



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

**District 6920**

# ***Rotary Spray***

**October 23, 2007**

**Today's Program:**

**District Governor**

**Dick Hyer**

**&**

**Paul Harris Fellow**

**Awards**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Area Rotary Clubs Meeting</b>	<b>Day &amp; Time</b>
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**

Oct. 9 - 59 members (66%)

**Visiting Rotarians**

Edwin Wallace – Ogden, UT

**Guests – Hosts**

Mary Beth Wester – Marie Dodd

**Rotobucks**

Gary Schwartz \$49

**Greeters**

10/23 Martin Turbidy, Don Varnadoe  
 10/30 Bill Warren, Jim Wethern

**Makeups**

**Beverly McBride** – 9/27 & 10/4 – Brunswick

**K. T. Connor** – 9/11, 18 & 25 – Thousand Oaks, CA

**Birthdays**

**October 23 – 29**

Mike Muldowney – 10/27

**New Paul Harris Fellows**

Wally Forsythe reported on our club's effort to meet the district goal of 65 new Paul Harris Fellows this year.

Rotarians qualify for this designation by contributing \$1,000. Nine of our club members have been newly qualified for this designation by personal contributions plus contributions from the district and our club:

**Maria Vogt**  
**Robert French**  
**Martin Worthy**  
**Marion Moore**  
**Willard Snyder**  
**Roger Peterson**  
**Mike Muldowney**  
**Erik Kaufmann**  
**Joe Mruk**

**Additional Paul Harris Fellows**

Paul Sanders Jr. has contributed to attain 3 Paul Harris Awards so that Paul Sanders Jr., Paul Sanders III and Paul Sanders IV will each receive a Paul Harris Fellow Award. Three generations at one ceremony !

**Paul Harris Awards at Level 2**

Leon Jorgensen and Jim Bruce will receive their 2<sup>nd</sup> level Paul Harris Fellow Award.

**Upcoming Programs...**

**10/30 - Classification Talks**

**11/13 - Meet at Bonefish Grill (program TBA)**

October 9, 2007

**John Oxendine**  
**Georgia State Insurance Commissioner**

The insurance commissioner made it clear in his speech that he works for the people of Georgia.

“You’re my boss,” he told St. Simons Island Rotarians.

To illustrate that point, he listed a number of changes he made to his office after beginning his first term in 1995. (He was re-elected to his fourth four-year term in 2006.)

Among those changes was extending office hours to 7 p.m. to accommodate working Georgians.

He said Georgia has the cheapest homeowners insurance in the Southeast, and even its coastal areas have lower costs for this type of insurance than other coastal areas in the Southeast. He added that although some insurance companies would like to insure homes only in the non-coastal areas, his office requires them to cover the entire state – including the coast – to be allowed to sell insurance here.

He urged Georgians to change smoke detector batteries twice a year and to do a home fire drill.

Commissioner Oxendine grew up in Dekalb County and received his bachelor and law degrees from Mercer University in Macon.

In addition to being the state’s insurance commissioner, Oxendine also is the Safety Fire Commissioner, Industrial Loan Commissioner and Comptroller General. His duties include regulating 1600 insurance companies, licensing 105,000 insurance agents, and regulating more than 1000 industrial loan offices (companies that make loans of \$3,000 or less).

Each year, the safety fire division of Oxendine’s office is responsible for investigating approximately 700 fires, inspecting 85,000 manufactured homes, and inspecting 12,000 public buildings for state fire code compliance.

Prior to taking office as commissioner, he was with the law firm of Oxendine & Associates.

He resides in Gwinnett County with his wife Ivy and their three children.

*(The commissioner was introduced by Wank Davis.)*



***Rotary Officers & Directors***

**International President** Wilfred J. Wilkinson  
**District 6920 Governor** Dick Hyer  
**District 6920 Governor Elect** Kenan Kern  
**District 6920 Governor Designee** Clyde Taylor  
**Assistant Governor - SSI Area** Pat Storino

***St. Simons Island Rotary Club***

**President** Jim Bruce  
**President Elect** Chuck Cansler  
**Secretary** Maria Vogt  
**Assistant Secretary** Becky Stephenson  
**Treasurer** Linda Butler  
**Financial Administrator** Shirley Redanz  
**Immediate Past President** Pat Storino  
**Past Presidents' Representative** Kevin Lokey  
**Sergeant-at-Arms** Jack McDonald  
**Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms** Mike Harris  
**Historians** Allen J. Berry & Julian Flexer

***Directors***

**Club Relations & Public Relations** Stan Kyker  
**Club Service & Membership** Brooke Pridmore  
**Community Service** Millard Allen  
**International Service** Stan Humphries  
**Programs & Fellowship** Don Fielder  
**Vocational Service** Robert Cable

**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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