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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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 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

September 28, 2004

Today's Program:

***The Georgia Rotary
 Student Program:
 An Update by Clyde Taylor***

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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Attendance

Sept. 21 64%

Guests-Hosts

- Millard Allen – Marie Dodd
- Gae Andreae – Eric Andreae
- Barbara Bruce – Jim Bruce
- Sal Cenicola – Shan DuCom
- Ladye Heisel – Connie Hern-
don
- Claire Jorgensen – Leon
Jorgensen
- Tommy Packard – Leslie
Mattingly
- Barbara Sprouse – Bob
Sprouse
- Bill Thau – Dwight Plyler

Wellness Report

- John Edwards needs visitors.

Upcoming Programs

September 28—Stewart
Rodeheaver, G8 Security. To be
confirmed.

Greeters

9/28 Rem Johnston
Leon Jorgensen
10/5 Erik Kaufmann
Bill Kernohan

Visiting Rotarians

- Martha Ann Brown – Jasper, AL
- Dan Johnson – Neenah, WI
- Ervin Williams – Pretoria, South
Africa

Rotabucks

\$43 won by Jim Shannon Jr.

This Week's Birthday

Bill Kernohan	Sept. 28
John Booth	Sept. 29
John Bird Daniel	Sept. 29
Andy Hunt	Oct. 1

**From the President**

Veteran's Walk Visit the web site at www.veteranswalk.org. Click on "This Application Form" to purchase an engraved brick.

New Member Welcome to Dave Ritter who resides on the island with his wife, Gloria. Rem Johnston introduced Dave to the club.

CART Fund Enclosed with today's Spray is the first in a series of papers about the CART Fund. Thanks to Club Historian Allen Berry for the information.

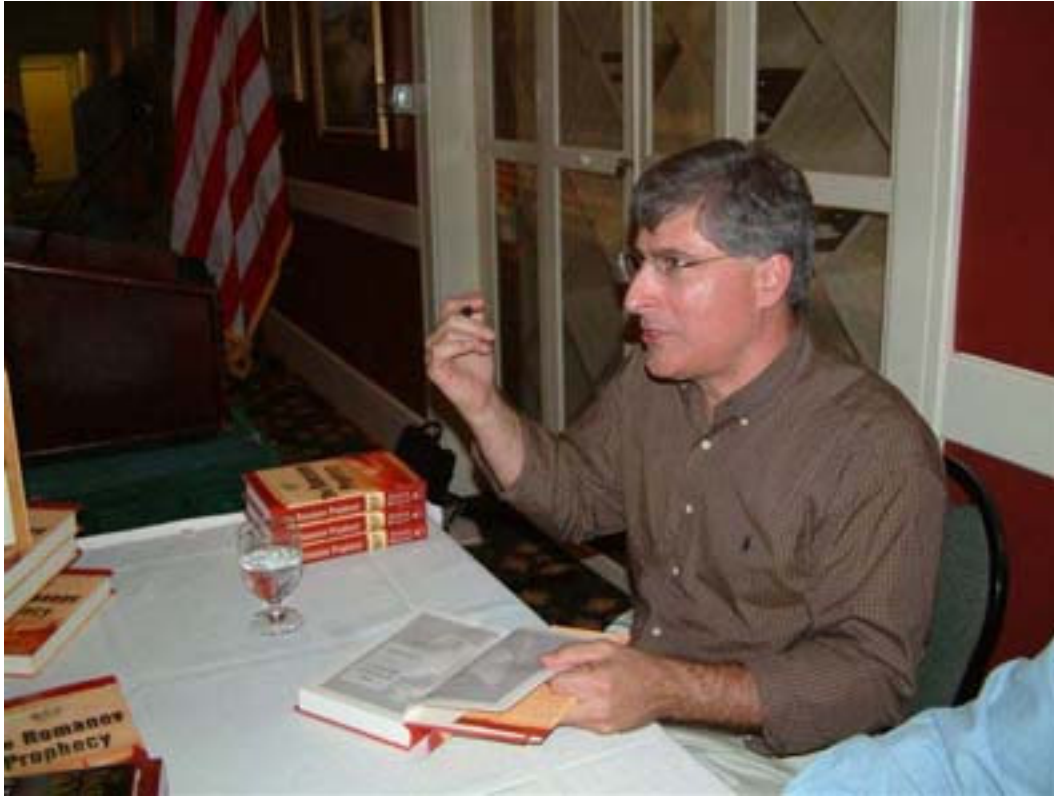
Last Week's Program (Sept. 21, 2004)**Steve Berry****Local St. Mary's Author**

Leslie Mattingly introduced Steve Berry. Steve lives on the Georgia coast in Camden County. He's a lawyer who, for twenty-five years, has helped people both in and out of the courtroom. He's also active in local politics, having served on the Camden County Board of Education and, currently, he is one of five members of the Camden County Board of Commissioners. Steve has been writing since 1990. In 2000 and 2001 he won the Georgia State Bar fiction writing contest and his two short stories appeared in the Georgia State Bar Journal. He also tried his hand at novel contests. An early version of his first published novel, **The Amber Room**, placed third at the 1998 Florida First Coast Writers Festival. (It took Steve 12 years and 85 rejections before a publisher bought a manuscript.)

Steve talked at length about his second novel, **The Romanov Prophecy**. The idea for the novel came during a tour of the Kremlin. The guide kept mentioning "the fourth Rome," and quoted Ivan the Great (the first Russian Tsar) as saying that two Rome's have fallen (he meant Rome and Constantinople), a third now stands (he meant Moscow), and 'fourth there will never be.' That was an intriguing thought and, over the next few days, the novel was born.

Steve explained some history surrounding the novel. The Romanov Dynasty fell on March 15, 1917, when Nicholas II signed his abdication. On March 22, 1917, Nicholas joined his wife, Alexandra; son, Alexei; and four daughters (Maria, Olga, Tatiana, and Anastasia) and together they were confined in the Alexander Palace at Tsarskoye Selo. The Provisional Government moved the family west to Tobolsk, in Siberia. The family ultimately was moved farther west to Yekaterinburg. There, they were surrounded by Red Bolsheviks and guarded by radical anti-Tsarists. A committee led by Lenin finally made the decision to eliminate the entire family. On July 16, 1918, they were awakened in the middle of the night, taken to a basement room "for photographs" and shot. Their bodies were eventually buried in a muddy roadway. It was not until 1991 that the bones were exhumed. It took another three years to positively identify the remains through DNA analysis, and something shocking was learned. Only nine skeletons were in the grave. There should have been eleven. Thus the background for the novel. The story deals with putting a tsar back on the throne. Steve explained the believability of the story by relating all this to Russia today and the difficulties faced there by a democracy.

Steve elaborated more on his first two novels, his daily routines and mentioned his third and fourth books to come, **The Third Secret** and **The Templar Legacy**. The author held a question-and-answer session and conducted book signings following the program.



Author **Steve Berry** chats with Rotarians following the September 21 program.