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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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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 28, 2006**

**Lisa East**

**Executive Director**

**CASA Glynn**

**Area Rotary Clubs**

| Club                 | Meeting                              | Day & Time     |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Brunswick            | Christie's Restaurant                | Thu. 1:00 P.M. |
| Glynn County         | Christie's Restaurant                | Wed. 7:30 A.M. |
| Jekyll Island        | Jekyll Island Club Hotel             | Wed. 7:30 A.M. |
| St. Simons Island    | Sea Palms (Confirm before attending) | Tue. 1:00 P.M. |
| SSI Marshes of Glynn | Epworth—Jinks Dining Room            | Thu. 7:30 A.M. |

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**Data Reports**

Teresa Jones-King  
 Maria Vogt

**Attendance**

October 31: 67%  
 November 7 65%

**Rotabucks**

Bud McGrath \$10  
 Erick Kaufmann \$41

**Visiting Rotarians—Club**

- None today.

**Guests—Hosts**

- Ruth Heyward—Susan Hardwick

**Wellness Report**

- Chuck Cansler—Doing well following cataract surgery.

**Greeters**

11/28 Linda Butler  
 Robert Cable  
 12/5 Chuck Cansler  
 K.T. Connor

**Makeups**

- Robert May—Marshes of Glynn

**Birthdays****November 28—December 4**

Connie Herndon Nov. 30  
 Brooke Pridmore Dec. 1



November 7, 2006

**Carolyn Belcher**

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Sharks**



Don Fielder introduced today's guest speaker. Carolyn was born in Rhode Island and earned her bachelors and masters degrees from the University of Rhode Island, both in Statistical Science. Her masters thesis focused on the evolution of longline catch rates for large coastal sharks along the Atlantic coast. She is now completing her PhD. She and her husband live at White Oak.

Carolyn's presentation (including visuals) provided a wealth of interesting information and concentrated on sharks in our area of the world. Among the items discussed were shark hatcheries, species, over fishing and the undesirable results, productive biology, studies and objectives, and field methods. Sharks common to SSI are the Atlantic sharpnose, bonnethead, blacktip and sandbar. Carolyn concluded the presentation with a Q&A session.

**From the President**

**District Governor** The club unanimously endorsed Clyde Taylor for the 6920 District Governor's position for 2009-2010.

**Wellness Reports** We need to do a better job of reporting these. Please report info to Stan Kyker.

**Reminders** Remember the Attendance Sheets and your Mercury Mariner Hybrid ticket.

**Cal Paynter**

President Pat dedicated today's program to Cal, and presented to him a special plaque. Cal was a member of the elite 10th Mountain Division in World War II and received a number of combat badges and awards, including the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster. Cal's devotion to flag sales has been unbelievable. Cal received a standing ovation and expressed surprise and appreciation for the presentation. The plaque reads,

**Presented to Calvin Paynter  
 In Grateful Appreciation  
 For Promoting Patriotism  
 And Love for the American Flag  
 St. Simons Island Rotary Club  
 November 7, 2006**

**New Members**

The Board met Nov. 7 and approved two new members, **Wank Davis** and **Lisa Martin**. Their sponsors, Sonny Doehring and Jim Bruce, are arranging for their induction. With the resignation of Guerry Norwood, our total membership is 131, with 1 additional prospect, Mark Friedman, awaiting orientation.

**Upcoming Programs**

12/5 Lorene Reid, Executive Director, Coastal Coalition for Children  
 12/12 Annual Christmas Program  
 12/19 Annette Neu, Coastal Health District  
 12/26 Christmas Week. No Club Meeting.  
 1/2 Kenan Kern, District Governor Nominee, *Uses of the Rotary International Fund*  
 1/9 Ron Upshaw & Amy Roberts, St. Simons African American Heritage Coalition  
 1/16 Officer Anthony Maldonado, Brunswick Police Department, *Gangs*.

Sunday, November 5, 2006

# He's a grand ol' flag salesman

By TERRY DICKSON, The Times-Union

Cal Paynter's enthusiasm is flagging.

If you see a flag on St. Simons Island, especially a good one, chances are it passed through Paynter's hands. The longtime St. Simons Island Rotary Club member peddled flags for more than a decade to fund the club's public events.

Paynter, 85, grew up in Philadelphia, the birthplace of America, he calls it. It's a place where American flags are common and he was accustomed to seeing them. He was surprised when he retired to St. Simons Island. "I started looking around on Veterans Day," he said. "I saw more Halloween flags than American flags. I said, 'Hey, we've got to do something about this.' "

So he went back to the Rotary Club with a proposal to spread patriotism with flag sales. With proceeds from its flag sales, the Rotary club bought more flags and put one in every classroom. It put up nice flag poles in busy public places, such as the triangular park at the entrance to St. Simons Island, at Neptune Park in the village and at the crossing of Frederica and Demere roads, the island's busiest intersection. It didn't stick with just American flags. It sells state flags and flags from other nations, including the flags of nations that attended the G-8 Summit on Sea Island a few years ago.

Paynter figures the club has raised about \$75,000, some of which is used annually to fund Taps at Twilight, the immensely popular Memorial Day observance at Neptune Park.



Paynter has done more than sell the flag. He defended it. During World War II, the city boy enlisted in the Army and, along with his skiing friend and Temple University classmate, Lewis Troutwein, volunteered for the ski troops of the 10th Mountain Division. "I was the only guy in my company who had never skied," he said.

The 10th Mountain Division still is celebrated for one of the most astonishing feats in the war. As the Army slugged its way toward the important Po River valley in Italy, the Germans dug in on Mount Belvedere and Riva Ridge, blocking the advance. Believing it impossible to scale the sheer face of 1,500-foot Riva Ridge, the Germans defended it with only a battalion. But on the night of Feb. 18, 1945, F Co. of the 86th Regiment, Paynter's unit, and other troops began climbing the icy rock face. "We didn't make it to the top by sunrise. But right at dawn, a fog came up and saved our lives. The Germans couldn't see us. It was a miracle," he said.

The surprise was complete; the American troops drove the Germans off the ridge and took Mount Belvedere the next day. Paynter's friend Troutwein was killed in action. His favorite memory of an American flag came on VJ Day, when his troop ship docked in Ocean City, N.J., he said. "A lot of people had American flags on the boardwalk," and Paynter walked among them and enjoyed the return of peace, he said.

His vision now dimmed with age, Paynter can't see flags very well. Unable to drive, he has passed the flag to other Rotarians. One person can't do it the way Paynter did, said Joe Mruk, who took over sales. Pat Storino does invoicing, while Frank Sidella handles warehousing. The old ski trooper will be honored in Friday's Veterans Day parade on St. Simons. He'll be riding in a 1933 convertible that will be hard to miss. It will be the one with the sign that says, "Flag Man."

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