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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 17, 2012**  
**Loran Smith, Sports Editor, UGA Publishing**  
**Brunswick News Sports Reporter**  
**Sports History in Georgia**

Loran Smith is a long time columnist for the Athens *Banner-Herald* and his column runs in 20 papers in the state. In addition, he hosts a syndicated weekly radio show, "Sports Conversations," which is heard on approximately 50 stations in Georgia. While focusing primarily on football, he also wrote the first five Masters Annuals, an official publication of the Augusta National Golf Club. Elected to the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in 1997, he is past chairman for the State of Georgia Sports Hall of Fame. A prolific author, he has authored or co-authored many books, ranging from Georgia football to humorous sports stories to a cookbook for tailgate recipes.



A Photo from the  
January 10 Program

(L-R) President Mike,  
Judge Wood and  
Marie Dodd

**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**

John Buchanan—Jim Bruce  
 Tommy Morrison—Virginia Ellis  
 Greg Palmer—Chad Goehring  
 Betty Pasanje—Charles Lewis  
**Prospective Members**  
 Patty Rogers—Ginny Johnson

**Greeters**

1/17 Gus Hernandez  
 Ruth Heyward  
 1/24 Bill Hicks  
 Steve Hires

**Birthdays 1/17—1/23**

**Te Turner** 1/18  
**Gary Schwartz** 1/22

**Visiting Rotarians**

None 1/10

**Attendance**

Members	85
Guests + Speaker	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>

**Rotobucks**

Dennis Burgess \$44

**Club News—January 10, 2012**

**Volunteers Needed:** Several volunteers to paint the “Imagination Room” at the McIntyre Court Boys & Girls Club. See President Mike, please.

**Cart Buckets:** 100% goes to Alzheimer’s research.

**Scholarship Committee:** Meets 1/17 after the Club meeting.

**Third Quarter Statements:** They’re out. Please be prompt in paying.

**Club Membership:** Remains strong. Please continue to recruit good potential Rotarians.

**Baby Steps:** We received good Brunswick News coverage for our efforts in this Glynn County literacy project.

**Book Buddies:** Needed to read to children at FACES. Please sign up with Linda Muir.

**Upcoming Programs**

**January 24:** Jones Hooks, Jekyll Island Authority.

**January 31:** Bill Bryce, *World Vision—Building a Better World for Children.*

**February 7:** Victoria Bair, UN Agenda 21: *Will We Lose our Property Rights?*

**February 14:** (Board of Directors Meeting) *Classification Talks.* Introductions by Jerry Schueneman.

## Program: January 10, 2012

### The Honorable Lisa Godbey Wood

### Chief United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia

What eloquence! What insight! The St. Simons Rotary Club was treated to an extra special presentation by Judge Lisa Godbey Wood on January 10<sup>th</sup>! Judge Wood, who serves 43 Georgia counties in the Federal Court System, is quoted as saying...”I am not here to be lenient, I am here to be fair.”

Judge Wood's speech was a compelling history lesson into the unique dynamics of United States Constitution and how it frames her job as a Federal Judge, and for all judges who serve this land. Judge Wood spoke about the succinctness of the Constitution (just 4 pages and 5,000 words) and how through preservation and interpretation, this stellar document shapes the way we think, live and conduct ourselves as citizens of this country. Remember life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. She spoke to us about the amendments to the Constitution, why many of them were created, and how she works within the structure defined by these amendments, every day of her job. She cited *Marbury v. Madison* as perhaps the most important landmark case in United States law and in the history of law worldwide. She described how *Marbury v. Madison* formed the basis for the exercise of judicial review in the United States under Article III of the Constitution, citing that it was the first time a court invalidated a law by declaring it unconstitutional – helping to define the ‘checks and balances’ system of our government.

She also cited the 1954 decision *Brown v. Board of Education* where, through the legal acumen of attorney Thurgood Marshall, it was decided that ‘separate but equal,’ as it relates to racial division in U.S. public school systems, is in fact, not equal. It was a very thought-provoking speech, reminding us all how incredibly brilliant our United States Constitution truly is. Thank you, Judge Wood, for sharing your insight, knowledge and experiences with us.