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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

February 22, 2005

Today's Program:

Rotary Speech Contest

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

Feb.8: 67% Feb.15: 67%

Rotabucks

Mike Muldowney \$51

Visiting Rotarians

- Sally Bliss—Perry NY
- Jim Johnson—Vinings
- James Slager—Pittsburgh PA
- Harris Williams—Marietta

Guests—Hosts

- Fred Collins—Son of the late Gen. Fred Collins
- K.T. Connor—Hamsa Thota
- Stan Humphries—Leon Jorgensen

Upcoming Programs

March 1—Music's Role in Cultural Understanding, Keith Williams & Phil Morrison

March 8—Classification Talks

Greeters

2/22 Frank Sidella

John Simms

3/1 Rem Sims

Willard Snyder

Makeups

- Jim Cooper (2)—Aboard cruise
- Everett Millican—Internet

This Week's Birthdays

Julian Flexer Feb.22

Pete Swift Feb.24

David Williams Feb.25

Bud Dorsey Feb.26

Lou Henderson Feb.26

Cal Paynter Feb.27

**Last Week's Program (Feb.15, 2005)****Stacey Short
Altama Elementary**

Stacey's program was based on the importance of books to the children of Altama Elementary School. Stacey is the coordinator between St. Simons Rotary Club and the school. She graduated from Georgia Southern and taught fourth grade in Savannah before coming to the Brunswick area, and currently is a counselor at Altama.

Her principal point is that books help children to read and learn. The problem is that many children at Altama have little if any encouragement at home to own books, much less read. Many of the parents did not like school and in many cases are semi-literate or illiterate and have no time or skill set to assist their child. A large number of the children have had no exposure to fairy tales or nursery rhymes. It is hard to believe that at least 50% of the children entering Kindergarten are 2 to 3 years below this grade level. In recent weeks this club has contributed over 350 books to assist the school in providing books for the children to take home.

Altama has parent classes to help prepare them to work with their child, and the pupils have special programs held in the mornings and afternoon. The teachers have a strong commitment to assist both in improving not only reading skills, but all aspects of learning.

Stacey commented on the Child-in-Crisis program. St. Simons Rotary has sponsored this effort for the last 3 years at Altama. Other Rotary Clubs also support other schools in the same manner. Child-in-Crisis has provided money for purchasing children's clothes lost in a fire, gift certificates from Wal-Mart to provide emergency clothing available at the school, and has sponsored food for families during the Holidays. The budget from our club this year is \$1,000. The program has also been wonderfully supported by the Women's Auxiliary.

Questions were asked ranging from getting parents involved to truancy issues.

Books do provide the catalyst for children to learn.

Announcements from the President

Rotary District Conference As a follow-up to the information provided Feb. 8 by Pat Storino, President Leslie announced the SSI group would be traveling Saturday, April 16 to Augusta and returning the next day. Just see Leslie to make travel and registration arrangements.

Fred Collins

Our fellow Rotarian, **Brigadier General (Ret) Fred Wilbur Collins**, 88, of St. Simons Island, passed away Feb.10. Among his duty assignments were Chief, National Security Agency Europe in Paris; Chief, Army Security Agency Europe in Frankfurt, Germany; Deputy Commander Army Security Agency in Arlington, Va.; the Pentagon; and European Command, Paris. He commanded the 16th Infantry Regiment at Fort Riley, Kansas, and the 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division in Korea. We'll miss you, Sir.