



St. Simons

Rotary Spray

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February 20 Meeting

**Dr. Elizabeth Booth
Georgia DNR, EPD**



Dr Elizabeth Booth, in addition to being the daughter of Rotarian Eric Andrea, serves as Head of Water Quality for the State of Georgia - via the Environmental Protection Division of the GA DNR.

We are excited to welcome her to speak to us about her position and mission - and about water quality challenges across the state.

Upcoming Meetings & Speakers:

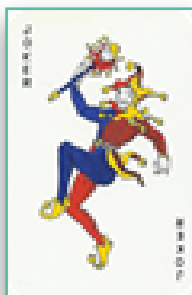
2/27 Annual Club Speech Contest

3/5 Board Meeting 11:00 at Sotheby Deloach

Important!!!

Starting this week, we will be holding meetings at the American Legion located at 1013 Arthur J Moore Dr. This is to temporarily give us more space while Best Western undergoes renovations.

CLUB NEWS



ROTABUCKS FEBRUARY 13

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And the winner was...

Chip Lewis!

But no joker!



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in the WORLD**



**Prospective member
Tom Jackson**

Rotary Cares

**Please keep Eric Andrea
in your hearts and
prayers as he undergoes
emergency gall bladder
surgery.**

**Sue Cansler is undergoing
rehab. We hope to see
her back soon!**



**Janice sent our new Club Constitution and
Bylaws to all members on 02/14. A vote to
approve the changes will be taken on 2/27.
Please review and email Janice with any
concerns.**

**We are in need of a host family for our new
GRSP, a young lady from Poland. Clayton, the previous host will
provide information on what is involved in hosting. Please contact
Kern Baker if you have an interest.**

Guests at the February 13 Meeting

Frank Stackhouse Guest of Hamsa Thota

Michael Torras

February 13 Meeting

Daren Peitsch

Progress in BQK and History/celebrations of the Torras Causeway



Daren spoke about the Brunswick Landing Marina and the future of Brunswick. He mentioned a few historical events important to the development of the Golden Isles and Torras Properties. In 1788 Glynn Academy was created. In 1789 George Washington named Brunswick as Primary Port of Entry. The building of liberty ships during WWII brought many people to the area. In 1978 Robert M Torras acquired Kut Kwick and began acquiring the land to build the marina

starting in 1994.

Rosendo Torras came to the Brunswick area from Spain and began shipping lumber in the late 1800s. He travelled often on his ships and became a commercial diplomat recognized by Grover Cleveland and Teddy Roosevelt. He was also knighted by the king of Sweden.

The Brunswick Landing Marina was originally a dumping ground. The Torras family started cleaning it up and started building the first pier sections. The Emerald Princess tied up there and helped get the business started. There are now 17 docks that hold 350-400 vessels.

Daren is excited about the amount of money coming into downtown Brunswick starting in 2018. There are new restaurants and businesses as well a focus on affordable housing and resolving crime issues, and attracting more skilled workers.

Torras Properties has been working with many community organizations on the 100th anniversary of the F.J. Torras Causeway. There will be a parade on Newcastle Street and a crossing of the causeway that will end in Gascoigne Bluff.

Chicken rice broccoli casserole. Big Caesar salad. Chef's choice dessert.

