



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

District 6920

## *Rotary Spray*

June 29, 2010

Today's Program:

Outgoing President's Report

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**

Bill Warren

**Visiting Rotarian**

Steve Barnes – Valdosta Sunrise  
Dede Long – Jenkintown Rotary

**Guests/Hosts**

Jody Haley – Tuffy Adams  
Richard Applegate – Frank Cullen  
Rick Mattox – Wally Forsythe

**Attendance 6-22-10**

77 Members (66%)  
(Plus 6 guest for total of 83)

**Greeter**

6/29 – Kent Capper  
Wesley Cox  
7/6 – Wank Davis  
Jack Dinos

**Rotobucks:**

Dede Long - \$40

**Birthdays**

**June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 6<sup>th</sup>**

Thomas B. Stroud – 7/2

Leslie Lamkin – 7/3



**Club News**

- The new officers and directors will be installed today.
- The end of the Rotary year is June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please have your dues current before that date. Thirteen members currently owe more than \$125 each in dues!
- President Elect Wally Forsythe presided at the June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting in President Brooke's absence.

**Upcoming Programs**

7- 6-10 Club Assembly  
7-13-10 Daniel Papp, President, Kennesaw State University  
7-20-10 Bobby Cremins, Head Basketball Coach, The College of Charleston  
7-27-10 Board of Director's Meeting  
7-27-10 Lloyd Horadan, District Governor from Sandersville, Georgia, Rotary District 6920

Speaker **Robert Morris** is the Senior Director of External Affairs for the Georgia Ports Authority. The GPA operates and maintains deepwater port facilities in Savannah, Brunswick and inland barge terminals in Bainbridge and Columbus.

Statewide, our ports have experienced a recovery in the last 5–6 months. Even during the recession we were able to add 50,000 jobs. A study shows that 295,443 full and part-time jobs are directly or indirectly tied to the ports. When the West Coast ports closed for 10 days we had a 31.5% increase in container tonnage which we have retained. The ports pay \$3.5 billion in Federal taxes every year, which is influential when we request money to maintain and deepen the harbors. The current harbor-deepening project in Savannah to take its depth to 48 feet will cost \$550,000,000. Forty million dollars have already been put into the project. The Brunswick harbor has a depth of 38 feet. Because of the rock riverbed it would be too expensive to further deepen it. The Sidney Lanier Bridge has been gold for us in that it in effect deepened our harbor.

Savannah has the 4<sup>th</sup> largest container port in the country at their Garden City Terminal location and the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest on the East Coast. This port has seen double digit growth in the past 6 months. We have been a leader in growth and in the way we conduct business in the country, and this has attracted distribution centers, manufacturing plants and other import/export operations to the vicinity of Brunswick and Savannah.

The Brunswick Port had a decline in 2008, but is beginning to see a return. The Colonel's Island RoRo, (Roll on, Roll off), Terminal deals with automobiles, machinery and dry agricultural products. It handles the entire import/export business of Mercedes Benz.

Colonel's Island has excellent railroad terminal interchanges with CSX Transportation and Norfolk Southern Railroad. The recent fire put the port out of operation for only a total of 48 hours. These rail connections allow Brunswick to service 44% of the US.

In the last four years we've made an effort to be as environmentally friendly as possible. We've reduced the usage of diesel fuel at our terminals by 5 million gallons annually by returning to electric power.

Bill Dawson is the director of the Brunswick Port and we were encouraged to contact him for a tour of the facility.

**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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