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Area Rotary Clubs

| Club | 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

February 5, 2013

Annual High School Speech Contest Narrated by Cindi Phillips

Our program features two students from each of our area high schools: Glynn Academy, Frederica Academy, Brunswick High. They will be speaking on their choice of one of two topics, including the Rotary Four Way Test. Competing for cash prizes at our level, two speakers will go to the zone contest in March.

Upcoming Programs

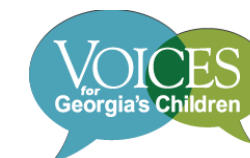
February 12: (Board Meeting) Hurricane Sandy – National Park's Involvement: Randy and Mary Beth Wester.

February 19: Beau Sasser, MD, Medical Director, Southeast Georgia Health System's Sports Medicine Program.



Pat Willis (left) and Rotarian Linda Muir.

Pat is Executive Director of Voices for Georgia's Children and was the guest speaker for our January 29 meeting. Please see the article by Jennifer Broadus on page 3.



**A nonprofit child
policy and advocacy
organization.**

Attendance Data for 01-29-2013

Visiting Rotarians

Evie Byrnes Rotary Club of Highlands
 Marilyn Underhill Rotary Club of Highlands

Guests—Sponsors

Mary Ellen Aiken—Linda Muir
 Sherrye Gibbs (PM) —Ginny Johnson
 Bill Houseman (PM) —Clyde Taylor

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| Visiting Rotarians & Guests | 5 |
| Speaker | 1 |
| Members | 89 |
| Total | 95 |

Greeters

2/5 Bob Brown
 Jim Bruce
 2/12 John Buchanan
 Dennis Burgess

Birthdays 2/5—2/11

Jim Bruce 2/6
 Ed Griffith 2/9



Rotobucks \$35 Ann Nermoe

January 29, 2013

Speaking Up for Children

Pat Willis – Executive Director,
 Voices for Georgia's Children

Last week's presentation was kids' stuff – but not really. Introduced by fellow Rotarian Linda Muir, our presenter Pat Willis spoke to us about serious issues facing the youngest sector of Georgia's population – our children. Fact is, there is compelling evidence that we can solve many problems facing our country's economic future if we get a better grasp on the importance of a 'quality rated' head start for children age birth to 5 years old right NOW! We've all heard before how these critical formative years are important, but Ms. Willis equated these first years as *the most important learning segment of a human's entire life*. We kind of knew that, but Pat's discussion really hit home with some stunning statistics:

- Georgia ranks 37th in the nation for child well-being.
- 30% of the state's budget is keyed to children's initiatives including schools.
- 80% of Georgia's Medicaid budget goes to children 1-18 years old.
- 2.5 million children in Georgia represent 26% of the state's population.
- 67.4% never complete high school.
- 37% of Georgia's children live with a single parent.
- 25% live at the poverty level.
- 59% receive a daily subsidized lunch.
- 40% suffer from obesity.
- 100% of our future depends on our children.

"There are no 'do-overs' with childhood," Willis stressed. "Once missed, a child's chance to get a good start at life can be lost forever. Consider that brain development gap is at its peak beginning at around 16 months old until about 5 years old. Children at risk, and there are many, will not grow as easily into successful adult citizens if they lose out on this important physiological and intellectual growth segment. The results are economically and sociologically staggering – more adults on welfare, more uneducated and therefore unemployable citizens, higher Medicaid costs, higher crime rates, higher early death rates, etc. etc, etc – you get the picture. "For every dollar spent on child advocacy now, seven dollars will be saved from future expenditures to fix the problems," stated Willis.

"Please thank our Governor for extending Pre-K budget programs to the full 180-day scholastic year," she said. "This is huge for Georgia's children!"

Thank you Pat Willis for sharing your passion as an advocate for Georgia's children. For more information visit: www.georgiavoices.org

Club News, January 29, 2013 Meeting

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

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.

District Nominating Committee has nominated John Neely for District Governor for 2015-2016.

Activity Updates—Millard Allen updated the club regarding Community Image Awards, Hamsa Thota regarding International Grants, and Jerry Schueneman regarding Taps at Twilight.

GRSP Student—Our student next year will be Rukshani Adhihetty of Sri Lanka.

Rotary International Conventions



2013
 Lisbon,
 Portugal
 23-26
 June



2014
 Sydney,
 Australia
 1-4
 June



2015
 São Paulo,
 Brazil
 5-8
 June