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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: September 27, 2011
Dr. Stephen Briggs, President of Berry College**

Dr. Steve Briggs became Berry College's eighth president in July, 2006. He was drawn to Berry because of its distinctive educational philosophy, remarkable history and incomparable campus. Dr. Briggs is recognized nationally as an advocate for exceptional undergraduate experiences. He is an innovative and principled problem-solver who has served in positions of academic and strategic leadership for more than 20 years at colleges in Oklahoma, Florida and New Jersey.

He currently serves on the Board of Trustees for SACS (the accrediting organization for all colleges and universities in the South), the Board of Directors for the Council of Independent Colleges (the largest association of independent colleges with more than 600 members), and the Board of Directors for the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (the primary advocacy association for independent institutions).

He is a personality psychologist by training, the author of more than 27 scholarly articles and book chapters as well as two edited books. He is a graduate of Wake Forest University and has a doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Briggs is married to Brenda Morgan Briggs, also a graduate of Wake Forest. They have three daughters – two now married and one in college.

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
Prospective Members
 Virginia Ellis—Martin Turbidy
 Todd Swain—Mike Muldowney
 Beverly Trainor—Paul Pieschel
Speaker William Ligon

Greeters
 9/27 Chad Dixon
 Marie Dodd
 10/4 Sonny Doehring
 Pat Donahoo

Birthdays 9/27—10/3
David Medford 10/2



Visiting Rotarians: None
 None

Attendance
 93 Members + 4 Guests = 97

Rotobucks
 John Buchanan \$55

Special Drawing: 2 sets of Champion Passes for the McGladrey Classic. Donated by Leslie Lamkin.
The Winners: Susan Imhoff and Weldon Neal.

Please Join us for First Tuesday, October 4th, 5:30—7:00
Benny's Red Barn (the old Ziggy's)
 We will enjoy Line Dancing Instruction. We are charging \$5 per person to offset the cost of entertainment. 2 for 1 well drinks, house wines and domestic beer. Be prepared for plenty of laughter.

Club News—September 20, 2011

Club Fundraisers: We need all members to support our upcoming fundraisers. We are relying on the fundraisers to supply us with the funds to support our charitable contributions this year, avoiding dipping into the reserve funds as in the past. Buy Meet the McGladrey Classic Pros tickets from Bill Warren, and put together a team for the golf scramble. Take tickets to sell and encourage friends to play in the scramble tournament.

Survey Results: Will be reviewed with the club September 27.

Resignations: The Board accepted the resignations of Brian Peebles and Stu Graham.

Fall Social: King and Prince Hotel. 10/18. See Jim Henderson.

Upcoming Programs

October 4: Scott Steilen, President, Sea Island Company.
October 11: (Board of Directors Meeting). Classification Talks.
October 18: No meeting. SSI Rotary Fall Social.

Program: September 20, 2011

State Sen. William Ligon: A Progress Report

The state of Georgia is fiscally sound, based on the progress report from State Sen. William T. Ligon Jr. (R) given at this meeting. Once again, the General Assembly had to produce a budget with decreased revenues of \$1 billion compared with the year before. Since the Georgia Constitution requires a balanced budget, the choices were to raise taxes or cut spending. The legislature chose to cut spending and has now cut the budget a total of 23 percent over the past three years.

The state can always tap its “revenue shortfall fund,” which it has found necessary twice in recent years. But with the fund down to \$116 million – enough to fund just three days of state operations – the legislature is looking for ways to build it back up again.

This kind of fiscal conservatism makes Georgia one of just 15 states with a AAA bond rating. Five states are on a Moody’s watch list for possible downgrade, but Georgia is not in that group.

Legislators tackled an expected \$300 million shortfall in Hope Scholarship funds this year by reducing tuition reimbursement for recipients to 90 percent. At the same time, they created the Zell Miller Scholarship that will pay 100 percent of tuition to students who have a 3.7 grade point average and a score of 1,200 or above on the SAT.

Ligon said Georgia has strictly controlled Medicaid costs with a managed care approach, but he fears a significantly increased demand on Medicaid if federal health care legislation remains as passed in 2009. In the 2012 session, the legislature needs to create a health care exchange to meet federal requirements. Ligon said this is expected to be a volatile issue, since the legislature doesn’t want to do anything that would damage the state’s position in its lawsuit challenging the law. In the meantime, the legislature passed HB 87 this year allowing Georgians to buy medical insurance across state lines.



President Mike and Guest Speaker William Ligon

COMING SOON!
 OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISERS OF THE YEAR!
MEET THE MCGLADREY CLASSIC PROS
 Tuesday, October 11, 2011
 5:00-7:00 pm
 King and Prince Beach Resort
 \$60 / person
ROTARY SWING-FOR-KIDS TOURNAMENT
 Friday, November 4, 2011
 Four Player Scramble - 12:00 pm
 King and Prince Golf Course
 \$125 per player
 Buy a Combined Ticket and save! Just \$175 for both events!
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