



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

District 6920

Rotary Spray

April 28, 2009

Today's Program:

Daniel J. Kaufman
President
Georgia Gwinnett College

| 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

Ben Lee – Brunswick
Gene Moore – Lahaina, Maui

Guests/Hosts

Tim Wessinger – Clyde Taylor
Mark Podlin – Bill Hicks

Attendance

April 21 – 76 members (63%)
(Plus 4 guests for total of 80)

Rotobucks

Camille Adams - \$39

Greeters

4/28 John Buchanan, Linda
Butler
5/5 Robert Cable, Kent Capper

Makeups

Linda Muir – Decatur, GA

Birthdays April 28– May 4

Sonny Doehring – 5/1

Wank Davis – 5/3



Club Notes

- **President Chuck Cansler** was at Shands in Jacksonville, FL, for medical tests. Immediate Past President Jim Bruce presided at the April 21 meeting.
- **John Buchanan** reports that the slide presentation accompanying Rusty Bolt's April 14 presentation **Real Estate Prices on St. Simons** has been added to our club's Web Site. To see the presentation, open www.ssirotary.org, left click "The Spray" under the "Newsletter" tab, and you'll see the link.
- **President Elect Brooke Pridmore** is recovering from double hip surgery.

Upcoming Programs

- 5/5 - Restoration of Lady Liberty – John Turbidy
- 5/12 - Community Image Awards
- 5/19 - Ed Bruce Scholarship Awards
- 5/26 - No Meeting (Week of Taps at Twilight)
- 6/2 - Rabbi Arnold Mark Belzer – Congregation Mickve Israel – Savannah
- 6/9 - Rana Smith – Executive Director – Safe Harbor Children's Shelter
- 6/16 - Sam Baker – Athletic Director – Georgia Southern University
- 6/23 - Outgoing President's Report
- 6/30 - Classification Talks

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Classification Talks

Bobby Gerhardt

Robert H. (Bobby) Gerhardt, Glynn County's chief appraiser, was raised in Macon, GA, where he started his long career in real estate in the early 1970s.

A graduate of the University of Georgia, where he received an MBA, he has more than three decades of experience as a commercial Realtor, property manager and appraiser.

Noting falling real estate prices and the resulting effect on tax revenues, Gerhardt said he favors growing the sales tax while reducing property taxes.

Ed Griffith

Edward M. Griffith Jr. has had a long career as a lawyer specializing in tax law.

After getting his undergraduate degree from Le Moyne College and his law degree from Georgetown University, he joined a Buffalo, NY, law firm.

In his own words, he did "lots of tax litigation," mostly involving suits by banks against government. His largest case, a \$500 million suit against New York State, was settled for \$80 million, he said.

He also found time to write a book about tax law that "you don't want to read," he said with a smile.

Vickie Brian

Vickie Brian is Executive Director of Marsh's Edge Continuing Care Retirement Community.

A graduate of Livingston University, she served as an office manager for several companies in Alabama, Washington, D.C., New York and here on St. Simons Island, before heading the staff at Marsh's Edge.

She and her husband, Steve, who is executive director of the Glynn County Airport Commission, have two daughters, 16 and 21 years old.

(Jerry Schueneman introduced the speakers.)

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was held in honor of Pete Swift, who died April 18 at the age of 92. He had been a member of our club since 1985. The funeral service was at United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. on April 21.



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Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Tom Parker
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Community Service Wally Forsythe
International Service Stan Humphries
Programs & Fellowship Gary Schwartz
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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