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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 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**

**November 30, 2004**

**Today's Program:**

**Elizabeth Hines**

**Georgia Sea Turtle  
 Foundation**

**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.

### **Managing Editor & Publisher**

John Buchanan

### **Chairman - Program Reports**

Bill Turbeville

### **November Program Reporter**

Fred Freyer

### **Data Reports**

Susan Hardwick

Maria Vogt

### **Today's Editor**

Jim Bruce

### **Rotabucks**

\$53 won by Ann Nermoe.

### **Attendance**

November 23 was 60%

### **Guests—Hosts**

- Ralph Goldman – Mike Harris
- David Amason Ellicott City, MD – Charles Lewis
- Frank Sidella – Pat Storino

### **Makeups**

- Marie Dodd -- Kings Bay
- Marie Dodd – Jekyll
- Eric Andreae – Chiang, Mai, West
- Bill Halderson – Internet
- Shan DuCom – McIntosh
- Shan DuCom – Rome, GA

### **Upcoming Programs**

**Dec. 7** - Becky Stevenson will direct a Christmas Gift Wrapping Party for our Child- In- Crisis Program.

**Dec. 14** - Ann Nermoe- Annual Christmas Program . Spouses are invited.

**Dec. 21** - William Rawlings - Difficulties faced by would be authors.

**Dec. 28** - No meeting.

### **Greeters**

- 11-30 Everett Millican  
Bud McGrath
- 12/7 Bob Morrison  
Joe Mruk

### **This Week's Birthdays**

Connie Herndon	Nov. 30
Brooke Pridmore	Dec. 1



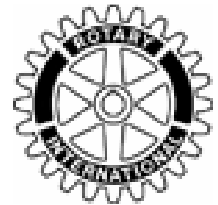
### **Announcements**

- Board Meeting will be on Dec 7 at 11:30 am, before Rotary Meeting
- No Rotary Meeting on Dec 28
- **Matching Rotary Foundation money is still available to help members achieve Paul Harris status.** If you pledge \$500 the club will match it with \$500 to achieve the \$1000 needed to qualify for Paul Harris status. Talk to Leon Jorgensen for additional details.

## **Last Week's Program (Nov. 23, 2004)**

### **Tom Stroud**

### **Thanksgiving Program**



Tom Stroud, a member of the St. Simons Rotary Club since the 1960's, gave a very emotional speech; a speech that was one of the very best presented to the Club in a long time.

Tom's speech had two basic threads: the thread of the greatness of America and the thread of stories about his father, particularly during World War II. Tom wove these two threads together. Tom's father finished the 5th grade and was essentially poor. His dad, in spite of the fact that he never told Tom "I love you" was a wonderful father who had a great influence on Tom's life. During WWII, at Christmas, the Stroud family invited a soldier to spend Christmas Eve night with the family. Tom (who was 8-9 years old) did not like the idea of the soldier (whose name was Jonesey) spending the night because Tom would have to give up his room to Jonesey. Tom made a fuss but his dad took him aside and straightened him out. Several weeks later the family received the news that Jonesey had been killed in the war. This had a profound effect on Tom.

Tom said that he saw his father cry only twice: once when Tom's sister graduated from Emory and once when Tom graduated from Emory.

Tom's father frequently told Tom "Stand tall...you are an American". During WWII Tom was trying to raise money for his school to buy the army a jeep. Tom called on a wealthy man who at first gave Tom a hard time but later told Tom that he would contribute all the funds for a jeep. Tom pointed out that during WWII the nation was totally united behind the war effort.

Tom ended his talk with a wonderful prayer centered around the song "God Bless America." Tom's speech was truly inspiring, entertaining and memorable.