



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

District 6920

Rotary Spray

October 6, 2009

Today's Program:
Andy Lundell

**Chief Executive Officer
Golden Isles Career Academy**

| Club | Area Rotary Clubs Meeting | Day & Time |
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| 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

Guests/Hosts

Margie Dorsey – Bud Dorsey
Tyler Tracy – Martin Turbidy

Attendance

Sept. 29 – 78 members (69 %)
Plus 4 guests (for total of 82)

Greeters

10/6 Everett Millican, Marion Moore

10/12 Joe Mruk, Linda Muir

Rotobucks:

\$40 – Mark Friedman

Birthdays

Oct. 6 – 12

(no birthdays this week)



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**.
- If your **email address** is incorrect in the Club Directory, please email President Brooke.
- New Rotary member **Dr. Philip Carlyle** was introduced to the club by sponsoring member **Sonny Doehring**.
- **First Tuesday at the House** will meet at The Frederica House on Frederica Rd. Oct. 6th.

Upcoming Programs

- **10-6 - Orientation Meeting at 12:00 in the Green Room**
- 10-13 – Board of Directors Meeting 11:30 in the Green Room**
- 10-13 - Meredith M. Deal, Ivory Coast Rotary**
- 10-20 – Fall Social**
- 10/27 - Justin Conway, White Oak Conservation Center**
- 11/3 – Classification Talks**

Speaker, **Gary Colberg**, President of the Southeast Georgia Health System, covered a number of projects in which the hospital is involved. There is a clinic at the **International Seafarer's Center** for people coming into the port of Brunswick who are sick or need medicine. Those having the correct visas or passports are treated at the hospital.

The **Cancer Care Center** is one of only 9 affiliated programs with M. C. Anderson in Houston, TX. The doctors there participate in discussions with doctors here concerning treatment. The hospital has applied to be the second **Cyber Knife Site** in Georgia for cancer treatment. **The Breast Care Center**, which will open Oct. 5th, is part of this center.

The **Senior Care Center** was updated with \$100,000 from the Eastern Health System Foundation. They will soon open a 30 bed **Memory Care Unit**.

The \$30,000,000 **Camden County Expansion** added 90,000 square feet to the facility there. With orthopedic doctors and neurosurgeons on site and chemo, CT and MRI available, it is a turnkey facility ready to start. Hopefully, it will be the VA site for the Brunswick area.

The **Merriam – Hugh Nunnally Maternity Care Center** was funded by a \$1,000,000 donation by the Nunnallys. In Glynn Co., 64% of births are through Medicaid!

The 20,000 square foot office building on **Wellness Way** is attached to the St. Simons Immediate Care Center.

The **Joint Replacement Center** will open Oct. 12th.

A **Community Care Center** has been set up to provide for medical services to Medicaid patients.

The concern about healthcare, with all the new people coming into healthcare, is "Where are the providers going to come from to see them?". We will see a need for physician assistants and nurse practitioners with the authority to prescribe. As it is now, physicians and "for profit" hospitals are not mandated to accept Medicaid or Medicare. There are rumors that providers will have to agree to take Universal Insurance, and that Medicare providers are going to get cut about 21%.

Only 31% of Medicare money goes to doctors and hospitals. The rest goes to pharmaceutical companies and other healthcare providers. SEHS charges 15% less than any GA hospital and is seeing a decrease in collection. Around 65–70% of Emergency Room patients, out of 100,000 a year, are inappropriate. All ER patients are billed, but not up front.

Gary Schwartz introduced the speaker.



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St. Simons Island Rotary Club

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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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