



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

District 6920

## *Rotary Spray*

Today's Program:  
August 18, 2009

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### Classification Talks

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

Bill Warren

**Visiting Rotarians**

Ron Wilson - Jonesboro

**Guests/Hosts**

Steven Spandle – Jim Bruce  
Lubomira DiMitrova - GSRP  
Student

**Attendance**

Aug. 11 – 75 members (71%)  
(Plus 4 guests for total of 79)

**Greeters**

8/18 Leon Jorgensen, Erik Kaufmann

8/25 Teresa Jones-King, Calder Kinney

**Rotobucks:**

\$39 – Dennis Burgess

**Birthdays Aug 18 - 24**

Dwight Plyler 8/18

David Hanson 8/20

Jack Dinos 8/21

**Club News**

- Members are asked to let **John Matthews** know when they are bringing a guest. **Lunches are to be paid for at sign-in (\$20)**. 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 **pay dues on-line** at [www.ssirotary.org](http://www.ssirotary.org) Click on Online Dues Payment. Pay using PayPal, American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover Card.
- **Bill Warren** has information about ordering Rotary Shirts for \$25.
- District raffle tickets are available for \$25 each or 5 for \$100. Make checks out to **Rotary District 6920 Raffle**.
- The First Tuesday celebration will be held Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>
- The membership of **Buddy McNeese** has been terminated for non-payment of dues by action of the Rotary Board of Directors
- The Board approved membership for **Phillip Carlyle**.

**Upcoming Programs**

8/25 Liz Booth, GA Dept. of Natural Resources ...**BONEFISH**

9/1 US Senator Saxby Chambliss

9/1 Board of Directors Meeting

9/8 Karen Brubaker, Executive Director, Hospice of the Golden Isles

9/15 Bill Tipton, Executive Director, Brunswick-Golden Isles Convention and Visitors Bureau...**BONEFISH**

9/22 Pastor Griffin Lotson, Preserving the Geechee Gullah Heritage

President Brooke presented **Bill Turbeville** with his Paul Harris Fellow Plus Two pin.

**Hamsa Thota**, introduced our GRSP student, **Lubomira Dimitova**, to the club. She thanked Rotary for giving her the opportunity to attend Armstrong College. She is from Bulgaria.

Speaker **John Oxendine** has served as Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner for 15 years. He regulates more than 1,600 insurance companies, licensing 137,000 insurance agents and regulating over 1,000 industrial loan offices, which make loans of \$3,000 or less.

His office visits counties once a month in case someone has a problem and they want to speak with someone face to face. The best way to contact his office about insurance concerns is to go online and email them or call the 800 number. His contact information is:

- [Johnox@earthlink.net](mailto:Johnox@earthlink.net)
- [gainsurance.org](http://gainsurance.org)
- [johnoixendine.com](http://johnoixendine.com)

Commissioner Oxendine announced that he is running for Governor. He stated that the main governmental concerns have been transportation, education and water. He stressed that these are state concerns and not just Atlanta concerns

Now, the main concern is health care. He stated that the main fear is that the patient – doctor relationship on personal healthcare decisions is going to be put into the hands of the government. This he feels would be a conflict of interest. The government could be making decisions on personal healthcare choices, not you and your doctor, and the government would also be paying for the care. This would not just concern senior citizens, but young people, who do not have a good prognosis for recovery. This is when it would start to become a business decision.....a cost benefit analysis. He sees having a “waiting” period for health care procedures and high taxes to pay for the health care as other main concerns with the current proposal.

Even though Commissioner Oxendine is not a Rotarian, he is a Paul Harris Fellow!

**Commissioner Oxendine was introduced by Martin Turbidy**



### ***Rotary Officers & Directors***

**International President** John Kenny  
**District 6920 Governor** Clyde Taylor  
**District 6920 Governor Elect** Lloyd Horadan  
**District 6920 Governor Designee** Gordon Matthews  
**Assistant Governor - SSI Area** Pat Storino

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

**President** Brooke Pridmore  
**President Elect** Wally Forsythe  
**Secretary** Bill Warren  
**Assistant Secretary** Myra Hocutt  
**Treasurer** Chad Dixon  
**Assistant Treasurer** Stan Humphries  
**Immediate Past President** Chuck Cansler  
**Past Presidents' Representative** Jim Bruce  
**Sergeant-at-Arms** John Matthews  
**Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms** Brian Peebles  
**Historians** Allen J. Berry & Julian Flexer

### ***Directors***

**Club Relations & Public Relations** Wank Davis  
**Club Service & Membership** Don Myers  
**Community Service** Mary Beth Wester  
**International Service** Cathy Petkash  
**Programs & Fellowship** Gary Schwartz  
**Vocational Service** Everett Millican

### **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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