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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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Rotary Spray

Today's Program - January 25, 2011

Lorette Hoover, President, Altamaha Technical College

Ms. Hoover has been employed by the Technical College System of Georgia since 1984 and has been the President of Altamaha Technical College since April 2007. She is a Fellow Rotarian, Paul Harris Fellow x2, and the first female member of the Jesup Rotary Club. She is an alumna of Columbus State University and Troy University. Lorette was born and raised on military bases overseas, and is the daughter of a "good ole soldier," retired Major Wayne P. Wiley; her mother is Renate Wiley. She is the wife of the late Michael Hoover and mother of two daughters and grandmother to two grandsons. Her weekends are spent remodeling her 1920's lake house and fishing with her grandson, Benjamin.

Program - January 18, 2011

Carlton Morrison, Editor, *Brunswick, A Book of Memories*

Among the events from the above book shared by Carlton
 Lt. W. Devoe Coney was the first pilot to fly coast-to-coast from San Diego, CA to Jacksonville Beach, FL in 22 hours (February, 1921). The residents of Brunswick wanted Devoe to fly up to Brunswick so badly that they leveled the bunkers on the golf course to provide a landing pad. He took off from Jax Beach headed back to San Diego to try to beat his record and encountered fog and instrument failure. While trying to land, he unfortunately hit the top of a tree, his plane went down and he was killed. He is buried in Brunswick. There is a picture of Devoe on the Library of Congress website entitled "Coast-to-Coast Flight." To learn more, the book can be purchased from the local bookstores.

Area Rotary Clubs

Club	Venue	Day & Time
Brunswick	Brunswick Country Club	Thu. 12:45 PM
Glynn County	Brunswick Hospital	Wed. 7:30 AM
Jekyll Island	Jekyll Island Club Hotel	Wed. 7:30 AM
St. Simons Island	Sea Palms (Call before)	Tue. 1:00 PM
SSI Marshes of Glynn	Epworth – Jinks Dining Room	Thu. 7:30 AM

Guests/Hosts

Dick Davisson - Mike Harris

Greeters1/25 - Cyndi Phillips, Paul Pieschel
2/1 - Dwight Plyler, Rick Powers**Visiting Rotarians**

N/A

Attendance84 Members = 74%
2 Guests Including Speaker = 86**Rotobucks**

John Laws \$41

Birthdays 1/25—1/31

None for this Week

**Club News**

District Conference will be held at the Augusta Marriott in Augusta, GA, May 13 - 15. Pre-registration will begin later this month. Go to www.rotarydistrict6920.net for more information.

Upcoming Programs

February 1, 2011 Mayor Bryan Thompson, Mayor of Brunswick.

February 8, 2011 (Board of Directors Meeting) Classification Talks.

February 15, 2011 Heather Heath, Executive Director, Golden Isles Arts and Humanities Association. Heather was instrumental in restoration of the Ritz Theatre.

February 22, 2011 The Rotary Speech Contest.

March 1, 2011 Alan Ours, Glynn County Administrator.

March 8, 2011 (Board of Directors Meeting), Maestro Luis Haza, world renowned violinist, conductor, and a St. Simons resident, will be speaking on his family's escape from Castro's Cuba, and what it has done for his new life in America.

March 15, 2011 Morris Bendit, Holocaust survivor and witness, accompanied by Dr. Adam Bronstone, Community Engagement Director, Jewish Federation of Jacksonville.

Rotary International News**Power of Attorney**By Dan Nixon, *Rotary International News*, 14 January 2011

Chinese ballet star Li Cunxin made international headlines in 1981 when he was forcibly detained inside the Chinese consulate in Houston, Texas, USA, after informing officials there of his intent to remain in the United States. Li had first come to Houston as a member of the Beijing Academy of Dance for a three-month cultural exchange with the Houston Ballet Academy. His skill earned him an extended stay, and Li passionately desired to continue in his art with the Houston Ballet.

Li's attorney, Charles Foster, refused to abandon his client to the custody of consular officials, concerned that they would force the artist to leave the country against his will. During 21 hours of tense negotiations that followed, Foster obtained a federal court order restraining Chinese officials from taking further action. He also phoned senior U.S. government authorities, alerting them to the legal consequences of forcibly repatriating Li to China. In the end, Foster's persistence prevailed and Li was allowed to stay in the United States. He went on to become a principal dancer and star of the Houston Ballet.

The standoff at the consulate is a key scene in the movie *Mao's Last Dancer*, released by Samuel Goldwyn Films and ATO Pictures in August. Directed by Bruce Beresford and based on Li's autobiography, the film stars Chi Cao as Li and Kyle MacLachlan as Foster.

"If it wasn't for Charles's knowledge of the applicable law, his quick thinking, and his dedication to me as his client, I am not sure how it might have turned out," says Li, who now lives with his family in Australia.

"Li is a remarkably talented and courageous person who deserves all the recognition and accolades his book and the film are receiving," says Foster, a member of the Rotary Club of Houston and a former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar. The case helped spark a tradition at FosterQuan LLP of providing pro bono immigration legal work for the Houston Ballet and other local arts organizations. Foster is a founding partner of the law firm. "What most audiences don't think about is that major performing arts organizations, such as the Houston Ballet, have an ongoing need to navigate complex immigration laws in order to legally bring the best talent from around the world to perform here," he says. "The process is time consuming and involves multiple federal agencies, so it requires experienced legal counsel."

A recognized expert on U.S. immigration law, Foster also served as a senior policy adviser to both George W. Bush and Barack Obama during their presidential campaigns. Foster studied law as a 1964-65 Rotary Scholar at Universidad de Concepción, Chile, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Corpus Christi, Texas. "The Rotary scholarship experience was a huge influence on me," he says. "I was [later] hired as an international lawyer, because I was deemed to be sufficiently bilingual to do international legal work in both English and Spanish."

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