



St. Simons

Rotary Spray

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January 9 Meeting

Rabbi Rachael Bregman

How we can use our own skills & talents to foster conflict resolution and peace around us.



Rabbi Rachael, currently (and hopefully for many years to come) serves as the first full time Rabbi at Temple Beth Telifah in their long and truly fascinating history in Glynn County. She formerly served as Rabbi of The Open Jewish Project and The Temple in Atlanta. She is also a fellow of Rabbis without Borders - based in NYC. Rabbi Rachael grew up in Massachusetts and studied Human Behavior

and Psychology, at Boston College and Harvard. She then entered the Hebrew Union College - Institute of Jewish Studies in NYC to begin her Rabbinical studies. It was during this time that an intended 1 term study abroad in Israel-became a 3 year sabbatical there.

We are all well aware of all Rabbi Rachael has given and inspired in our community in the years since her arrival here - and it is a true joy to welcome her to the SSI Rotary Club.

Upcoming Meetings & Speakers:

01/09 Board Meeting 11:00 a.m. DeLoach & Southeby's Realty

01/16 Heidi Reed Childhood in WWII Germany

01/23 Meet the SAVANNAH BANANAS

CLUB NEWS



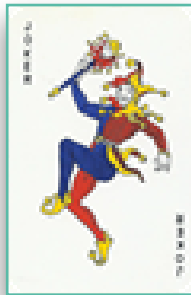
ROTABUCKS DECEMBER 19

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And the winner was...

Buck Swindle

But no joker!



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Rotary Cares

Please keep John Gibson and his wife Tao in your hearts and prayers as Tao undergoes cancer treatment at Mao



Rotary Membership Anniversaries

Eric Andreae	22 years
Jason Elliott	2 years
Pamela Hamilton	5 years
Joe Leek	37 years
Nancy Muldowney	4 years
Clyde Taylor	24 years

Birthdays

Stan Kyker January 10



Guests at the December 19 Meeting

Dee James	Wife of Dick James
Mohit	GRSP student
Rusty Bradford	Macon Rotary Club

*in
Memoriam*

Paul H. Sanders

age 96, passed away on
Wednesday, December 20
Paul was born on May 29, 1927
Thoughts and prayers go to
Paul's family.

December 19 Meeting Christmas Reminisces And Cocktails!



Janice recognized Suzanne, our friend and lunch provider.



Dick James was asked to tell us about Christmas in Vietnam. Dick explained that being separated from family is not natural and certain events can make the separation extremely



Merry Tipton spoke about Christmas in St. Simons in the 60's. There were only about 6000

residents and 2 or 3 grocery stores. There were not many decorations in the village. Frosty's was Tasty Freeze and dinner out was at Benny's. People got Christmas trees from the woods until the Kiwanis Club Christmas Tree lot opened. In 1963, the Presbyterian Church started the Live Nativity where Merry played an angel. Sea Island had the Yule Log Ceremony that continues today.

He told us of an event in his first tour when he was in the Reserve Battalion for 2 corps. This covered about 1/3 of Vietnam and there was no home base, so the troops slept mostly on the ground and went from battle to battle. One time, in the jungle at an abandoned air strip, the troops were going to be picked up by C130 airplanes that can hold about 120 passengers. Dick was in the last plane holding 276 troops! The next morning, he went to the beach in Nha Trang. He saw a B57 fly over, and then saw the pilots parachute out. The plane came back over and crashed in the busy open market. Dick helped at the crash site until enough others arrived to take over. During his 2nd tour, Dick told of witnessing one of his unit's helicopters crash on takeoff. He also recounted some incidents on Thanksgiving and New Years. The particular time of year was not so strong a factor in missing home and family as some of the circumstances.



Jim Whethern gave us his Christmas thoughts. He started by describing Christmas when he was a child. After Halloween he and other children would get "wish books". These were catalogues from Sears and Montgomery Ward that could be used to mark gift suggestions. When he was in high school he realized that this wasn't the same for everyone - that some were lucky to get a present that wasn't a necessity such as socks or shoes. His view of Christmas was also affected by his experience as a Deacon. There was no church in his community when he was a child. He went to a service every few years when visiting grandparents. As a Deacon at Christ Church, Jim attended 4 Christmas services every year. Through it all, he looked at the various aspects of Christmas. To Jim, the true meaning of Christmas is the Love of God, Love of Family, and Love of All Mankind. Jim also told us about Christmas in 1944 while serving in the Navy during WWII. A great story that cannot be described in writing!



Leslie Mattingly showed us how to make Puerto Rican Coquito



Jim Henderson concocted a potion called Santa's Hat



Janice Lamattina created a Grinch Punch Mocktail

Get the Cocktail Recipes





During CCGA's holiday break, Clayton & Kern treated our GRSP student, Mohit, to a round of golf.

Is your flag looking a little faded? It may be time to buy a new one.



Tomato basil soup. Big chicken Caesar salad. Garlic bread. Chef's choice dessert.



Area Rotary Club Meetings

Brunswick	Embassy Suites	Thurs, 12:00 pm
Golden Isles	Kemble Center, SGHS	Wed., 7:30 am
Jekyll Island	Jekyll Island Golf Club	Wed., 7:30 am
St. Simons	Best Western	Tues., 1:00 pm

ROTARY WEBSITES

www.ssirotary.org - St. Simon Rotary Website

www.rotarydistrict6920.org - District 6920 Website

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Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL &
better FRIENDSHIP?

Is it BENEFICIAL to all
concerned?