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Club	Area Rotary Clubs	Venue	Day & Time
Brunswick	Brunswick Country Club	Brunswick Country Club	Thu. 12:30 PM
Golden Isles—Glynn County	Brunswick Hospital	Brunswick Hospital	Wed. 7:30 AM
Jekyll Island	Jekyll Island Club Hotel	Jekyll Island Club Hotel	Wed. 7:30 AM
St. Simons Island	Sea Palms	Sea Palms	Tue. 1:00 PM

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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?



# Rotary Club of St. Simons Island

Georgia, USA

Rotary District 6920

## Rotary Spray

January 15, 2013

Wilf Nicholls

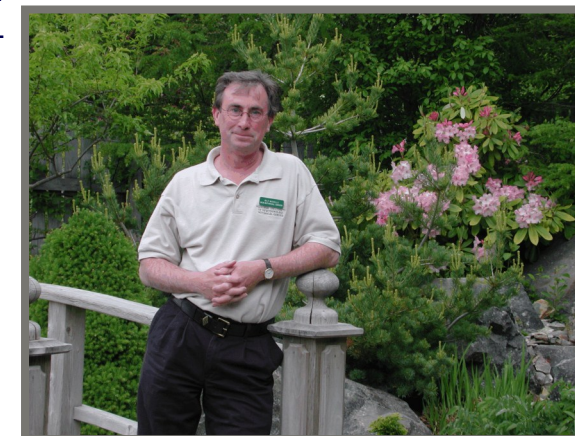
## Director, State Botanical Garden of Georgia

### Introduction by Rotarian Martin Turbidy

Born in London, England, Wilf Nicholls graduated with a B.Sc. (Botany) from the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth in 1972 and then a Ph.D. (Botany) from the University of British Columbia in 1984.

He spent 22 years in Vancouver, first as a graduate student, then as an entrepreneur, then 9 years as a research scientist at UBC Botanical Garden. There, he managed the Plant Introduction Scheme and bred 'Mandarin' honeysuckle and 'Starbright' mock orange. In 1997 he moved to St John's, Newfoundland, to take up the position of Director of Memorial University of Newfoundland Botanical Garden. After 13 years in that position he came to Athens in September 2010 as director of the State Botanical Garden of Georgia and has recently been cross-appointed into the Department of Horticulture.

Wilf has taught undergraduate classes in applied biology and plant biology, established an ornamental R&D program called *Plant Atlantic* and joined a team to investigate the potential of native rose species as sources of food and medicines. He was part of the National Recovery Team for the endangered Limestone Barrens plant species of Newfoundland's Great Northern Peninsula and headed a team on the research and awareness of invasive alien species.



**Attendance Data for 01-08-2013**

Visiting Rotarians—None

**Guests—Hosts**John Campbell (prospective member) -  
Guest of Jody Haley**Guests 1   Speakers 2   Members 79**  
**Total 82****Greeters**1/15 Wil Becker      1/22 Craig Bolint  
1/15 Allen Berry    1/22 Bob Brearley**Birthdays 1/15—1/21**Sandy Sanders      1/16  
Te Turner            1/18**Rotobucks \$35   Monica Jolley****Brandon Speeg – Conservation Coordinator**  
**Dr. Linda Penfold – Research Director**  
**White Oak Conservation Center**

Fellow Rotarian Page Faulk introduced our guest speakers for January 8 from the White Oak Conservation Center.

Hard to believe that we have a world-class research and conservation zoo right here within a one-hour drive from our island. White Oak, located just across the state line in Yulee, Fla., is a globally integrated conservation initiative and zoological facility focusing on research and preservation of rare animal species - particularly large mammals and birds. With over 25 unique species under White Oak's conservancy, their menagerie includes the rare white rhino, cheetah, the elusive okapi which is a close relative of the giraffe, Florida panther, eastern bongo, the eland (the largest in the antelope family), and large exotic birds such as the Sandhill crane and the blue-gilled curassow.

Their website calls it – *A unique refuge for people, animals, and ideas.* Located along the St. Marys River, White Oak encompasses 7,400 acres of forest and wetlands. The Gilman Paper family acquired the property in 1938, and White Oak is still owned and operated by the Howard Gilman Foundation. White Oak promotes endeavors in the arts and wildlife conservation through creative science, education, training, and collaborations. Among their key initiatives is the breeding of exotic endangered animals through their SEZARC program (South-East Zoo Alliance for Reproduction and Conservation). SEZARC successfully conducts state-of-the-art breeding programs which produce hundreds of animals each year including cheetahs and rhinos – two species which are extremely difficult to propagate in captivity. Through artificial insemination and other reproduction techniques, SEZARC has successfully produced 147 cheetah cubs in captivity which amount to 30% of all the cheetahs bred in the U.S. Many of these animals are then provided internationally to zoos meeting the highest standards.

Surprisingly, this unique conservation facility is open to the public offering educational workshops, corporate retreats, children's camps, a 100-person capacity meeting facility and even a golf course. As our speaker Brandon Speeg expressed, "White Oak is all about animal conservation, and animal conservation is about people – making the connection between people and animals." For more information about White Oak and its important initiatives visit their website at: <http://www.whiteoakwildlife.org>



From left-to-right:  
**Brandon Speeg, Page Faulk,**  
**John Matthews and Dr. Linda Penfold.**

Brandon and Linda are from the White Oak Conservation Center.  
Page and President John are fellow Rotarians.

**Club News, January 8, 2013 Meeting**

**Cart Buckets** – 100% to Alzheimer's Research. Hold the bucket up, pass around and donate!

**Welcome Back**— Myra Albert and Pat Storino.

**Board meeting**—January 15 at 11:30 am.

**Sandy Relief** – Our \$3,500 has been matched and sent to Staten Island, NY. We still have the opportunity to give the remaining \$1,500 which will also be matched until 3/31/13.

**Upcoming Programs**

**January 22:** Classification Talks

**January 29:** Pat Willis: Ex. Director of Voices for Georgia's Children (Introduction by Linda Muir)

**February 5:** Annual High School Speech Contest (Intro by Cindi Philips)

**February 12:** (Board Meeting) Hurricane Sandy – National Park's Involvement: Mary Beth Wester

**February 19:** Jenny Morris: *Knee and Hip Replacement*

**February 26:** Cathy Petkash --- *Rotary Dollars at Work*

**March 5:** Director: Glynn Place Mall (Intro by Cindi Philips)

**March 12:** (Board Meeting) Club Program TBA.

**March 19:** Tim Mescon, Columbus State University (Intro by Martin Turbidy)