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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

April 19, 2005

Today's Program: Merry Tipton

Area Rotary Clubs

Club Meeting Brunswick Glynn County Jekyll Island St. Simons Island SSI Marshes of Glynn Epworth

Twocan's. Brunswick Twocan's, Brunswick Jekyll Island Club Hotel Sea Palms (Confirm before attending)

Day & Time Thu. 1:00 P.M. Wed. 7:30 A.M. Wed. 8:00 A.M. Tue. 1:00 P.M. Thu. 7:30 A.M.

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Attendance

April 12 70%

Rotabucks

Everett Millican \$56

Visiting Rotarians

• None today.

Guests—Hosts

- Tom Cronemeweyer—Shirley Balman
- Tim Halderson—Bill Halderson *Makeups*
- None today.

Upcoming Programs

April 26—Ted Davis & Lynn Foghelty, *Fiddler's of Glynn*

Greeters

4/19 Clyde Taylor

Hamsa Thota

4/26 Merry Tipton Bill Turbeville

Wellness Report by Sam Shaw

• Welcome back Will Becker!

This Week's Birthdays

Shan DuCom April 20 Gene Griffiths April 22 Ted Wright April 23



Announcements from the President

Our President and the President-Elect are out of town today; Past President Clyde Taylor presided over the meeting. Clyde opened today's meeting by calling upon the Georgia Tech alumni to recite the Four-Way Test. The Jackets rose as one and accepted the challenge in fine style. Clyde resumed the meeting with these topics:

- Taps at Twilight A planning meeting is scheduled immediately following today's (April 12) club meeting. Clyde reminded all that the speaker for this year's Taps at Twilight will be General (retired) Ronald Griffith, a graduate of UGA. He retired as a Four-Star General and among his positions held were Vice Chief of Staff of the Army; Inspector General of the Army; Commander of the 1st Battalion, 32nd Armor in Germany; and Commander of the 1st Armored Division in Germany and Operations Desert Shield/Storm.
- Other Business Get the paperwork for new members into Brooke Pridmore ASAP. Remember the District Conference and our new monthly affair, First Tuesday at the Pub.

Last Week's Program (April 12, 2005)

Roger Lane State of the State



Roger Bert Lane was born in Darien, Georgia. He attended Coastal Georgia Community College, Brunswick. He is a graduate of Georgia State University as well as of Mercer University School of Law, Macon. Roger and wife Leigh are the parents of three grown children and grand-parents of eight. Roger spent eight years on Glynn County's (infamous) school board, was a state solicitor for McIntosh County and currently practices law in Brunswick. A Republican, elected to Georgia's House of Representatives in November of 2004, Roger represents District 167, which encompasses part of Glynn, Long, McIntosh and part of Wayne County. He is one of the 43 freshmen among the 180 elected officials in Georgia's House of Representatives.

Roger serves as a member of the Judiciary Committee, Natural Resources & Environment Committee and is the Vice Chairman of the Legislative & Congressional Reapportionment Committee. He considers the reorganization of Congressional Districts a major achievement, as previously split communities have been put back together. State House and Senate districts remained as they currently are. He encourages young people from the community, ages 12 to 18, to volunteer as pages at the House. He realizes that every bill passed affects somebody, somehow and that you cannot please all the people all the time. In his view, the major accomplishments of the past legislative session were in the areas of:

- Civil justice: Revision of the civil justice system, proportioning of liability, elimination of frivolous lawsuits, medical malpractice limitations and bills favoring children of divorced parents. Internet spamming was also addressed; it is now a felony in Georgia to generate 10,000 spam messages in 24 hours or 100,000 in a year.
- Criminal justice: equal number of strikes for prosecuting and defending attorneys in jury selection and giving to the prosecutor the closing argument in a trial.

He commended Governor Sonny Perdue for establishing the *Commission for New Georgia* to institute best private sector's practices in Georgia's government administration. These practices will be gradually introduced and are expected to result in \$200 million savings by 2009. Surplus vehicles have already been sold on eBay. Representative Lane then covered the FY 2006 Budget.

In the Q&A session, Representative Lane addressed, among other subjects, House Bill (HB) 218, which temporarily seals public records from access in the interest of economic development.