



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

District 6920

Rotary Spray

April 13, 2010

Today's Program

Classification Talks

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

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Visiting Rotarians

Coug Dawson - Brunswick

Guests/Hosts(all club quests)

Craig Bolint
John Rose
Frank Cullen
Richard Graham
Susan Imhoff

Greeters

4/13 - Camille Adams

Tuffy Adams

4/20 - Bryan Adamson

Millard Allen

Rotobucks:

Mike Muldowney - \$46

Birthdays: April 13-19

Bill Able 4/14

Tom Sayer 4/16

Clyde Taylor 4/17

Club News

- District 6920 **raffle tickets** are still available.
- You may register for the **District Conference** online. Do not pay online for the Friday luncheon. The club will pay for this. A signup sheet will be available at our club meeting. If you signup and do not go to the luncheon, then you will be billed for your meal.

Upcoming Programs

4-13-10 Board of Directors meeting 11:30 at **Bonefish Grill**

4-13-10 Classification Talks...**meet at Bonefish Grill**

4-20-10 **No Meeting...**Rotary District 6920 Conference

April 23-25 on Jekyll Island

4-27-10 George Constantino, Refuge Manager, Okefenokee

National Wildlife Refuge

5-4-10 Ed Bruce Scholarship Awards

5-11-10 Board of Directors Meeting

5-11-10 Reg Murphy, retired publisher of nationally known newspapers

Glynn County Fire Chief Al Thomas, today's speaker and a Brunswick native, began his career as a volunteer in the 70's. He became an official firefighter in 1980. He has worked in all areas of the department, to include certification as a fire investigator, fire instructor, airport firefighter and 14 years as a paramedic on the ambulance. Prior to his firefighting career he served in the US Marine Corps.

Chief Thomas is also an assistant EMA Director, who plans for disasters and is a Deputy Director on planning for both natural- and man-made disasters.

The fire department began on SSI as a volunteer department in 1952. The fire department at Ballard was built in 1964 and became headquarters. In 1972 the fire departments began providing EMS.

Glynn now has 8 fire stations, 3 on SSI and 5 on the mainland. The county also has 7 ambulances.

There are volunteer divisions on both the mainland and SSI, which have to meet certain training requirements.

Last year there were 5,263 fire calls, which are down, and 12,105 emergency medical calls, which are increasing. A good number of the 911 calls are inappropriate.

Last year firefighters logged in 68,365 hours of training and drills to maintain their certification and their ISO rating, which determines our fire insurance rates. Some of their requirements are single-company and multi-company drills to be done both at night and during the day. Every one of the 3,050 fire hydrants must be tested twice a year for their flow rate. Eleven miles of fire hoses must also be pressure tested annually. Each of 2,200 commercial businesses must have a pre-fire plan, to include their floor plans, any hazards in the building, an emergency contact, and any chemicals they may contain.

In addition to these requirements, the firemen maintain their buildings and yards and do their own cooking.

Paramedics are also firefighters. Often fire trucks respond to 911 calls to provide extra manpower if needed. The trucks carry first aid equipment, oxygen and some also have automatic defibrillators.

Their Hazardous Material unit here has limited capabilities, and is trained on an operational level only. We do have access to Level 1 Haz Mat teams in Savannah and Kings Bay.

Today there will be a bid opening, funded by SPLOST 4, for a new mechanical shop to service their trucks.

Gary Schwartz introduced the speaker.



Rotary Officers & Directors

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District 6920 Governor Elect Lloyd Horadan
District 6920 Governor Designee Gordon Matthews
Assistant Governor - SSI Area Pat Storino

St. Simons Island Rotary Club

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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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