

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

District 6920



Today's Program: August 11, 2009

John Oxendine

Georgia State Insurance Commissioner

Club

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

Area Rotary Clubs Meeting

Fourth of May Brunswick Hospital Jekyll Island Club Hotel Sea Palms (Confirm before attending) n Epworth—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 Becky Stephenson

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Visiting Rotarians

Guests/Hosts Steve Spandle – Jim Bruce

Attendance

Aug. 4 – 71 members (68%) (Plus 2 guests for total of 73)

Greeters

8/11 Stan Humphries, Rem Johnston 8/18 Leon Jorgensen, Erik Kaufmann

Rotobucks: Linda Muir - \$43

Birthdays July 28-Aug. 3

Bill Gussman - 8/16

Teressa Jones King – 8/17



Club News

- <u>Wellness:</u> Willard Snyder's wife, <u>Virginia</u>, has a broken ankle. <u>Jack Sullivan</u> is in the Wellness Program at Duke Hospital.
- Members are asked to let <u>John Matthews</u> know when they are bringing a guest. <u>Lunches are to be paid for at sign-in (\$20)</u>. If they are a prospective member, the club pays for their first two meals only. Please specify if they are a prospective member.
- You may now <u>pay dues on-line</u> at <u>www.ssirotary.org</u> Click on Online Dues Payment. Pay using PayPal, American Express, MasterCard or Visa.
- <u>A Foundation, Literacy and Membership seminar</u> will be held at Southeastern Tec in Vidalia on Aug. 15th.
- Jim Bruce has Rotary Shirts for sell for \$25.
- District raffle tickets_are available for \$25 each or 5 for \$100. Make checks out to **Rotary District 6920 Raffle**.
- Gary Schwartz reported that the <u>6 top favorite programs</u> for last hear were presented by: Vince Dooley, Don Matthews, John Turbidy, Rabbi Arnold Belzer, Ted Dennard. And Daniel Kauffman.

Upcoming Programs

- 8/11 Board of Directors meet at 11:30 in the Green Room. John Oxendine – State Insurance Commissioner
- 8/18 Classification Talks

8/25 - Terry Wachtel, Polygraph Expert at BONEFISH

9/1 - US Senator Saxby Chambliss

Rotary Foundation Chair, Jim Bruce, presented Rotary Foundation Awards to Beverly McBride and Wally Forsythe.

President Brooke presented **Paul Pieschel** with his red badge and Rotary pin.

Speaker Lee Hiers Owen is the Executive Director of the <u>Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation</u> that was established in 2005 to serve as a public charity for Glynn, McIntosh and Camden counties. Bill Jones was the first Chair. Seventy individuals and families pledged \$50,000 to create a fund to pay for the beginning operating costs of the foundation. Nearly \$600,000 in grants to 48 charities was awarded last year.

The foundation will focus on education and literacy along with building the capacity of our local nonprofits

Since statistics show that adults who attend preschool are more likely to graduate from high school and attend college, early childhood education – birth to 5 years – will be a major focus. She said her purpose today was to help us see the connection and to resolve to help the foundation do something about it.

She referred to Rotary's support of literacy efforts around the world. She also reminded us that in 1985 that Rotary International recognized literacy as integral to the development of world peace!

The foundation has been certified to set up the <u>Georgia</u> <u>Certified Literate Community Program (CLCP)</u>. It won't be a direct service provider, but it'll bring together every organization in the 3 counties that deal with literacy.

The foundation gave CLCP \$10,000 for start up expenses, incorporated it, named its first board, found it a parttime director who has 20 years experience in education, found in-kind office space in the library and bought it a computer. They're now looking for partners to help sustain it.

Literacy efforts in the community will combat poverty.... And the CLCP is the vehicle to bring people together with a common goal, collaborative projects and sustainability.

She asked us to think about giving to the endowment fund, or to give to the CLCP, or to establish an endowed field of interest fund for literacy at the community foundation.

On <u>Aug. 21</u> Bill Jones is hosting the author of <u>"Same</u> <u>Kind of Different Like Me"</u> at <u>Epworth</u>. She encourages us to attend.

The speaker was introduced by Gary Schwartz.



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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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