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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	Tue. 1:00 PM
SSI Marshes of Glynn	Epworth – Jinks Dining Room	Thu. 7:30 AM

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Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

First

The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

Second

High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

Third

The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

Fourth

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service

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?

St. Simons Island Rotary Club
Georgia, USA Rotary District 6920



Rotary Spray

Today's Program: May 8, 2012

The Bruce/Tharp Rotary Scholarships

In 1961 the club established a fund for lending money to students to attend college, to be repaid after graduation at no interest, under the leadership of Ed Bruce. The Scholarship Fund was converted to a full scholarship program in 1991. In 1997, Gil Tharp left a sizeable amount of money to the fund in his will. The scholarships are awarded from the earnings from the fund along with the donations from club members. Students attending CCGA receive \$1,000 per year for 4 years while the other winners receive \$2,000 per year for the college of their choice.

2012 Scholarship Winners

College of Coastal Georgia

Becca Bartkovich – Brunswick High
Elizabeth Guest – Brunswick High

Other Four-Year Colleges

Sarah Geer – Glynn Academy
Dalila Vazquez-Herrera – Glynn Academy
Janissa Gordon – Brunswick High
Chelsea Smith – Glynn Academy
Deryn Sousa – Glynn Academy



Faculty from St. Simons Elementary visited April 24th to thank us for our Rotary Club's contribution to their school.

Present for a photo (L-R) were:
Mike Muldowney, Suzanne Clements (Principal), Vicky Sawall (Student Counselor) & Cathey Petkash

Upcoming Programs

May 15: Paul Conrad, US Customs and Border Protection
May 22: The Rotary Community Image Awards
May 29 No Meeting. Taps at Twilight

Guests—Hosts (8)

Barbara Bruce—Jim Bruce
 Sue Cansler—Chuck Cansler
 Guney Gul—Mike Muldowney
 Nancy Muldowney—Mike Muldowney
 Bud Parker—John Law
 Zach Powell (PM)—Emily Harper
 George Steelman (PM)—Cathey Petkash
 Neil Sutton (PM)—Wally Forsythe

Club Guests (4)

Teresa Cassidy—Goodyear Elementary
 Michelle Drew—Altama Elementary
 Stacey Short—Altama Elementary
 Karen Smith—Goodyear Elementary

Visiting Rotarian (1)

Ken McKenzie—Brunswick

Attendance

Members	82
Guests	12 (3 PMs)
Speakers	5 (Rotary GSE Team)
Visiting Rotarians	1
Total	100

Greeters

5/8 Ann Nigro
 Tom Parker
 5/15 Cathey Petkash
 Sara Phelps

Birthdays 5/8—5/14

Bill Hicks 5/9
Rick Mattox 5/11
Lisa Martin 5/11
Mary Ellen Parkins 5/12
Don Fielder 5/13



Rotobucks

Bud Parker \$55

Last Week's Program: May 1, 2012

The Turkish Invasion!

The Rotary GSE Team from Turkiye Present Their Country!

Leaving the luncheon on May 1st, this writer heard a number of fellow Rotarians say, "that's one of the best presentations we've had all year!" Agreed! A team of five from Turkiye (actually pronounced Turk-yea) visited our Rotary Club and shared a wealth of information about their fascinating country and its compelling history going back over 10,000 years!

The Rotary GSE team consisting of team leader and Rotarian Ilknur Ozer, and colleagues Deniz Alpan, Elif Cevlik, Ilkin Sengun and Onur Ozer, gave comprehensive presentations on the many faces of Turkiye, each one delving into specific aspects of the country including history, economic life, trade and commerce, geography, and customs and traditions. Did you know that Turkiye is considered the geographical center of the earth, where three continents converge – Asia, Europe and Africa? Or that Istanbul, (its largest city), is the only metropolis in the world that spreads across two continents – Asia and Europe (Asia Minor). Did you know that the ancient name for Turkiye is Atatolia – meaning 'land where the sun rises?' Did you know that Turkiye is the only secular Muslim country amongst the world's 54 Muslim nations? Or, that the Virgin Mary lived her final days in Turkiye in the ancient city of Ephesus, which was during her time,

one of the largest cities in the world with a population of over 250,000 people?

Turkiye was the first civilization to have a currency (circa 2000 BC), the first written agreement (1284 BC), and the first man in flight – Hezarfen Ahmet Celebi in 1612. And we thought we had an impressive history. Turkiye, with its 75 million citizens, is a founding member of the United Nations, a member of NATO, and is presently a candidate for the European Union which regulates the European currency and trade system based on the Euro. Turkiye has 7 regions, 81 provinces, and is the world's 15th largest economy based on its gross national product. Turkiye's leading trading partners are Russia, the United States, and the European Nations. Key industries are agriculture – the world's leading producer of hazelnuts, figs, cherries, apricots and pomegranates, and 2nd in watermelons; manufacturing – producers of textiles, clothing, televisions (largest in Europe), electronics, and automobiles (Fiat, Renault, Hyundai and Ford among others); and tourism – American visitors contributing some \$80 million in 2011 alone.

And now we know all of these interesting facts about Turkiye because a very nice GSE group from the Middle East visited our Rotary Club and shared their pride of country with us, and some Turkish folk dancing (although thankfully, not the Whirling Dervish), making it a most enjoyable St. Simons Rotary luncheon, indeed! Many thanks to the team from District 2440 for a very interesting and warm presentation!

Photos are being posted on our website and will be in next week's Spray.

Club News from the May 1, 2012 Meeting

Cart Buckets: Fill 'em up. 100% of funds goes to Alzheimer's Research.

District Conference: Scheduled for May 18 thru 20 in Savannah. Please see President Mike or register online.

Congratulations to Marie Dodd and Mary Beth Wester for being selected as this year's honorees for the YMCA's "Tribute to Women."

John Gibson and Leslie Lamkin, representing the Charity Committee headed by Mary Beth Wester, brought representatives for Altama Elementary School and Good-year Elementary. Each school is being given \$500 for use in their programs. Present were Goodyear Principal Dr. Karen Smith and Counselor Teresa Cassidy; and Altama Principal Michelle Drew and counselor Stacey Short. There will be a program next month by the committee to share with all of us where our charity money is going this year.

The Turkey GSE Team has been very busy touring the Island, visiting King and Prince Seafood, Rich Products, the College of Coastal Georgia and other points of interest.