



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

District 6920

## *Rotary Spray*

Today's Program:  
September 15, 2009

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**Bill Tipton**  
Executive Director  
of the  
Brunswick-Golden Isles Convention  
and Visitors Bureau

Area Rotary Clubs		
Club	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 Rotarians**

**Make Ups**

**Guests/Hosts**

Barbara Bruce- Jim Bruce  
Margie Dorsey – Bud Dorsey  
Pamela Hamilton – Dennis

Burgess

Tom Duderstadt – Martin Worthy

**Greeters**

9/14 Kevin Lokey, Lisa Martin  
9/21 John Matthews, Catherine  
Dineen Maybank

**Rotobucks:**

\$46 Paul Sanders

**Birthdays Sept. 15 – 21**

Mark Podlin – 9-20



**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. 15<sup>th</sup>** at **Frederica House Restaurant**, (upstairs).
- If your **email address** is incorrect in the Club Directory, please email President Brooke.
- Rotary will meet **at Bonefish on Tuesday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**Upcoming Programs**

**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**

**10-13 – Board of Directors Meeting**

**10-13 – Lubomira Dimitrova, Georgia Exchange Student from Bulgaria**

Speaker **Karen Brubaker** spoke about Hospice and Hospice Care in general. Mrs. Brubaker is a native of Glynn County. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Davidson College in North Carolina and Master of Social Work degree from Florida State University. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

She has worked in the Hospice field for the past 15 years. She served as Administrator of United Hospice in Atlanta and then worked as a Regional Director supervising several Hospice agencies. As Director of Professional Services, Karen led a Hospice consultant team for United Clinical Services and was responsible for the care of over 350 patients in 12 Hospices in Georgia and South Carolina.

Dame Cicely Sanders started Hospice in 1970 in London, England. The first Hospice in America was founded in Nov. 1980 in New Haven, Connecticut. Medicare began funding Hospice in 1987.

Mrs. Brubaker represents Hospice of the Golden Isles, which is the only "not-for-profit" Hospice here. It serves five counties. Full services are provided regardless of a patient's ability to pay. The staff, of more than 100, is trained in end of life care. This includes assistance with end of life issues, and relationship and healing support services. Eighty percent of care is provided in private homes. Over 700 patients were served in 2008! Hospice provides 24-hour care.

Persons eligible for Hospice care are patients who have a life limiting illness with a prognosis, from a physician, of six months or less to live. Illnesses other than cancer can pertain to lung, kidney, and heart diseases. A patient's length of stay at Hospice is often very short, from just a few days to just a few hours. Hospice takes away the fear of dying alone, or in pain.

Some of the challenges facing Hospice include underutilization of services, threats to Medicare funding and Medicare fraud and abuse.

**Janet Shirley**, Vice-President of the Hospice of the Golden Isles Auxiliary also spoke. She stated that one of the Auxiliary's missions is to provide educational events for the community and its Auxiliary members. They have done this through "Lunch and Learn" events.

The Auxiliary also provides fundraising events. Through a bridge tournament at Marshes Edge and various neighborhood parties, \$60,000 was raised in 2008!

**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***

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**Past Presidents' Representative** Jim Bruce  
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**Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms** Brian Peebles  
**Historians** Allen J. Berry & Julian Flexer

### ***Directors***

**Club Relations & Public Relations** Wank Davis  
**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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