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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 - February 8, 2011

Classification Speakers

Bill Abel - Successful developer and builder - now retired.

Jennifer Broadus - Background includes working with her husband Robert in the advertising business.

Program - February 1, 2011

Mayor Bryan Thompson, State of the City Address

Mayor Thompson stated the operational motto for the City is "do less with less." Seriously, during the last two years, the City has lost 11 years of economic growth and is operating with 1/3 the budget and is looking at another 18 months before economic improvements are expected. They are focusing on maintaining the service levels of the necessary operations such as fire, police, garbage, etc. In 2010 the City trimmed 55 full-time and 15 seasonal positions through attrition or layoffs and 2011 will bring more trimming. They have challenged department heads to "think outside the box" and find ways to be more efficient and trim cost. For example, the landscape services of Parks and Recreation and Public Works were combined into one department eliminating redundant expense. Bright spots: Downtown continues to attract new business; Bridge Park, contract is in place and work should begin within 3 months; vacant and dilapidated properties (160) have been torn down; water shed issues with College Park are close to being resolved; Liberty Harbor owners managed to hang onto a large part of the project and 48 acres are ready for building; the crummy gas stations at the end of the causeway will be torn down and a shopping center built. Mayor Thompson's presentation was entertaining, very informative and interesting! See the next page for pictures.

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

Henry Worthy—Mike Muldowney
 Pam Shierling—*The Islander*—
 Hosted by the Club
 Nevin Batiwalla—*The Brunswick News* - Hosted by the Club

Visiting Rotarians

None

Attendance

90 Members = 73%
 4 Guests Including Speaker = 94

Rotobucks

Jack Dinos \$43

Greeters

2/8 - Brooke Pridmore, Don Robertson
 2/15 - John Rose, Sandy Sanders

Birthdays 2/8– 2/14

Frank Cullen	2/8
Brian Peebles	2/8
Ed Griffith, Jr.	2/9
Pam Johndroe	2/12
Cathey Petkash	2/12



Club News

District Conference—Register online for the District Conference to be held in Augusta, May 13-15.

Susan Kelly—Received her blue badge. Congratulations, Susan!

Photos from our February 1 Meeting

Mayor Thompson Addresses our Club



The Mayor and President Wally



Upcoming Programs

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

"Come Join Us" Song Captures the Work of Rotary

By Arnold R. Grahl

Rotary International News -- 1 February 2011

While sitting in the audience of the 2010 International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, professional speaker and songwriter Jerry Mills was awestruck by the message and multimedia presentation of 2010-11 RI President Ray Klingensmith's theme address.

"It was a transcendent experience," says Mills, who was attending the event with Kristin Duckart, then governor-elect of District 6250 (parts of Minnesota and Wisconsin). "It was the first time I truly got what Rotary is about. I spent the rest of the week getting to know amazing people from all around the world. They struck me as the most caring, passionate, and compassionate people I had ever encountered.

"Up to that point, Rotary had been a concept. After that, it became a passion." In May, Mills awoke in the middle of the night and wrote the lyrics to the song "Come Join Us," which has since been featured at several Rotary events and will be performed at the 2011 RI Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mills, now a member of the Rotary Club of Wisconsin Rapids, says writing the song was an emotional experience. "I could see people of every race and on every continent singing the song in their native language."

Mills performed the song with a chorus of Rotary Youth Exchange students at a conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in July, and again at the Rotary Club of Detroit's 100th anniversary celebration later that month. He then offered Rotary International the opportunity to use the song to promote the mission and spirit of Rotary worldwide.

In August, Mills joined more than 50 musicians, singers, arrangers, and recording engineers in Nashville, Tennessee, to produce a recording of the song. Video from that recording session was combined with images of Rotary club projects throughout the world for an inspirational music video, produced by Bob Gallagher, of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada.

"The song makes Rotarians proud to be in Rotary," Gallagher says. "It's also a great video to show potential members to get them interested in Rotary." "He's a master at what he does," Mills says of Gallagher. "I call him 'the wizard.' The visuals bring the lyrics to life and tell the story of Rotary in a powerful way."

Mills's newest keynote speech, "Thankful for the Chance," was inspired by the song and incorporates it into the presentation. He is slated to deliver the speech at several district conferences in April and May.

"The song and video bring the energy of Rotary into the contemporary music scene," Mills says. "To see this all come together has been both humbling and profoundly fulfilling."

To listen to the song go to www.rotary.org