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The Four-Way Test

of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **truth**?
2. Is it **fair** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **goodwill** and better **friendships**?
4. Will it be **beneficial** to all concerned?

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

District 6920

Rotary Spray

August 10, 2004

**Today's Program:
 Woody Woodside
 The Brunswick/Golden
 Isles
 Chamber of Commerce**

Area Rotary Clubs

Club	Meeting	Day & Time
Brunswick	Twocan's, Brunswick	Thu. 1:00 P.M.
Glynn County	Twocan'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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Upcoming Programs

August 17, 2004—TBA

Greeters

8/10 Gene Griffiths

Bill Halderson

8/17 Lee Haller

Dave Hanson

Makeups

- Robert Cable—Brunswick

Rotabucks

\$59 won by Juanita (Sea Palms)

Attendance

August 3 65%

Guests—Hosts

- Jean Rayfield—Jack Rayfield
- Lindsay Sutton—Millie Wilcox

Wellness

- Margie Dorsey—Under the weather. Give her a call.
- Bob Kester—About the same.

This Week's Birthday

Pete Banks

August 12

**Announcements from the President**

The Cart Fund A delegation of six Rotarians from the Carolinas and Georgia attended a symposium in Philadelphia held in conjunction with the International Conference on Alzheimer's Research. A special luncheon honored Rotary and their Cart Fund, recognizing seven grants. The delegation is producing a video to be available soon.

August 2 Board Meeting One new member approved: Brooke Pridmore. Three resignations accepted: Barbara Chal, Ralph Goldman and Alyssa Mansfield. Susan Hardwick will complete Barbara Chal's term of Assistant Secretary.

Bequest Ms. Julia Rose, in her last will and testament, bequeathed the sum of \$5,000 to the SSI Rotary Foundation Scholarship Fund. Ms. Rose was a long-time member of Christ Church Episcopal.

Web Site Have a look at the new Spray web site. Go to the 6920 web site (www.rotarydistrict6920.net), click on Newsletters, and then St. Simons Island.

Last Week's Program (August 3, 2004)**Steve Hein****Center for Wildlife Education,
Georgia Southern University**

David Williams introduced Steve Hein, the Director of the Center for Wildlife Education and the Lamar Q. Ball Jr. Raptor Center. Steve's bio is posted on our web site with last week's Spray.

Steve told the story of the Georgia Southern nationally televised football game in 1992, a bird of prey flying over, and the TV commentator stating, "That's Georgia Southern's mascot." That bird of prey was actually a buzzard. The fans were incensed and started the drive for an eagle to reside on campus. Steve added, "The Wildlife Center has come a long way. We have 5 wooded acres now and a 12-acre multi-million dollar expansion underway."

Steve next introduced Grace, one of the Wildlife Center's two Peregrine Falcons and Steve's beloved hunting partner. Grace is in her 5th hunting season. Steve commented that the art of falconry has been practiced for 4,000 years. Birds of prey (eagles, hawks, falcons and owls) have three distinguishing powerful features: their eyesight, beaks and talons. The Peregrine Falcon is the fastest animal on the planet — clocked at 243 mph.

Next, Steve produced an Eastern Screech-Owl. This breed of owl is a year-round resident of our island, has very keen hearing, and hunts at night, honing in on sounds. Smooth feathers allow for silent flight.

Next up, snakes. Steve introduced the audience to a rather large corn snake (harmless) and made a few general remarks about these reptiles. Our traditional response to seeing a snake? Scream, run and kill. Snakes have no ears and cannot hear the scream, their top speed is 2-3 mph, and among other things, killing a snake is against the law. Just walk away; do not threaten the snake. Further, Steve commented that there are 40 species of snakes in Georgia—only 6 of these are venomous. Snakes account for 10-12 deaths/year in the U.S., compared to 20 annual deaths caused by dogs, 100 by writing pens, and 400 by horses.

Steve next produced a very large Columbia Red-Tailed Boa. President Leslie Mattingly graciously allowed Steve to drape the boa over her shoulders; wear it bravely she did!

Steve exhibited other animals during his presentation; e.g., a Madagascar hissing cockroach. Becky Farrow assisted during this part of the show.

Steve answered questions throughout his presentation and offered to stay on for more. President Leslie closed by promising more information on the annual Sea Island event, *Weekend for Wildlife*, and inviting Steve for a return engagement to the club.



Steve Hein and the Eastern Screech-Owl.