



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

District 6920

## *Rotary Spray*

*March 2, 2010*

**Today's Program:**

**Jack McDevitt**

Science Fiction Writer

The Effects on our Culture of  
Science Fiction

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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**

Greer Brown – Marshes of Glynn

**Guests/Hosts**

Amy Kramer – Cathey Petkash

**Attendance**

Feb 23 - 83 Members (75 %)

+ 3 guests for a total of 86

**Rotobucks:**

John Parkins - \$39

**Greeters**

3/2 – Bill Turbeville

Martin Turbidy

3/9 – John Turbidy

Mary Beth Wester

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**Birthdays**

3/2 – 3/8

Richard Wicker – 3/8

Scott Cown – 3/8

**Club News**

**First Tuesday at the House will meet at The Frederica House today at 5:30 – 7:00**

**Upcoming Programs**

**3/9/10, (Board of Directors Meeting), Don Matthews, Economist, College of Coastal Georgia. Presented by Gary Schwartz**

**3/16/10, High School Speech Contest, John Turbidy and Mary Beth Wester**

**3/23/10, Valerie Hepburn, President, College of Coastal Georgia. Presented by Gary Schwartz**

**March 30, 2010, Connie Patrick, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC). Presented by Gary Schwartz.**

**April 6, 2010, Chief Al Thomas, Glynn County Fire Department. Presented by Gary Schwartz.**

## **February 23 Program**

### **Ellen Baker, Executive Director CASA**

### **Court Appointed Special Advocates**

Ellen Baker was appointed Executive Director at CASA Glynn Aug. 24, 2009. A local attorney, Ellen has also been an active community member since moving to Glynn County in 1992. She has served as a member and officer of many organizations. Ellen grew up with four brothers, enjoys reading, cooking and entertaining friends, is still almost a newlywed, and resides on St. Simons with her husband Wayne Baker. CASA and CASA volunteers are everyday heroes for hundreds of children in Glynn County. Thousands of children will never know what it is like to have a permanent home. The annual foster care bill to the taxpayer is over \$6 billion, but the cost in human potential is even greater. When a child is removed from their home due to neglect, violence, abandonment or psychosocial abuse, the court appoints a CASA volunteer to act as an advocate for the child's rights. The legal network of lawyers, social workers, and judges work together to try to give these children the attention they deserve – but the children are often confused and frightened. The child needs a voice that can be heard in the courtroom. The CASA concept was started in 1977 to ensure that the abuse and neglect that these children suffer at home doesn't continue. Our own Rotarian, Jim Wethern was instrumental in starting the CASA of Glynn organization in 1984. Jim saw that the children of Glynn County needed a voice. The CASA volunteer is an ordinary citizen with a desire to help children. They undergo a thorough training program conducted by the local CASA program. Volunteers learn about courtroom procedure from the principals in the system – judges, lawyers, social workers, court personnel and others. They also learn effective advocacy techniques for children and are educated about specific topics ranging from child abuse to early childhood development and adolescent behavior. The volunteer has three roles; 1) serve as a fact finder for the judge; 2) speak for the child in the courtroom; 3) continue to monitor the situation during the life of the case. Ruth Heyward and Stan Kyker, Rotary members are volunteers with CASA and shared their experiences with the group. Ruth stated that being a volunteer is one of the hardest things she has ever done but one of the most rewarding. You can be a hero to a child by becoming a CASA volunteer.

Introduced by Garv Schwartz



### ***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

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**Secretary** Bill Warren  
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**Assistant Treasurer** Stan Humphries  
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**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** John Matthews  
**Club Service & Membership** Don Myers  
**Community Service** Mary Beth Wester  
**International Service** Cathey 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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