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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?



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Georgia, USA

Rotary District 6920

Rotary Spray

Today's Program, March 5, 2013

Glynn Place Mall

Zach Albright and Joni Bennett

Zach Albright, General Manager, and Joni Bennett, Marketing Manager, of the Glynn Place Mall are joining us today to bring us up to date on the great new things going on at the mall. They will be sharing a little bit about the history of the mall and telling us about the new owners. They will also share with us the names and locations of the new stores and tell us about the exciting new events that will be taking place at the mall.

February 26 Presentations

(L-R) Red Badge Inductee
John Campbell, Club President
John Matthews and
District Governor Bob Griggers



(L-R) District Governor Bob Griggers,
Club President John Matthews and
Blue Badge Inductee Neil Sutton



Attendance Data for 02-26-2013

Guests—Hosts

Carol Johnson—Craig Bolint

Visiting Rotarians

Bob Griggers—District Governor

Brenda Griggers—Spouse, District Governor

Evie Byrne—Highlands

Marilyn Underhill—Highlands

Summary

Visitors 5 Members 76 Total 81

Rotobucks \$41 **Jody Haley**

Greeters

3/5 Wesley Cox
Donna Davis

3/12 Jack Dinos
Chad Dixon

Birthdays 3/5—3/11

Dick Wicker 3/8

Rick Powers 3/9



Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team
from Bolivia, April 8-11, 2013.

Club News, February 26, 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. Current total is \$540.

District Governor Bob Griggers—DG Bob expressed his thanks for the contributions of our Club. Bob specifically acknowledged the achievements of **Jim Bruce**. He spoke of the District 6920 Conference in Augusta, May 3-5.

Badge Presentations—Red Badge: **John Campbell**. Blue Badge: **Neil Sutton**. Badges presented by District Governor Bob Griggers.

(Left-to-Right)

The Honorable Bryan Thompson,
Mayor, Brunswick, Georgia.
John Matthews, Club President,
Rotary Club of St. Simons Island.



Please see the article by Jennifer Broadus on the next page.

February 26 Program

Mayor Bryan Thompson

I CAME; I SAW; I DID THE BEST THAT I COULD!

Yes, you did, Bryan, the very BEST you could. With ten months and three days remaining on his eight-year, two-term commitment to the City of Brunswick, the Mayor came to speak to us about his journey and the many twists and turns that holding the city's highest office can take.

Never short on words, Bryan delivered a lot of facts. In his first election he ran against a competitive field of 4 opponents (including former Black Panther leader Elaine Brown) and won by a 65% majority. Then came the challenges. Remember the 'move the jail' controversy? The Chief of Police debacle? The Glynn County Water/Sewer merger? And, Liberty Harbor (also know as Liberty Hardship)? All critical issues facing the Mayor's attention during his first term. When Thompson took office in 2005, the world and city were a different place.

Then the recession hit, the real estate crunch chomped down, property values plummeted, tax revenues fell, and the Mayor still had a city to run – but now on only \$14 million versus the previous \$21 million revenue budget. With help of colleagues including the Glynn County Commission, the City Council, the Water/Sewer Commission and others, and with many disputes, sometimes hostile, often difficult, and always interesting, the Mayor is on the final leg of his term managing a city with a balanced budget and no debt, and with only 240 employees to help run it instead of the previous 400+. That's quite a record by any measure.

"It's a big responsibility being Mayor," confessed Thompson. "I've loved 75% of the experience and the other 25% drove me nuts," he admitted.

"During my term, we have totally restructured the leadership of the City. We are much more professional, positive, and operate at a much higher level," he offered. "Good things have happened. I am proud of most of it."

With less than a year remaining, we wish the good Mayor the very best as he transitions out of public service to the private sector.

Thank you for your service and for your leadership, Bryan. Job well done!

Upcoming Programs

March 12 (Board Meeting): *You've come a long way, Baby Steps.* Linda Muir.

March 19: Tim Mescon, Columbus State University. Intro by Martin Turbidy.

March 26: Cathey Petkash, Sarah Dodd. *Your Rotary Dollars at Work.*