

Rotary Club St. Simons Island Georgia, U.S.A

District 6920



December 2, 2008 Today's Program:

Maj. Gen. Jerry White Chairman National Infantry Foundation

Club

Brunswick Glynn County Jekyll Island St. Simons Island S SSI Marshes of Glynn

Area Rotary Clubs Meeting

Christie's Restaurant Brunswick Hospital Jekyll Island Club Hotel Sea Palms (Confirm before attending) n Epworth—Jinks Dining Room

Day & Time

Thu. 12:45 P.M. Wed. 7:30 A.M. Wed. 7:30 A.M. Tue. 1:00 P.M. Thu. 7:30 A.M.

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Guests/Hosts Deborah Rice – Teresa Jones-King Bill Abel – Eric Andreae Bob Brown – Bill Turbeville Robert Burkard – John Buchanan

Attendance

Nov. 18 – 78 members (62%) (Plus 6 guests for total of 84)

Greeters

- 12/2 Jack Sullivan, Rees Sumerford
- 12/9 Bernie Swafford, Tom Swan

Rotobucks

Paul Sanders - \$44 Birthdays Dec. 2 – 8

Gus Hernandez – 12/3

Vicky Brian – 12/5



Club Notes

Club Dues: If you did not receive an invoice or have changed your e-mail address, please send an email to Shirley Redanz, our financial administrator (**treasurer@ssirotary.org**). You can also update your e-mail address on the district web site.

New Member: Don Fielder introduced new member **Gus Hernandez**, who also received his Red Badge from Jerry Schueneman. Gus is a retired radiologist who was born in Colombia, South America. He and his wife, Barbara, moved to St. Simons Island from Kingspoint, TN.

Upcoming Programs

- 12/9 Board Meeting
- 12/9 Tom Sublett Glynn Co. Commissioner-Elect
- 12/16 Annual Christmas Luncheon
- 12/23 No Club Meeting (Christmas Week)
- 12/30 No Club Meeting (New Year)

Nov. 18, 2008

Bees

Ted Dennard

Georgia Small Business Person of the Year for 2007

Ted Dennard gave club members an informative and entertaining talk on the keeping of bees and the uses for their honey.

Dennard, whose Savannah Bee Company has \$2 million in annual sales, was selected the 2007 Small Business of the Year in Georgia by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

With more than 21 years of experience in beekeeping, Dennard has grown his company from a home-based business to a national brand in only eight years.

Starting with Dennard as the only employee, today the business has 20 employees, a web site at <u>www.savannahbee.com</u>, and operates out of a 6,000 square-foot warehouse in Savannah. His fast-growing brand of honey and related products is sold at such specialty stores as Williams-Sonoma, Nieman-Marcus and The Limited Company outlets.

The product line at Savannah Bee Company has continued to expand and includes a popular honey-based lip balm among its cosmetic line. His Tupelo honey was featured in Oprah Winfrey's "O" Magazine in January 2005. Last year, "O" Magazine praised the company's Blackberry Honey Hand Soap in its October issue. "We put a bottle in the office kitchen and now the whole magazine is abuzz," it declared.

Dennard, who grew up on St. Simons Island, first got hooked on bees when he was befriended by an old beekeeper who was allowed to keep some hives on his family's property in Glynn County. The experienced beekeeper started showing the young Dennard the secrets of beekeeping, and bees and honey have been a major part of his life ever since.

When he was a student at Sewanee University in Tennessee, Dennard lived in a cabin that he rented from a retired priest who, it turned out, was an avid beekeeper. Their friendship over several years gave Dennard even more knowledge about the art and science of beekeeping.

Although the company takes up most of Dennard's time, he finds a way to help his community. After graduating from college, he spent two years teaching beekeeping in Jamaica as a volunteer for the Peace Corps.

Dennard is married to the former Carolyn Jenkins of Montgomery. They have three children

(Marie Dodd introduced the program.)



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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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