



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

District 6920

## *Rotary Spray*

June 8, 2010

**Today's Program:  
Elizabeth Blahnik  
President, Scribbler's Retreat  
Writers' Conference**

| <b>Club</b>          | <b>Area Rotary Clubs<br/>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***

Ben Lee – Brunswick  
Ron Wilson – Lake Spivey

***Guests/Hosts***

None

***Attendance 5-25-10***

77 members (65%)  
(Plus 3 guests for total of 80)

***Greeter***

6/8 – Jim Bruce  
John Buchanan  
6/15 – Dennis Burgess  
Linda Butler

***Rotobucks:***

Ann Nermoe - \$42

***Birthdays***

**June 8th – 14<sup>th</sup>**

Brian Adamson – 6/8



**Club News**

- A letter of appreciation from the First Foundation was received for our donation of \$500.
- A note of appreciation from Ellen Flemings, who is Head of School at Frederica Academy, was received for our recognizing her with our Community Recognition Award.
- A note of appreciation was received from the instructor of the Naval ROTC at Brunswick High for our donation of \$250.
- We received a certificate from the Coastal Youth Symphony of Georgia for being a founding donor. We were also recognized in the program at their May 16<sup>th</sup> concert.

**Upcoming Programs**

- 6-8-10 Board of Directors meeting
- 6-8-10 Orientation Committee meeting
- 6-15-10 Classification Talks
- 6-22-10 Curtis Foltz, Executive Director, Georgia Ports Authority
- 6-29-10 Outgoing President's Report.

Hamsa Thota gave a report on **the Group Study Exchange (GSE)** delegation from India. They were extremely touched by the hospitality shown them. He thanked Cathey Petkash, Marie Dodd, Wally Forsythe, Jerry Schueneman and President Brooke for helping to host the group.

Bill Gussman invited members to come to the **grand opening of the new playground for the Boys & Girls Cub at McIntyre Court in Brunswick** at 4:00 on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a project that was supported by the United Way and involved our Interact Club at Glynn Academy, our club members as well as the Brunswick Rotary Club.

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**Georgia State Representative Roger Lane** was the speaker. He stated that ethics reform was one of the goals of this past legislative session. The money lobbyists spend on congressmen is now a matter of public record. Strong penalties for abuse of power to intimidate have been set in place.

The state constitution requires a balanced budget. Georgia's budget is 17 billion dollars. It has been cut 20% in the last 2 years. Some fees have been increased. Seven thousand state jobs, out of 66,000, have been eliminated this year. Forty-six hundred jobs will be eliminated next year. The 2 billion dollars of stimulus funds run out next year. Education makes up 58% of the budget and has been cut 6%. The senior income tax on retirement income will be phased out over the next 5 years.

This will be the first time Republicans have been in charge of redistricting. A Democrat controlled Justice Department must approve everything they do. Georgia Constitution states that we must have at least 180 house seats. With a total population of 10 million it is predicted that we'll gain a new congressional seat. It will probably be in the Metro Atlanta Area, which will give this area of 28 counties almost 100 State house Seats. Representative Lane said, "It's time to work with Atlanta!"

**Gary Schwartz introduced the speaker.**



### ***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 Albert  
**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** 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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