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Club	Area Rotary Clubs	Venue	Day & Time
Brunswick		Brunswick Country Club	Thu. 12:30 PM
Golden Isles—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

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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

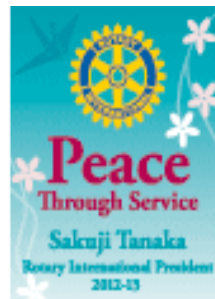
The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

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 22, 2013

Classification Talks
Moderated by Monica Jolley

A Photo from Last Week's Club Meeting



Guest Speaker
Wilf Nicholls
and
Club President
John Matthews

Please see the story by
Jennifer Broadus on
page 3.

Attendance Data for 01-15-2013

Visiting Rotarians

Gail Flexor—Brunswick Club

Guests—Hosts

David Bowland—Jim Szwast
Bill Houseman—Clyde Taylor
Darrell Thaw—Jody Haley

All three guests are prospective members.

Visitors 4 Speaker 1 Members 79
Total 84

Greeters

1/22 Craig Bolint 1/29 Alwin Brillembourg
1/22 Bob Brearley 1/29 Jennifer Broadus

Birthdays 1/22—1/28

Gary Schwartz 1/22
Alwin Brillembourg 1/24



Rotobucks \$39 Jody Haley



**2013 & 2014
Rotary
International
Conventions**



January 15, 2013

Wilf Nicholls

Director, State Botanical Garden of Georgia
Introduction by Martin Turbidy

Who knew that a micro plant organism that grows in the steamy waters of Old Faithful could be so interesting? Turns out that Taq polymerase, an extremophile enzyme discovered in hot springs, has properties that enabled DNA research. Who knew? Fact is, nobody did until it was discovered in 1985.

Our speaker, Dr. Wilf Nicholls, offered this fascinating fact amongst dozens of others as he spoke to us about the fragility and importance of protecting plant species on our planet. Did you know that there are about 300,000 unique plant species on the planet, but we only use about 3,000 of them as food around the world? He hinted that we've only scratched the surface on what we know about plants, their ability to feed the earth and cure diseases. For example, the Pacific Yew Tree (*taxus brevifolia*) which possesses properties that create the chemotherapy drug paclitaxel (*taxol*), used in breast, ovarian, and lung cancer treatment.

Dr. Nichols talked about being a tree hugger and suggested that we all take part in the protection of endangered species, because the reality is – 1 out of 8 plant species on the earth are RTE (rare, threatened, or endangered). YIKES watch where we step! Dr. Nicholls offered 7 arguments for being good stewards of the earth's plant life.

Environmental Stability – The earth needs plant diversity or species will not survive.

Scientific Knowledge – Enabling the discovery of new medicines.

Future Opinions – Caring about what future generations will think of us.

Aesthetics – Are only pretty plants deserving of protection? Not so! Remember the Taq micro plant?

Culture & National Heritage – How indigenous cultures affect the proliferation of plant life.

Economics – The Pacific Yew produces cancer killing drugs and billions of dollars in revenues, jobs, etc.

Morals & Values – Isn't it our job to sustain plant life for our children? And their children?

The facts are the two leading causes of plant specie endangerment are: habitat destruction (like the Brazilian rainforest), and invasive plants – like Georgia kudzu! YIKES AGAIN!!!

Thanks, Dr Nicholls. You made a 30-minute lesson in botany really fun today!

Club News, January 15, 2013 Meeting

Cart Buckets – 100% to Alzheimer's Research. Raise the bucket, pass it around and donate!

Board Meeting—Julian Flexer resigned and was appointed an honorary member. John Campbell was approved for membership. Welcome, John!

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 March 31, 2013.

Upcoming Programs

January 29: Pat Willis: Executive Director of Voices for Georgia's Children (Intro by Linda Muir)

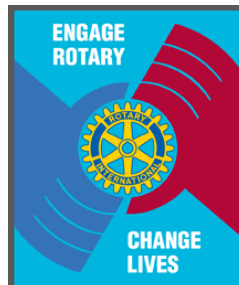
February 5: Annual High School Speech Contest (Intro by Cindi Philips)

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

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

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

Coming in July



**The 2013-2014
Rotary International
Theme**