



St. Simons

Rotary Spray

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CLUB NEWS



Janice presented Buck Swindle with his Red



CELEBRATING THE LIVES OF

Jane Fann Sanders
"Mama Jane"

NOV. 2, 1931 - JULY 20, 2022

Paul Sanders, Jr.
"Papa Pete"

MAY 29, 1927 - DEC. 20, 2023

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

2PM

CHRIST CHURCH

6329 FEDERICA ROAD

SAINT SIMONS ISLAND, GA



Rusty Bradford received his SSI Rotary Blue Badge after transferring from Macon.

Birthdays



Sandy Sanders

January 16

Gary Schwartz

January 22

Guests at the January 9th meeting

Fran Kielt

Wife of Jim Kielt

Lillith Bregman

Daughter of Rabbi Rachael Bregman

Nevaeh

Lillith's friend

Tim & Marcia Ranney

Clayton Rotary

Linda Henderson

Jim Henderson's wife

January 9th Meeting



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

Because of the school closures today - our speaker, Rabbi Rachael Bregman, brought her daughter Lillith and her friend Nevaeh with her to Rotary.

The girls pretty much stole the show!

Thrilled to asked - They readily agreed to lead us all in the Pledge of Allegiance- which they were quick and even proud to tell us- they recite every day at school and know very well.

The invocation was 'officially' offered by Rotarian Mark Friedman - but as he knows both girls well, he chose to enlist their help as well. So first, Mark and Lillith together recited the meal blessing in Hebrew - and then Nevaeh read the written invocation for the day (in English).

Rabbi Rachael Bregman

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



Rachael offered a message of hope and encouragement even as she spoke about the conflict and strife in the world - hatred, racism, antisemitism, treatment of other nations, groups, and people in the middle east and around the world. She spoke of people forming attitudes based on assumptions and stereotypes - even noting with humor that having grown up 'up east' she was surprised upon arriving here to find that the stereotypes people up north have of people in Georgia - don't exist at all.

She talked about every person finding their home and that we all - each of us - make where we live our home and home for those around us. She described a Hebrew teaching that says that the very day you were born - was the day the world could not go on without you. She challenged us to really think about that - and what we each bring to 'our' world - 'our' home. (cont.)

To Illustrate - Rachael spoke of how this is her home despite living in some incredible places she has loved - and still loves and visits those places so dear to her - even including two years in Israel - but that in her very being she knows this is HOME. Every street is familiar, every tree, every person she passes on the sidewalk. Speaking of the tragedy and challenges and fears of October 7 - she spoke of how the faith community supported her congregation and even her personally, describing how they all came together for an interfaith community service on Oct 13, and that when at the last moment it was obvious the crowd was too large for the Temple, they were invited to move the service to St Mark's church across the street (and she smiled as she noted, that church was even too small and left many people standing around the perimeter of the sanctuary). The way the community is one family is incredibly special here.

And she challenged all of us to do we can to make our home, our neighborhood, our community, a kind, good and better place by thinking first and acting with gentleness, patience, and love toward everyone - even including drivers who speed past us or cut us off. Lol

January 16 Meeting*****Meeting will begin early - at 12:50****Heidi Reed****Childhood in WWII Germany**

Heidi Reed grew up in Germany in the years preceding and during WWII. From the 1930s on her father, a WWI Veteran, recognized the dangers coming via Hitler and both opposed the movement and prepared his family as best he could for the years he saw (with horror) coming. Heidi's recollections and experiences are fascinating – and have left her with indelible marks on her own life – and empathy for the

children of great trauma – such as in Ukraine and elsewhere – even now.

Heidi met the love of her life, Hank, while he was stationed in Germany in the 1950s – and the following years took them to Vietnam, then NATO in Belgium, then Savannah – where Hank headed the massive security operations for the Sea Island G-8. They now reside permanently in their beloved Savannah.

Upcoming speakers:

01/23 Meet the SAVANNAH BANANAS

01/30 Ken Jacobson The New Old Age

Potato white cheddar soup. Choice of chicken salad, egg salad or tuna salad on a croissant. Sides of veggies and ranch. Chef's choice dessert.



IMPORTANT NOTICES

Have a Veteran friend or family member? Honor them with the gift of a flag.

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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

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concerned?