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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

November 2, 2004

Today's Program:

**David Boland
U.S. Marine Corps**

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

October 26 60%

Rotabucks

\$49 Anita (from the Sea Palms Staff)

Visiting Rotarians

- Don Johnson—Neenah, WI.
- Rosalma Oliveira—R.C. Canaas Integracao, Brazil

Prospective Members

- None this week.

Guests

- Janete Abda Plah—Clyde Taylor
- Scott Cown—Dennis Beacham
- Everett Millican—Brooke Pridmore
- Lee Scheinman—Marie Dodd

Upcoming Programs

Nov. 9: Annual Veteran's Day Program

Greeters

- 11/02 Kevin Lokey
Jigger Lowe
- 11/09 Roy Mahlberg
Dennie McCrary

Wellness Report

John Edwards would like visitors.
2 Rotarians volunteered.

Makeups

- Rick Powers—Marshes of Glynn.
2 makeup visits.

This Week's Birthday

Allen Berry November 4

**Announcements from the President**

Oyster Roast The SSI Rotary Club Oyster Roast will be held November 19. The location: Arnold Road between Ocean and Demere. Cocktails at 5:30 P.M.; food at 6:30 P.M.

Board of Directors Meeting 5:30 P.M., Monday, November 1. Sea Palms. Red Badge members working for their Blue Badges are welcome.

Fred Freyer is the November Program Reporter for *The Spray*, beginning with the November 9 meeting. We look forward to your reports, Fred.

Last Week's Program (Oct. 26, 2004)**Bill Dawson
Ports Authority**

Bill Dawson joined the Ports Authority in 1978 and is now General Manager of Operations for the Georgia Ports Authority facility here in Brunswick, Bainbridge and Columbus. Bill graduated from Carson-Newman College, served in the Air Force from 1967 to 1970 in the Netherlands, is President of International Seafarers Center in Brunswick and National Director for the Navy League of the United States. As president Leslie welcomed Bill, she mentioned that the Annual State of the Ports Address is given every year in Savannah, and then a week or so later in St. Simons. She suggested to Bill that this address be a joint meeting with the Rotary Club, so we could all hear the information at the same time.

Bill said it was "nice to back home again." The Brunswick Port was established in 1789 by the 5th Act of Congress, along with Boston, New York and Philadelphia. Bill discussed the harbor deepening project as an example of complex business activity. The project is in two phases. First is the "outer bar," completed six months ago providing 38 feet of mean-low water. However the actual inner-harbor depth is 30 feet mean-low water, compared to Savannah and Jacksonville, 42 and 40 feet, respectively. Phase two, the "inner harbor," was estimated to be \$30 million by the Corps of Engineers. The project, "came in at \$68 million." The corps had used the wrong model in establishing the specifications for bidding. The matter was taken to court and the low bidding dredge company won the case. The court said, "Alright, you have the job. But we do not have the money." Mat Mattingly, one of the Port's board members, helped come up with \$15 million, allowing the project to start. Bill hopes that after Congress reconvenes following next week's election, they will appropriate the remaining funds. If all goes well, the project could be finished in "a year to a year-and-a-half."

Bill discussed other significant parts of the Port's business and related matters, including removal of the old bridge; market share (currently the US's 4th largest car port); tonnage issues; specific issues involving Hyundai, Kia, and Mercedes; rail issues and the north-end connector; and expansion of facilities. Bill concluded the informative presentation with a question-and-answer session.