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## Area Rotary Clubs

Club	Venue	Day & Time
Brunswick	Brunswick Country Club	Thu. 12:45 PM
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
SSI Marshes of Glynn	Epworth – Jinks Dining Room	Thu. 7:30 AM

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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?

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

## Rotary Spray

Today's Program: July 17, 2012

## Classification Talks

Moderated by Jerry Schueneman

### News from First Tuesday at Pranzo's

Susan Imhoff reports we had 25 members and 15 guests attend First Tuesday, actually held on the second Tuesday, at Pranzo's. Congratulations to Marie Dodd, who won the \$25 Bonefish gift certificate.

## Photo from Last Week's Meeting



(L-R) Candice Temple, Alan Ours, David Hainley, President John Matthews, & Clyde Taylor. Alan and David were guest speakers.

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### Visiting Rotarians—Club

Keith Calhoun	Atlanta Rotary
Sam Dunn	Cashiers Valley NC

### Guests—Hosts

Dennis Calhoun—Martin Turbidy

### Attendance

Members	74
Visiting Rotarians	2
Guests	1
Speakers	3
Total	80

Rotobucks	\$39	Paul Sanders
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### Greeters

7/17	Gary Schwartz
	Denny Silva
7/24	Bob Sprouse
	Becky Stephenson

### Birthdays 7/17-7/23

<b>Donna Davis</b>	<b>7/17</b>
<b>Virginia Ellis</b>	<b>7/18</b>
<b>Bill Becker</b>	<b>7/23</b>



## Club News from the July 10, 2012 Meeting

**Cart Buckets** are on the tables. 100% goes to Alzheimer's research.

### Board Meeting

- 2012-13 budget was approved.
- Status Changes: Past President and Past District Governor John Parkins was voted an honorary member. Merry Tipton was granted a 6-month LOA effective 7/1/2012. Scott Cown was granted his requested resignation from the club. Charles Lewis, Stan Humphries and Dwight Plyler were voted rule of 85 status.
- The Committee Structure was approved with the addition of a new section, the Community Outreach, headed by Past President Mike Muldowney. It will contain Taps at Twilight, Veteran's Walk, the Flag Program and Literacy.
- We voted to join the Glynn County clubs and other clubs in sponsoring the August, 2013 GRSP Conclave at Jekyll Convention Center.

**Quarterly Dues Statements** will be out soon. Please pay now so we can continue to pay our bills. We have some very significant international and district dues payable and need your payments to pay these bills in a timely basis.

## Upcoming Programs

July 24: Club Assembly, John Matthews  
 July 31: General Jim Butterworth, Adjutant General Georgia National Guard

## Last Week's Program: July 10, 2012

### *The 2012 Transportation Referendum Presented by David Hainley & Allen Ours*

Two representatives from Glynn County were our guest speakers on July 10th to present the facts (*unbiasedly they reminded us*) on a transportation tax referendum which will be up for vote on July 31, 2012. Presenting were David Hainley, Glynn County Community Development Director, and Glynn County Administrator, Alan Ours.

The Transportation Investment Act (TIA) was approved by the Georgia General Assembly in 2010 as a means to raise over 18.67 billion dollars for public works projects centered on Georgia's regional transportation systems. If it is passed, this referendum vote will levy a 1% sales tax for 10 years, or for a shorter time period when the full amount of the tax has been raised.

The reason for this transportation sales tax? A weak economy has resulted in lower fuel tax revenues creating a shortfall in transportation improvements funding. According to the Georgia DOT, existing funding levels, both state and federal, are insufficient to meet Georgia's transportation infrastructure needs today and into the future, negatively impacting the state's potential economic development. According to the 2012 Georgia Transportation Referendum fact sheet, Georgia spends less per capita on transportation than most other states.

The proposed sales tax will be levied in 12 state regions, including our coastal Georgia region which will garner 4 billion dollars of the proposed tax budget to cover 75 different transportation projects, 13 of which will affect Glynn County. It is estimated that approximately 25% of the tax monies raised in our region will result from visitors spending money in our coastal counties. It was stressed that tax monies levied here will stay here, and not be spread out across the state.

The list of projects planned for Glynn County are transportation corridors familiar to us all. Projects include the widening of U.S. 17, bridge reconstruction on U.S. 17, widening of Glynn Parkway, reconstruction of exit 42 at 1-95, widening of SR 99, additions to the Glynn County Transit System, and facilities improvements at the Brunswick Golden Isles Airport, among other projects. Complete project lists are posted on [www.dot.ga.gov/transportationreferendum](http://www.dot.ga.gov/transportationreferendum)

If approved by the voters, the sales tax will have citizen involvement with a five person committee providing oversight in each region. As David Hainley explained, "We have no back-up plan if this tax vote is defeated. As TIA was written, it may not come up for vote for two years if defeated." Congressional approval of matching funds is the other way these transportation improvement initiatives could be implemented. But then, to what extent and on what timetable no one knows for sure.

For more information about the Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax go to: [www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov).