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

District 6920

**Rotary Spray
December 16, 2003**

**Today:
Christmas Program**

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

Dec. 2 65.9%

Dec.9 70.8%

Rotabucks

\$62 won by Paul Sanders
(2nd week in a row)

Wellness

No Report

Guest—Host

• Whit Rusk—Jim Bruce

Prospective Member—Sponsor

• Guerry Norwood—John
Buchanan

Makeups

• Martin Worthy—Brunswick

Visiting Rotarians

• Robert Coleman—Tifton, GA

• Clint Day— Gwinnett County,
GA

• Mac McClure—Louisville, KY

Upcoming Programs

Dec. 23: GRSP Student

Gabriel Aramayo

Dec. 30: No meeting

Greeters

12/16 Rees Sumerford

Bernie Swafford

12/23 Tom Swan

Pete Swift

New Member

• Bob Sprouse—Introduced by
Jack Sullivan



Last Week's Program:

Dr. Don Mathews

The G8 Summit - What Is It?

Kevin Lokey introduced Dr. Don Mathews, Associate Professor of Economics, Coastal Georgia Community College. Dr. Mathews also writes a column for The Brunswick News, each Friday, "Coastal Outlook." Mathews earned his Ph.D. in economics from Georgia State University in 1993.

His topic: ***The G8 Summit – What Is It?*** He began with an overview that the summit where eight countries will come together is really not an organization per se. "They have no budget and the thrust of the three-day meeting is to discuss the weighty issues of the day." A group of six countries first began meeting in 1974; and again in 1975. Canada was added in 1976, the beginning of G7. In 1997, Russia became the eighth invitee and the G8 was formed.

Usually one dominant issue is handled during the summit. Past topics include debt relief for the poor; the AIDS epidemic in many countries; developing Africa; and curbing weapons of mass destruction. Mathews believes that the 2004 G8 will focus on international trade.

He commented that the collapse of the International Trade Organization in recent years has been due to tariffs being exceptionally high. Touching briefly on many other subjects that could be part of next year's G8, Mathews turned to the subject of protestors who are usually a very big part of the annual summit.

"These protestors are anti-globalists and many oppose the World Trade Organization and the G8 format – they're against the rich countries of the world," he noted. Urging the membership to stay abreast of the many news articles that will be focusing on the summit, Mathews said he hoped it would be a showcase for our Golden Isles. He added on several occasions during his talk that they should have chosen Blythe Island for the summit! "No one asked me for my opinion even though that's where I live," he concluded.

This Week's Birthday

Erik Kaufmann December 21



Georgia Rotary Student Program

Paul Sanders III is hosting GRSP student **Gabriel Aramayo** for the period December 20—January 3. Paul would welcome your entertaining Gabriel for any of the days or evenings during that period. Please contact Paul for details and arrangements.

For your information, Gabriel Aramayo is tri-hosted by the St. Simons Island, Jekyll Island and McIntosh Rotary Clubs. Gabriel will be the guest speaker at the December 23 SSI club meeting.

Adult Literacy Center

Ted Wright discussed the Adult Literacy Center's needs in Brunswick. He urged fellow Rotarians to volunteer for the program and give an hour or two each week to assist illiterate students in reading and math. The program is in need of 16 volunteers to work with young people in their late teens or early twenties.