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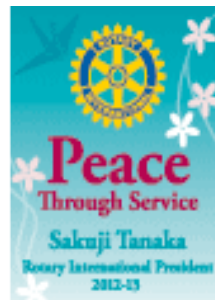
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Club	Area Rotary Clubs	Venue	Day & Time
Brunswick		Brunswick Country Club	Thu. 12:30 PM
Golden Isles—Glynn County		Brunswick Hospital	Wed. 7:30 AM
Jekyll Island		Jekyll Island Club Hotel	Wed. 7:30 AM
St. Simons Island		Sea Palms	Tue. 1:00 PM

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## Rotary Club of St. Simons Island

Georgia, USA Rotary District 6920

## Rotary Spray

Today's Program: June 11, 2013

## Classification Talks Intro by Monica Jolley

### 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?

### From Last Week's Meeting

(L-R)

Charitable Giving:  
Michelle Drew, Altama Elementary;  
Stephanie Thompson, FACES;  
Dr. Karen Smith, Goodyear  
Elementary; and  
Mary Beth Wester,  
St. Simons Island Rotary.



### Upcoming Programs

**June 18:** President's Outgoing Message.

**June 25:** SSI Rotary Charitable Giving Report. Meeting at Bonefish Grill.

**July 2:** No program.

**July 9:** TBA.

**July 16:** Dick Yarbrough, Syndicated Columnist (Intro by Martin Turbidity).

**July 23:** Plans for the Rotary Year, Club President Stan Humphries.

**July 30:** Ellen Murphy, STAR Foundation (Intro by Ann Nermoe).

**August 6:** Dave Snyder, Master Chef, Halyard's Restaurant (Intro by Linda Muir).

**August 13:** Jeffrey Small, Entrepreneur and Author of *The Breath of God* and *Jericho Deception*.

## Attendance Data for 6-4-2013

### Guests of Club

Michelle Drew—Altama Elementary  
Stephanie Thompson—FACES  
Dr. Karen Smith—Goodyear Elementary

### Visiting Rotarians

None for 6-4

### Totals

Guests	3
Speaker	1
Members	72
Total	76

### Greeters

6/11 Jim Henderson  
Gus Hernandez  
6/18 Bill Hicks  
Steve Hires

### Birthdays 6/11—6/17

None this week.



**Rotobucks \$37 Jennifer Broadus**

## June 4 Program

# Bill Dawson

General Manager of Operations, Georgia Ports Authority

Intro by Marie Dodd

Article by Jennifer Broadus

It's always great to hear from Bill Dawson. Bill is always generous sharing good news about the healthy economy of our Georgia Port Authority. By all accounts, business is booming at Brunswick Harbor! Now ranked #2 in the nation in car import/export, closing in on 600,000 cars per year, Port of Brunswick is only topped in tonnage by the Port of New York. WOW!

Authorized as a National Port of Entry by the 5th Act of Congress (along with the The Tariff Act) signed by President George Washington in 1789, Brunswick was joined by Boston, New York and Philadelphia in that legislation.

Imagine – little Brunswick, GA along side the big Northeast cities! The authorization put Brunswick on the map, and continues to make us an important port for our nation, and the world. Now 23 different manufacturers bring cars in and out – Mercedes and Lamborghini to Volkswagen and Subaru. The adjacent railroad (RORO) siding makes the port especially attractive to car-makers.

Bill talked about the "big floating shoe boxes." And they *are* huge – up to 14 floors, 950 feet long, 450 feet wide, loaded tight with over 8,000 cars – over 40 ships per month – that's a lot of loading and unloading, and believe it or not, "it only takes 8 hours to turn a ship," he reported. WOW again!

Bill didn't pull any punches when he talked about the current administration's lack of support for funding for harbors. Because of Brunswick's daily 7-foot tide, sufficient funding for dredging is critical to safe access to the port. Big car ships require up to 34 foot draft tolerance. Our port listed at 36-feet depth is really more like 30-31-foot right now, Dawson admitted. That makes it tricky getting big ships in and out. Did you know that sea turtles interrupted dredging of our channel two years ago? Turns out a mild winter didn't let the water get below 55 degrees, so the turtles didn't know when to leave. Attempts at dredging were halted when too many turtles were dredged up with the silt. Who knew?

Dawson talked a lot about tonnage. The more tons brought into the Port, the more money Brunswick is granted from Congress. That's why big machinery/vehicle manufacturers like Caterpillar, Komatsu and buses are now welcomed new customers for our Port. What's the tariff to unload? Fees based on tonnage begin at about \$5,000 per ship load, up to over \$20,000 for the big loads. Do the math! That's a lot of green coming into Brunswick and the nation.

Thanks Bill Dawson. We could listen to you for hours. Visit: [www.gaports.com](http://www.gaports.com)

## Club News: June 4, 2013 Meeting

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

**Charitable Giving Check Presentations**—Conducted by Mary Beth Wester

Michelle Drew—Altama Elementary  
Stephanie Thompson—Glynn County Pre K  
TBA—FACES

**6/25 Club Meeting**—Bonefish Grill

**Swing for the Kids**—Rick Mattox discussed the event, including one of the letters received from a participant for last year's event.

**Taps at Twilight**—Jerry Schueneman recognized members of the committee and read the letter received from Jim Bishop.



## From the June 4 Club Meeting

(Left-to-Right)

Rotarian Marie Dodd,  
Guest Speaker Bill Dawson  
and Club President John Matthews