prior to today's program, Dick Wicker presented the third in a series of these talks - his topic was, **The Rotary Foundation**. Quoting Dick, "The foundation was created in 1917 and provides health care and supplies, clean water, food, job training and education, particularly in developing nations. Additionally, large scale 3-H grants are given to support long-term projects that help others to help themselves. Finally, Rotary members contribute their own technical expertise and each year the foundation provides over 200 grants to fund Rotary volunteers in 50 countries.

"Thank you for all you are doing as Rotarians. If you are not a supporter of the Rotary Foundation, please see John Law or me to discuss."