

Rotary Club St. Simons Island Georgia, U.S.A

District 6920

Rotary Spray

April 15, 2008 Today's Program:

Classification Talks

Club

Brunswick Glynn County Jekyll Island St. Simons Island S SSI Marshes of Glynn

Area Rotary Clubs Meeting

Christie's Restaurant Christie's Restaurant Jekyll Island Club Hotel Sea Palms (Confirm before attending) DEpworth—Jinks Dining Room

Day & Time

Thu. 12:45 P.M. Wed. 7:30 A.M. Wed. 7:30 A.M. Tue. 1:00 P.M. Thu. 7:30 A.M. Managing Editor & Publisher Bill Warren bwarren33@comcast.net Data Reports Becky Stephenson Visiting Rotarians Walter Allen – Buckhead Guests – Hosts Barbara Bruce – Jim Bruce Page Faulk (1st) – Don Fielder Attendance April 8 – 64 members (67%) Rotobucks Tuffy Adams - \$39 Greeters

4/15 John Gibson, Ralph Goldman

4/22 Bill Gussman, Bill Halderson *Makeups*

K. T. Connor – Thousand Oaks, CA

Leon Jorgensen – Online

Birthdays: April 15-21

Clyde Taylor – 4/17



New Members: The Board of Directors approved three new members, who received badges from President Jim Bruce. The new members are **Amy Lee Callaway, Gerald H. Schueneman and Donald G. Myers.**

Silence Those Phones: The Board approved a new policy requiring any member whose mobile phone rings during a meeting to put \$5 in the CART bucket.

Upcoming Programs

- 4/22 (Bonefish) Richard Yarbrough, Syndicated Columnist
- 4/29 (Epworth By the Sea) Glynn County Police Canine Unit – Program & Demonstration – Lt. Robert Putnam

Please see the list of the first inductees into the St. Simons Island Rotary Club Hall of Fame on the back page of this newsletter.

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Civil Air Patrol Brunswick Squadron Lt. Col. Jack Caldwell

Colonel Caldwell gave a history of the Civil Air Patrol and its role in serving the Brunswick-Golden Isles area.

An auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, the CAP has 65,000 trained volunteer members nationwide, and does 90 percent of all inland search and rescue in the United States.

The Brunswick Squadron has 22 members, flying a Cessna 182.

Colonel Caldwell, a native Georgian, is a graduate of the University of Georgia, with a master's degree from Georgia Southern University. He served as an officer in the U. S. Army Transportation Corps for two years and in the reserves for another four years.

He had a 30-year career with the U. S. Civil Service, including heading two regional training centers, one on Long Island, New York, and another in Atlanta. He moved to St. Simons with his wife and three children in 1977 to assume a management position with a Justice Department agency located at FLETC. He retired from the Civil Service in 1993.

He has been a pilot since 1972 and an active member of the Civil Air Patrol since 1982. He has served as deputy commander and commander of the local squadron, intermittently, over a number of years. He served for four years as commander of Group Six, which includes the six squadrons in Southeast Georgia. For more than 20 years he has served as an Incident Commander in Emergency Services for the Georgia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. Incident Commanders are authorized to conduct air and ground search and rescue missions utilizing all the resources of the Georgia Wing when directed by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center or the Georgia Emergency Management Agency. Colonel Caldwell is one of only 12 Incident Commanders in the Georgia Wing.

Hall of Fame Inductees

President Jim Bruce and Membership Director Brooke Pridmore presented certificates honoring the first four members of the St. Simons Island Rotary Club Hall of Fame, which recognizes members whose efforts "have substantially enriched the quality of our club." Based on recommendations by club historians Allen J. Berry and Julian Flexer, seven people were inducted by the Board of Directors on Nov. 4, 2007. These four HOF members

were honored at the April 8 meeting:

- William A. Way: Charter member, first president of our club and member from 1950 to 1973. He recruited the charter members and led the club organizational efforts. Meg Way, Bill's wife, received the honor along with Alex Brinkley, Bill's daughter.
- Edward C. Bruce: Member from 1950 to 1990 and president in 1952-1953, he also served as treasurer from 1955 to 1983. He helped start the scholarship program as a loan to students in 1954, and in 1961 he led the creation of the Scholarship Foundation. Our Rotary Scholarship Fund award is named for him. Betty Fendig and Beverly Burns received the honor for their father.
- Llewellyn Sobke: A retired U.S. Army colonel, he was a member from 1971 to 2004. He was responsible for establishing Taps at Twilight, and was the first chairman of the St. Simons Island Memorial Day celebration. John Sobke received the honor for his father.
- **Calvin F. Paynter:** A member of our club since 1985 and treasurer from 1988 to 1997, Cal is now a lifetime honorary member. His tireless work through sales of the American flag was responsible for raising more than \$100,000 that has been used for various charitable causes. Cal couldn't attend the ceremony, but the certificate has been sent to him in Marietta.