



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

District 6920

## *Rotary Spray*

March 10, 2009

Today's Program:

## Classification Talks

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Club	Area Rotary Clubs Meeting	Day & Time
Brunswick	Fourth of May	Thu. 12:45 P.M.
Glynn County	Brunswick Hospital	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**

Maria Vogt

**Visiting Rotarians**

**Joe O'Brian** – Glynn County  
**Bryan Thompson** – Brunswick

**Guests/Hosts**

**Mary Jenrette** – Marie Dodd

**Attendance**

March 3 – 78 members (64%)  
(Plus 4 guests for total of 82)

**Greeters**

3/10 Bill Abel, Camille Adams  
3/17 Tuffy Adams, Bryan  
Adamson

**Rotobucks**

**Ann Nermoe** - \$50

**Birthdays March 10 – 16**

Ralph Goldman – 3/14



**Club Notes**

**Did You Know?**

Rotary just turned 104 years old. The first meeting was on Feb. 23, 1905, in Chicago, IL. There are more than 1.2 million Rotary Club members comprised of professional and business leaders in more than 32,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic areas.

**Guests Policy**

President Chuck has requested that members **call or e-mail Gary Schwartz** (634-3555 or [glasai@comcast.net](mailto:glasai@comcast.net)) when they plan to bring guests so that we can order adequate meals.

**Meeting Place for Brunswick Club**

The Brunswick Club is meeting at the former Christie's Restaurant, which is now the Fourth of May.

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**Upcoming Programs**

- 3/17 - Jekyll Island Authority – Jekyll Update – C. Jones Hooks – Executive Director**
- 3/31 - Father Thomas Healy: “The Rising Muslim Tide”**
- 4/7 - Bert Brown – Habitat for Humanity**
- 4/14 - Rusty Bolt – Real Estate Prices on St. Simons**
- 4/14 - Board Meeting**

March 3, 2009

Jane Christian  
Director of Special Education  
Glynn County School System

Jane Christian first challenged our assumptions about Special Education, and then proceeded to broaden our understanding and burst our preconceptions.

Our Special Education programs extend far beyond what most of us assume is a program directed chiefly to the intellectually disabled.

Services extend to those with a physical disability, including such things as hearing or visual impairment, and those who have received a disabling injury, such as traumatic brain injury.

Services also are available to those with developmental delays, specific challenges such as autism or dyslexia, and emotional or behavioral disorders.

Moreover, children as young as 3 and as old as 21 are eligible to receive services. An interdisciplinary team determines eligibility based on specific criteria, and once eligible, an individualized plan is formulated for every child in the program.

In all cases the goal is the same: to enable children in the Special Needs Program to develop as much independence as possible. Our community has embraced the program by forming an active Parent Mentor group, and community-based vocational training for those moving into the work force after high school.

Originally from Elmira, New York, our speaker has lived in the Golden Isles since 1979.

She is married to Paul Christian, biologist with the University of Georgia Marine Extension Service and they have two children. Their son, Greg, is a graduate of Georgia Tech and Michigan State with degrees in physics, and their daughter, Maria, is a senior at UGA and plans to graduate in May.

As a high school student, she said she knew she wanted to be a special education teacher.

She received her undergraduate degree from Boston University and graduate degrees from Georgia Southern. She taught for 21 years in the Glynn County School System and worked with students with a variety of disabilities.

Since 2001, she has been an administrator in the school system, currently serving as the Director of Special Education.

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**(Club member Beverly McBride provided this report.)**

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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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