



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

District 6920

Rotary Spray

September 25, 2007

Today's Program:

Jerry Keen

Majority Leader

Georgia House of Representatives

Club	Area Rotary Clubs 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

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Attendance

Sept. 18 - 67 members (65%)

Visiting Rotarians

John Sims – Americus, GA

Rotobucks

Gary Schwartz \$43
(And **Mark Friedman** won the drawing for two tickets to the Brunswick Community Concert Association Series.)

Cal Says Thanks

President Jim Bruce said he received a call from Cal Paynter, thanking the club for refusing his resignation letter and instead making him a lifetime honorary member of our club.

Cal moved with his wife Vivian to Atlanta to be near his family.

He and Vivian had lived here since 1984. His phone number in Atlanta is (770) 993-5534.

Greeters

9/25 Walter Swift, Jim Szwest
10/2 Clyde Taylor, Hamsa Thota

Makeups

Ruth Heyward – 9/4 – Online

Birthdays

Sept. 25 – Oct. 2

John Bird Daniel – 9/29



New Member Welcomed...

Sara Phelps was welcomed to the club. She is an optometrist for Coastal Eye Care.

...and **Pat Storino** received a \$50 gift certificate to Bonefish Grill for bringing her into the club. Pat promptly gave the certificate to Sara and her husband.

Upcoming Programs...

- 10/2 - Identity Theft: Dennis Keith, Chief of Computer and Financial Investigations Division, Department of Homeland Security, and Jim Wilson, IRS Criminal Investigations Division.
- 10/9 - John Oxendine, Georgia State Insurance Commissioner.
- 10/18 - Fall Social at the Arnold Road house that was the site of last year's social; more details to follow.
- 10/23 - Rotary District Gov. Dick Hyer.

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“My Drill Instructor Was Tougher Than Yours”

Author Bob Shirley

The author read excerpts from his book, which recounts his experiences as a Marine Corps recruit in 1958 at the famous training center at Parris Island, S.C.

In his “boot camp” experience, Shirley said, he “learned how to learn,” although that education was rigorous and often painful.

About 10 years ago Shirley met some members of the Marine Corps League in Kingsland, GA, where he resides, and they began talking about their drill instructors at Parris Island, and who had the toughest one.

Shirley began writing about his experience, and those writings became his book.

The author is commandant of Marine Corps League Detachment 1229, and a member of the Marine Corps Association.

His Parris Island training helped him earn three college degrees and have careers as an electrical engineer, CPA, corporate finance officer and stockbroker.

Shirley said he is working on a new book, “Daze of Whine and Roses,” about a middle-aged guy who is suddenly single.

After reading from his book, Shirley asked club members about their memories of basic military training. This elicited stories about humorous experiences as young men attempted to adjust to their first experiences with military life.

Shirley said he sent his book to Zell Miller, former Georgia governor and U.S. Senator, who called it a “wonderful, wonderful book,” and the best one he had read about Parris Island training. Miller is a former Marine.

Shirley’s book approaches his subject with humor, but it seeks to portray Parris Island life exactly as he experienced it.

The author said he had a very clear memory of his Parris Island days, and the book came together quickly once he began writing down his experiences.



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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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