



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

District 6920

Rotary Spray

November 3, 2009

Today's Program:

Classification Talks

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

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Visiting Rotarians

Cliff Kirtland – Atlanta Rotary

Guests/Hosts

Tyler Tracy – Martin Turbidy

Attendance

October 27-73 members (68%)

Plus 3 guests (for total of 76)

Greeters

11/3 Ann Nermoe, Tom Parker

11/10 John Parkins, Robert Peebles

Rotobucks:

\$42 – Mike Flores

Birthdays

Nov. 3 – 9

Nov. 4 – Allen Berry

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.
- **Dues** invoices have been emailed. Please pay promptly.
- **Child in Crisis...**Non-perishable food collection for this project will be at our **Nov. 17th** meeting.
- **The First Tuesday at the House** will meet **Nov. 3** at the Frederica House Restaurant from 5:30 – 7:00 PM.

Upcoming Programs

11/3 Orientation Committee Meeting – Green Room – 12:00.

11/10 Board of Directors Meeting....11:30 in the Green Room

11/10 Sophia Porson, interpreter for 8 presidents when meeting with foreign leaders.

11/17 Roger Lane, Georgia State Representative

11/24 NO MEETING.....Thanksgiving

12/1 Hillary Parker, International Award Winning Botanical Watercolorist

12/8 Board of Directors meeting

12/8 Federal Judge Lisa Godbey Wood, Brunswick Federal Court

Speaker **Justin Conway** spoke on the **White Oak Conservation Center**, Philanthropist Howard Gilman established it in 1982. It is located on the bank of the St. Marys River in northeast Florida. The center itself is 650 acres, and is surrounded by approximately 6,800 acres of pine and hardwood forest and wetlands. About 1,000 acres are actually in Georgia.

The center maintains threatened species in a spacious natural facility. It is a center for research and husbandry and it is also a center for education and conferences. It offers 10 guest lodges decorated with magnificent antiques and artwork with a golf course and pool.

The center houses both local and national endangered species. For example, they have 4 of the 5 species of Indian Rhino, 30 zebra, 40 cheetahs, 10 giraffes and 25–30 rhinos all in a natural setting. To exercise the cheetahs, they have them chase a lure around a horse pasture, which will be Martin Turbidy's job the next time he visits!

The center works with the government wildlife agencies, which address release, relocation, rehabilitation and production. It promotes the study and protection of both animal and plant species native to northeast Florida.

White Oak has a staff of about 160 for the entire center. Thirty-five of those work at the Conservation Center.

Training programs are provided for wildlife veterinarians, veterinarian technicians, zoologists and researchers. Opportunities are also offered for both pre- and post-doctoral professionals to study rare species.

Care is taken as to how the information gained from research can help the animals in the wild. The scientists preserve genetic samples of animals in their "Frozen Zoo", so if that animal becomes extinct they can use the genetic samples they have preserved through artificial insemination to reinvigorate populations! Conway says this is not cloning. He says it is conservation diversity!

It is also interesting to note that a Dance Residency was established under the direction of the famous Russian dancer who defected from Russia, Mikhail Baryshnikov. He worked here from 1990 – 2001. Today top performing artists come from all over the world. This past week they have the arrival of Sundance of the Sundance Film Festival.

Martin Turbidy introduced the speaker.



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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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