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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

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

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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?

The Four-Way Test

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## Rotary Club of St. Simons Island Georgia, USA **Rotary District 6920**

# Rotary Spray

Today's Program, March 19, 2013 Timothy S. Mescon, Ph.D. **Introduction by Rotarian Martin Turbidy** 

Dr. Timothy S. Mescon is the fourth president of Columbus State University. He assumed that responsibility in August 2008. In 2012/2013, Columbus State was named by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top 50 Public Comprehensive Universities in the South. In 2013, online graduate programs in business and education were named among the top 35 in the U.S. by U.S. News and World Report. Currently he serves as a trustee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission on Colleges. He is also a trustee for the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts, Chair of the Board of the United Way of



the Chattahoochee Valley (where he led the successful 2010 campaign), the Boy Scouts of America - Chattahoochee Council, the Fort Benning Futures Partnership Board and as an Ally in the Circles Columbus Program. Previously, for 18 years. Mescon was dean at the Michael J. Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University in metropolitan Atlanta, where he held the Tony and Jack Dinos Eminent Scholar Chair of Entrepreneurship. In 2012 and 2013, Georgia Trend Magazine named Mescon one of the 100 most influential Georgians.

and there is more ... stay tuned!

## **Upcoming Programs**

March 26: Sarah Dodd. Your Rotary Dollars at Work.

**April 2:** GRSP Student Maria Trabanino.

**April 9:** (Board Meeting) Presentation by the Bolivian GSE Team.

#### Attendance Data for 03-12-2013

#### **Guests—Hosts**

Maryellen Aiken, TJ Andrews, Andrea Dickerson, Pam Farley—Club Guests

Nancy Matthews—John Matthews
Nancy Muldowney—Mike Muldowney

Lance Turpin (PM)—Erik Kaufman

## **Visiting Rotarians**

Evie Byrnes—Highlands Rotary Club

## **Summary**

Guests and Visiting 8 Members 77 Total 85

Rotobucks \$38 Rem Johnston

#### **Greeters**

3/19 Marie Dodd Sonny Doehring 3/26 Pat Donahoo Bud Dorsey

## Birthdays 3/19—3/25

Jim Szwast 3/20
Steve Hires 3/23
Camille Adams 3/25
Ginny Johnson 3/25



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

**New Members:** David Boland, Financial Advisor, H.D. Vest. Sponsor: Jim Szwast. Sherrye Gibbs, President, Sea Palms Coastal Realty. Sponsor: Ginny Johnson.

## Club News, March 12, 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. Only \$885 to go.

**District 6920 Conference**—Augusta—May 3-5 (Friday-Sunday). If you are planning on attending, please register on the district website and advise President John.

March 26 Club Meeting—Location: Bonefish.

Board Meeting: Cathey Petkash resignation accepted. New members—See above.

## **Guidelines for Membership Dues Payment**

These guidelines are found in the Membership Guidelines section of the Policies and Procedures Tab on our website. Financial obligations are discussed in detail including quarterly obligations, payment warnings and payment limits.

## **March 12 Program**

## You've Come A Long Way, Baby Steps!

Linda Muir – Moderator with Mike Muldowney, Page Faulk, Myra Albert, Nancy Matthews & Karen Gable

## "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." - Benjamin Franklin

It seems like yesterday when the Baby Steps program was just starting to crawl, and already, it is making great strides to help literacy action in our community. This week's presentation was actually a panel of our fellow Rotarians all committed to Baby Steps. Team moderator Linda Muir began the program, then passed the mike to teammates to share compelling insight and information on how literacy action can improve a child's life, a family's well-being, an entire community, and even state and national economies. How?...

# By embracing the Four Pillars of Support of the Literacy Action Advisory Council:

- 1. Increasing access to books and a vocabulary-rich environment for children from birth to age 5.
- 2. Improving the quality of early child care centers in the area.
- 3. Providing access to screening for early developmental disabilities.
- 4. Ensuring that parents are equipped to perform their role as their child's first and foremost teacher.

Seems pretty simple, right? Not so simple. It takes a great deal of effort and teamwork at the grass roots level to help a community lift itself out of the certainty of poverty through a concerted literacy action program. In our community, the program is multi-dimensional including efforts at the F.A.C.E.S. Media Center at Burroughs – Mollette School, the Imagination Room at the McIntyre Court Boys & Girls Club and the Akeba Academy Child Care Center, all operational in Brunswick through the efforts of Baby Steps with help from our St. Simons Rotary volunteers, District 6920 grants, and professionals who work hard to make the programs happen. How can <u>you</u> get involved? This is simple...

Volunteer...go to.www.ssirotary.org...Donate to SSI Rotary...Buy a Book...

Donate to Foundation Endowments...and...Spread the Word! Thanks to our dedicated Rotary panel, Baby Steps volunteers, readers, contributors, donors and professionals who are working hard to help our community take giant steps out of illiteracy and poverty toward a better future for the Golden Isles and America!