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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 22, 2011

The Rotary Speech Contest.

Presented by John Turbidy and Susan Imhoff


Program - February 15, 2011

**Heather Heath, Executive Director
Golden Isles Arts and Humanities Association**

Heather was hired away from her acting career in Atlanta by Bryan Thompson to work for GIAHA as the program director. A year afterwards, Bryan took another job, Heather was promoted to Executive Director and married Bryan. The Ritz Theatre was built in 1899 as the Ritz Opera House and later converted to a movie theatre. It was purchased by the City in the 1980s and saved from demolition. Heather's first challenge was to begin renovations of the theatre. In 2010, the 58 original windows were replaced and the exterior received a fresh coat of paint, thanks to a grant from the Fox Theatre in Atlanta. The GIAHA is currently accepting bids for the renovation of the sign. Heather shared news of GIAHA's many cultural activities, including the current Big Read featuring "The Great Gatsby," to be read on the radio by our own Stan Kyker!

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 Bert Flexer - Jerry Schuneman Susan and Hank Bode - Frank Cullen Diane Knight - Myra Albert	Greeters 2/22 - Paul Sanders, Jr., Tom Sayer 3/1 - Jerry Schueneman, Gary Schwartz
Visiting Rotarians None today.	Birthdays 2/22- 2/28 Julian Flexer 2/22 Bill Jones, III 2/25 Bud Dorsey 2/26 Cal Paynter 2/27 
Attendance 85 Members = 70% 5 Guests Including Speaker = 90	
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Club News

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

Jennifer Broadus - Received her blue badge. Congratulations, Jennifer!

Upcoming Programs

- March 1, 2011** Alan Ours, Glynn County Administrator.
- March 8, 2011** (Board of Directors Meeting), Maestro Luis Haza, world renowned violinist, conductor, and a Saint Simons resident, who 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.
- March, 22, 2011** Dr. John E. Shaner, MD, "Palliative Care and In-capacity Planning: Important Steps Toward Peace of Mind."
- March 29, 2011** Dr. William Rawlings. The decline of small town Georgia and the rise of big city Georgia in the twentieth century.
- April 5, 2011** Jay M. Self, Film Services Director. Acquiring the filming of Hollywood movies.
- April 12, 2011** (Board of Directors Meeting), Classification Talks.
- April 19, 2011** Gordon Smith, Executive Director, United States Tennis Association.

A Tailor-made Opportunity for India's Weavers

By Peter Schmidtke
Rotary International News -- 14 February 2011

While a 2005-06 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar in India, Hannah Warren gave a child laborer money to buy a dress. She remembers wishing she could have done more to help the girl.

During her scholarship, which was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Loves Park, Illinois, USA, Warren learned to speak Hindi and tutored illiterate women.

In 2008, Warren returned to India to photograph sari weavers in Maheshwar, Madhya Pradesh, part of a project funded by the Royal Society for Asian Affairs. She had planned to shoot portraits of the women wearing their hand-woven garments, but none of them could afford to own the exquisite saris they wove for others or even to buy the raw materials. So instead, Warren gave the women funds to purchase materials to make their own saris. In their portraits, she says, the weavers "looked so beautiful and proud" wearing the first saris they had designed for themselves.

The experience motivated Warren to found Jhool, a fair-trade social entrepreneurship. The enterprise, based in Maheshwar, provides impoverished women with training, materials, and an international market for hand-woven goods so they can earn a living wage.

In 2010, a US\$12,500 Rotary Foundation Matching Grant provided Jhool with looms and other equipment, 1,500 pounds of cloth and thread, and funds to cover office expenses, publicity, and website design. It also covered the cost of training in weaving, sewing, and personal finance from the Indore School of Social Work. The grant was supported by the Loves Park club and four others in District 6420, including a \$7,500 contribution from the District Designated Fund. The Rotary Club of Khargone in District 3040 also provided funding.

"With Hannah as a catalyst, we were given the opportunity to improve the lives of women and children in an area of the world our members may never visit," says Past District 6420 Governor Anita Papich.