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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

**May 10, 2005**

**Today's Program:  
 Bill Tipton  
 Visitor Development in  
 Brunswick & the Golden  
 Isles**

**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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May: As announced.

**Program Reporter 5/3**

Bill Turbeville

**Data Reports**

Susan Hardwick

Maria Vogt

**Attendance**

May 3 59%

**Rotabucks**

- Susan Hardwick \$49

**Visiting Rotarians**

- William Brogdon—Gwinnett County

**Prospective Member—****Sponsor**

- Stan Humphries—Leon Jorgensen

**Upcoming Programs**

May 17—Leslie Mattingly, Community Image Awards

**Greeters**

5/10 Bill Waddington

Bill Walker

5/17 Jim Wethern

Dick Wicker

**Wellness Report** by Sam Shaw

- Nothing reported today.

**This Week's Birthdays**

Mary Ellen Parkins May 12

Barbara Cooper May 16

**Announcements from the President**

**Picture Day** Picture Day for the Rotary Directory is May 10 from 2:15—3:00 p.m. The Darkroom, 3600 Frederica.

**1st Tuesday at the Pub** Approved by the Board for June & July. Leslie again thanked Peter Banks for his efforts in this endeavor.

**World Class Trail** Leslie called on Fred Freyer to talk about the project. The trail will go from the Village to the north end of the Island. Phase one will be the John Gilbert Nature Trail. Fred and Leslie discussed the SSI Rotary Club's donation and its funding of the master plan.

**Additional Projects** The Board approved \$300 from Rotabucks for the Brunswick Community Concert and \$250 for the Boys & Girls Club. We are still trying to identify a major fund raising project; Dick Wicker is chairing the project committee for this effort.

**Last Week's Program (May 3, 2005)****Phil Overton  
State of the County**

David Williams introduced Phil Overton, recently retired Executive Director of the Brunswick and Glynn County Development Authority. Phil is a native of Jamesville, N.C. and is a graduate of East Carolina University. Prior to coming to Brunswick in 1996, Phil was President and CEO of the Gordon County Chamber of Commerce and Development Authority for 16 years. Phil and his wife, Sue, have two daughters and two grandchildren.

In his opening remarks, Phil noted that he spoke to our club shortly after starting his assignment with the local development authority. It seemed only fitting to speak to us again after his retirement. He then gave a review of the highlights of his term with the Brunswick and Glynn County Development Authority.

The first was the Gulfstream Aerospace expansion at the airport in Brunswick. This project cost 3 million dollars which was funded by a ten-year note repayable with a five-year renewable lease. The facility now employs 300 people.

Additional dormitories were essential at FLETC to retain the facility in Brunswick. The Development Authority funded a \$20,000,000 program to build the necessary buildings. Repayment is being made through 20-year leases.

An \$8,000,000 project to build a flyover at Colonels Island and Route 17 is underway with the Georgia Ports Authority. This will make access for the car carriers to and from the island safer and more convenient.

Last year the Development Authority negotiated the consolidation of auto processing for Hyundai and Kia. This involves 40,000 cars per year and kept 40 jobs.

The final and one of the most challenging is the Colonels Island connecting railroad track between Norfolk and Southern and CSX Transportation. This is a joint effort among Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Glynn and McIntosh Counties. When completed, this will reduce the rail travel time between the Mercedes plant in Alabama and Brunswick from 5 days to 36 hours. It would also significantly reduce the travel time for grain shipments from the Midwest to Colonels Island. Brunswick could become the leading east coast port for grain. The new automobile and grain traffic may provide 112 new jobs. Phil concluded with a Q-and-A session.

**Club Meeting Schedule** There will be no club meeting Tuesday, May 31 (the day following Taps at Twilight).