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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 24, 2011

Alex Atwood, Georgia State Representative

Alex Atwood was recently elected to the position of State Representative, House District 179, and started his service in the Georgia House of Representatives in January 2011. Rep. Atwood graduated from Georgia State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice, then a Master of Arts degree in International Relations, followed by a Juris Doctorate in Law (Cum Laude). Rep. Atwood served for 34 years in the United States Marine Corps Reserve. In 1982, Atwood was selected in a national competition as the Marine Reserve Outstanding Junior Officer of the Year. Rep. Atwood retired at the rank of full Colonel. Atwood is the proud father of three children, Melonie, James and Cameron. He has been married for 23 happy years to Cynthia Atwood.

Program - May 17, 2011

**Ralph Boston, Former Olympic Gold Medalist,
 Long Jump and World Record Holder**

Being an Olympic gold medalist in track and field opened many doors for Ralph Boston and provided many memorable experiences. The first door opened was the opportunity to participate as an athlete at Tennessee State University, taking him sight unseen.

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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
 North Busby—Jim Henderson
 Bruce Kritzer—Martin Turbidy
 John Thomas—Club
 Ron Upshaw—Club
 Randy Wester—Mary Beth
 Wester

Greeters
 5/24 - Millie Wilcox, Clinton
 Winne
 6/7 - Ted Wright, Martin Worthy

Birthdays 05/24- 06/06

Susan Imhoff 5/27
 Bill Warren 5/27
 Phillip Carlyle 5/28
 Marie Dodd 5/28
 Paul Sanders 5/29
 Leon Jorgensen 5/31
 Robert Cable 6/1
 Jennifer Broadus 6/3
 Paul Pieschel 6/3
 Bill Halderson 6/4



Visiting Rotarians

John Harper, Conyers, GA

Attendance

89 Members = 73%
 +7 Guests = 96 (includes speaker)

Rotobucks

Randy Wester \$38

Club News

Red Badge Presentations—President Wally presented red badges to Gil Nellis and Ervin Williams.

District Conference—The District Conference concluded May 15 in Augusta. Our club received a Gold Club Award and Presidential Citation.

The Challenge—The final total for the Alabama-Georgia tornado fund was \$1,600. District Governor Lloyd Horadan will determine the best method of properly distributing the donation.

Upcoming Programs

May 31, 2011, No meeting May 31. Taps at Twilight will be May 30.
June 7, 2011, Tom Sublett, Chairman, Glynn County Commission.
June 14, 2011, (Board of Directors Meeting). Tim Deegan, *First Coast News* Meteorologist and Weather Forecaster.
June 21, 2011, The Rotary Community Image Award and Classification Talks.
June 28, 2011, President's Outgoing Report.

Ralph also learned many valuable lessons such as who your real friends are. When he won the gold medal in 1960, he received hundreds of telegrams, phone calls and messages from people all over the world. When he won the silver in 1964, the only people he heard from were family, which spoke volumes. From the bronze medal in 1968, he learned it was time to retire.

When he was asked to describe the feeling he experienced while standing on the podium as the gold medal winner for the United States with the National Anthem playing, he stated there were no words to describe that experience. Ralph participated in the 100, 200, low and high hurdle, and the long, high and triple jump. He was asked why he did not participate in the decathlon and stated that he was already the best in the long jump, so why bother? He also shared that he would have had to learn to do things in which he wasn't proficient.

In 1968 he received death threats and was assigned a body guard because he did not support the boycott of the Olympic games to be held in Mexico. Regrets? There are only two: not going to medical school and not having a daughter. Ralph splits his time between Peachtree City and St. Simons Island.

—Left-to-Right—

Ralph Boston, President Wally and Olympic Medalist John Thomas

