



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

District 6920

Rotary Spray

Today's Program:
September 8, 2009

Karen Brubaker
Executive
Director
Hospice of the Golden Isles

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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Greeters

9/8 John Laws, Charles Lewis
Kevin Lokey, Lisa Martin

Data Reports

Bill Warren

Visiting Rotarians

Kenan Kern – Savannah South
Cliff Kietland – Atlanta

Rotobucks:

\$51 by a guest

Make Ups

Leon Jorgensen – Highlands,NC

Guests/Hosts

(24 guests)

Attendance

Sept. 1– 78 members
(Plus 24 guests for total of 102)

Birthdays Sept. 8-14

9-12 Kinney Calder

9-12 John Parkins

9-13 Chuck Cansler

9-14 Tom Parker

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.
- **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. 15th**.
- If your **email address** is incorrect in the Club Directory, please email President Brooke.
- The Board approved **Robert Stein** and **Steven Spandle** for membership.
- **Brian Peebles** received his Blue Badge.

Upcoming Programs

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

9-22 – Pastor Griffin Lotson, Preserving the Gullah-Geechee Heritage

9-29 – Gary Colberg, President, Southeast Georgia Health System.

10-6 – Andy Lundell, Chief Executive Officer, Golden Isles Career Academy

Speaker, **U S Senator Saxby Chambliss** addressed the issue of **Healthcare Reform**. He focused on the positive things, which could be done to help both the healthcare delivery system and the healthcare insurance system.

Of the 47-50 million people who are uninsured 6 million are illegal; 14 million qualify for insurance, but have not signed up for it; 15 million can afford it, but do not want it; and 12 – 15 million have no insurance options. U S Citizens in this last group are the ones to whom we should reach out with affordable and meaningful insurance which does not raise taxes and takes advantages of the tax system we have today. Using a tax credit is a way to do it without raising taxes. Also, for individuals we can use tax codes that big corporations have to deduct health insurance premiums.

He feels insurance needs to cover pre-existing conditions. He will not support any bill that interferes in anyway with the relationship between a doctor and a patient. He opposes universal healthcare, because *eventually* the government will end up choosing our doctor and hospital and will ration our healthcare.

The president is proposing a public option plan. This would be the creation of a health insurance company with taxpayer money. It would be made available to all uninsured Americans and eventually probably every American. It would be a taxpayer funded healthcare plan like Medicare and somewhat like Medicaid. He believes this would lead to an immediate transfer of employer controlled health insurance plans from the private sector to the public, (government), option.

He stated that we live in a country that has the best healthcare delivery system in the world, and that we have the best health insurance industry in the world. We still can make some positive changes, but not a government run healthcare program. Unless something is done for funding Medicare by the year 2017 it will be paying out more than it will take in. He feels the same thing would happen with the new proposed government healthcare plan.

Concerning **Military Intelligence and National Security**, he feels the CIA has done a terrific job in keeping our country safe from terrorist activities. He opposes using the Army Field Manual for interrogation policies. He is hopeful that we will see a review of the interrogation process and then another decision will be made concerning prosecution.

Martin Turbidy introduced the speaker.



Rotary Officers & Directors

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Assistant Governor - SSI Area Pat Storino

St. Simons Island Rotary Club

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Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Brian Peebles
Historians Allen J. Berry & Julian Flexer

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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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