



St. Simons

Rotary Spray

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January 23 Meeting

Meet the Savannah Bananas



Learn about Banana Ball - the fastest and most entertaining game of baseball. Meet seven-year Banana and starting pitcher Kyle Luigs! (Autographs & selfies allowed!!) Hear about the Dad-Bod Cheering squad, what's under those kilts!??, and their break dancing coach. A fun meeting with an organization that has a strong history of Rotary support.

Wear Yellow!!!

Upcoming speakers:

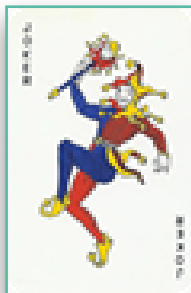
1/30 Ken Jacobson - The New Old Age

2/6 Buff Leavy - The Brunswick News

Lamb or chicken gyros with tzatziki. Side Greek salad with tomatoes, cucumbers, feta and olives. Chef's choice dessert.



CLUB NEWS



ROTABUCKS JANUARY 16

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And the winner was...

Charles Lewis!

But no joker!



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Birthdays

Kern Baker	January 23
Chip Lewis	January 26



Guests at the January 16 meeting

Jim Meighen	Visiting from Rich-Mar Rotary
Terry Adkins	DG Nominee
Hank Reed	Speaker Heidi's husband
Ken Troughbaugh	Guest of Jim Kielt
Dennis Burgess	Guest of Pam Hamilton
Tom Jackson	Guest of Cecil Coke

Greeter this week is Chip Lewis

January 16th Meeting**Heidi Reed****Childhood in Germany**

Heidi was a little girl living in Schweinfurt, Germany during WWII. Schweinfurt had major ball bearing factories which made it an allied target. In 1930 her grandfather bought 6 acres outside the city and built a house in 1932 where he put in a bomb shelter in the basement because of Hitler's rising to power. Her father was drafted and served in the Battle of the Bulge where he was shot in the leg. The father of Heidi's husband Hank was also at the Battle of the Bulge serving the allies.

Heidi remembers the family dog barking when a raid was coming way before the sirens. They would go into the bomb shelter; and even though very young, she can remember coming out and seeing the fire and smoke from the bombed city.

Civilians were encouraged to raise livestock for the army. Her grandfather who listened to the BBC was raising 2 pigs and decided to slaughter one of them with the help of his neighbor. The neighbor, in return for favors, ratted him to the Gestapo and he then spent 10 months in prison.

Heidi also remembers Black Thursday when 78% of Schweinfurt was destroyed in a raid. A team of women was tasked with clearing the roads in return for rations. After the war, there were 10 million refugees in Western Germany – mostly women and children. People were starving and many babies died with no mother's milk. They were required to take in 4 families at the end of the war and divided up the house. The country was in shambles with no food and fields were unattended. In April 1945 rations became available. Heidi showed us samples – very small! She and her cousin scrounged the dangerous countryside for copper wire to sell and stood by when Americans passed and threw gum and oranges that could be traded. When the Marshall Plan went into effect, there were some goods. In 1948 her grandparents were able to acquire 2 goats and some chickens and ducks. Also, her uncle who had been in a Russian POW camp in Siberia was released in November.

Dennis Burgess told us of similar experiences he had growing up in England during the war, including looking at the red sky after a bombing of London. He also remembers seeing the U.S. bombers (up to a thousand for a raid) flying overhead after taking off from an air force base heading to Germany. He spent time in air raid shelters, including one at his school where the teacher kept the kids busy going over multiplication tables. His generation knows their numbers forward and backwards!