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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 - May 3, 2011**

### **The Bruce-Tharp Rotary Scholarships**

The recipients for the 2011 Bruce-Tharp Scholarship Program are:

**Andrea Abel** from Brunswick High plans to attend Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and major in Aeronautical Engineering.

**Laura Angelich** from Frederica Academy plans to attend Georgetown University and will declare her major later in her first year.

**Lera Dumas** from Glynn Academy plans to attend Mercer University and major in Veterinary Science.

**Elizabeth Harrell** from Glynn Academy plans to attend UGA and major in Political Science with emphasis in Law.

**Garrett Herrin** from Glynn Academy plans to attend UGA and major in Political Science with the intent to teach at the collegiate level. Unfortunately, Garrett is not able to attend today due to AP exams schedule.

**Bryan Sweat** from Glynn Academy plans to attend Georgia Tech and major in Engineering.

**Michael Toler** from Glynn Academy plans to attend the College of Coastal Georgia and major in Education for middle school students.

## **Program - April 26, 2011**

**Allen Burns, Executive Director**

### **The Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia**

Allen elaborated on numerous topics, including but not limited to:  
(1) SPLOST coming up for vote on the primary ballot this summer;  
(2) the detailed topographical mapping of the coast showing elevations within eight cm; and (3) the public transportation for the ten-county area.

### **Area Rotary Clubs**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Day &amp; Time</b>
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

<b>Guests</b> Allen Burns, Speaker	<b>Greeters</b> 5/3 - Martin Turbidy, John Turbidy 5/10 - Te Turner, Mary Beth Wester
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b> None	
<b>Attendance</b> 71 Members = 54% Plus 1 Guest = 72	<b>Birthdays 05/03- 05/09</b> <b>Wank Davis</b> 5/3 <b>Bill Hicks</b> 5/9
<b>Rotobucks</b> Weldon Neal \$17	

### Club News

**First Tuesday at the House:** Tonight (May 3), Frederica House, 5:30 p.m. Come one, come all!

**Taps at Twilight:** District Governor Lloyd Horadan has accepted President Wally's invitation to attend the ceremony May 30. He will be accompanied by his wife Jan.

**Club Orientation** will be conducted today (May 3) for former member Erwin Williams and Gil Nellis. It's not too late to submit more applications to the Orientation Committee.

**Child in Crisis Program:** Beverly McBride reports that 10 bags of food and \$165 were collected. The Altama Elementary School has expressed its thanks and gratitude.

**Blue Badge Presentation:** Congratulations to Glen Clark.

### Upcoming Programs

**May 10, 2011**, (Board of Directors Meeting). Bill Curry, Head Football Coach, Georgia State University.

**May 17, 2011**, Ralph Boston, Former Olympic Gold Medalist, Long Jump and World Record Holder.

**May 24, 2011**, The Rotary Community Image Awards.

**May 31, 2011**, No meeting May 31. Taps at Twilight will be conducted May 30.

## Team Dreams of Clean Streams

by Susie Ma  
*The Rotarian -- April 2011*

The banks of the Sacramento River, as it meanders through Shasta County in Northern California, USA, are a tangle of unwelcome plants.

"We used to have large trees and grass instead of this clutter of impassible non-native species," says Randall Smith, a member of the Rotary Club of Redding. "We're trying to get rid of this junk so people can enjoy the river – and so people will see what the natural environment looks like and maybe go home and fix their own backyards."

Smith has chaired the Allied Stream Team, the club's environmental committee, since 2000, leading its members as they tackle projects from supporting wild-life to removing invasive plants.

"The crying need for restoration of our natural habitat in Redding was much larger than picking up discarded coffee cups and Coke bottles," says Smith, who estimates the team's work over the past decade to be worth \$1.4 million, based on government calculations of the value of its completed projects.

"Randy Smith and his efforts to clean our streams cannot be underestimated. This is work that has gone undone for generations, and his efforts have restored many of our creeks, all of which run directly into the Sacramento River, back to a near-native condition," says Jeff Haynes, of the Rotary Club of Redding Sunrise. Haynes, who owns a landscaping business, believes so strongly in what the Stream Team is doing, he pays for his employees to help out on its projects.

Much of the team's work involves removing non-native plants such as arundo, a tall, fast-growing grass from Asia that crowds out native species, damages the local ecosystem, and poses a fire hazard. Eradicating the plant is a tedious process, but after nine campaigns, the Stream Team is close to victory in Shasta County.

The 50-member group does not work alone. Some projects – such as the annual Community Creek Clean Up Day – draw hundreds of volunteers, including Rotarians from other clubs, Interactors and Rotaractors, college students, and people responding to newspaper ads.

Smith, a retired physician, has a knack for working with government agencies and community organizations, including the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the California Conservation Corps, says the team's vice chair, Steve Gaston. The group has an annual budget of only \$2,500 but has secured additional funding from outside sources and government grants.

The team has proved as careful a steward of money as it has of the environment: It carried out the Canyon Hollow Creek Fishway Project – a habitat restoration effort that the California Department of Fish and Game estimated would cost \$750,000 – for a total of \$21,000.