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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

March 29, 2005

**Today's Program:
Allen W. Price
Leadership**

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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March: As Assigned

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Attendance

March 22 58%

Rotabucks

Brooke Pridmore \$48

Visiting Rotarians

- John Harper—Conyers
- Jim Johnson—Vinings

Guests—Hosts

- None for March 22

Wellness Report

- Will Becker—Recovering from bypass surgery, doing well..
- Bill Collard—Recovering from foot surgery, doing well.

Upcoming Programs

April 5—Classification Talks
April 12—Senior Honors Day
April 19—Mary Tipton
April 26—Bill Tipton, State of the Island

Greeters

3/29 Jack Sullivan
Rees Sumerford
4/5 Bernie Swafford
Tom Swan

Makeups

- Peter Banks—Barnesville
- Julian Flexer—Internet
- Rick Powers—Mystic CT

This Week's Birthdays

Tom Stroud	March 31
Merry Tipton	April 3
Anita Crispin	April 4
Mike Harris	April 4
John Laws	April 4



Ralph Bufkin

President Leslie and the group paid tribute to Ernest Ralph Bufkin, who passed away March 18. Ralph was Past President of the St. Simons Island Rotary Club, among his many community services.

From the President

Blue Badge Presentation Congratulations to **Victoria Stenberg**.

First Tuesday at the Pub This gathering of Rotarians and spouses begins April 5. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the Village Inn & Pub, 5 until 7 p.m. Come one, come all!

Mentor a Child Don't forget the New Year's Resolution.

District 6920 Annual Conference There is still room left to join the SSI group for the event in Augusta.

Last Week's Program (March 22, 2005)



Betty Ransom Talking Books

President Leslie opened today's program by relaying personal experiences about talking books, relating the subject to her mother in Indiana. Leslie was very positive about the service and the benefits it had brought to her mother. Leslie introduced Betty Ransom, the Talking Book Librarian. Betty is a graduate of Glynn Academy, has an Associates Degree from the local college, a Bachelor's degree from Armstrong State College and a Masters in Library Science from FSU. Betty was helped throughout the program by her assistant, Susan Wright.

Betty first discussed the talking book cassettes, displaying one of the cassettes, including the packaging and the multi-purpose address card. A machine to play the cassettes is supplied to each user. The tapes are recorded at about one-half the normal speed and one cassette will play for six to eight hours. The system is funded by the state and its services are provided free-of-charge to those with special physical needs; e.g., severe vision impairment or one's inability to hold a book to read. Certification is required for eligibility.

Betty discussed and displayed examples of a number of other items supplied by the system. A catalogue is provided every two months listing the talking books available by category (fiction, non-fiction, etc.). Other items are cassettes for any published magazine; some Braille items, including the Bible in Braille; the Bible on cassette (to keep forever); "twin vision" books; material in large print; embossed pictures; codes for colors and textures; and Braille calendars.

Betty emphasized again that the items and services are free to those certified to use the system; certification is a reasonable process. The Jekyll Island Lions Club repairs any broken cassette players—providing this service free of charge. A question-and-answer session followed the presentation.

Betty concluded the presentation by mentioning the evolving technology of credit-card sized digital talking books, to be in place by 2008.