



St. Simons

Rotary Spray

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March 12 Meeting



Valerie Hepburn

**Insights on Development Trends, and work of the
DNR Marsh and Shoreline Protection**



Dr. Hepburn has held multiple senior leadership positions in health and regulatory agencies in Georgia for over 30 years in senior leadership positions with state health, financing and regulatory agencies. She formally entered our community in February 2009 as the fourth president of the College of Coastal Georgia, after having served in an interim capacity for eight months. She holds a faculty appointment as professor of public policy and before her appointment as President of the College, and move to Coastal Georgia, Dr.

Hepburn held faculty and administrative appointments at the College of Public Health at the University of Georgia and the Institute of Public Health at Georgia State University. She was Associate Director of the Institute of Public Health during her Packer Policy fellowship prior to her academic service. At the time of her retirement as President of our local College - Hepburn had spent five critical years leading the college, having overseen its transition from a two-year community and technical college to a four-year institution, massively increasing the number of graduation Tracks and Degree Programs. She rallied the community and under her tenure dormitories were built, new campus teaching buildings arose - and the groundwork for our soon to come Performing Arts Center were laid.

Dr Hepburn continues to work with public officials on health planning, education and resource allocation issues. In addition - she has been an incredibly great friend and supporter of our community - in areas of the Environment and conservation, the Arts, Education and so much more.

Upcoming speakers:

April 2	Ryan Marks	Simple Solutions
April 9	Bryan Bennett	Live Oak Fiber

CLUB NEWS

The
Rotary
Foundation



Doing Good In The World



Guests at the March 5 Meeting

David Stovall	Past District Governor
Kim Waters	David's wife
Dr. Elizabeth Booth	Eric Andreae's daughter



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in the **WORLD**

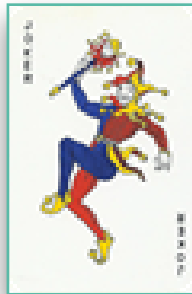
ROTABUCKS MARCH 5

\$ 30

And the winner was...

Elizabeth Booth

But no joker!



Birthdays

Bill Ballard	March 24
Ginny Johnson	March 25



Milt Leggett
Prospective Member

**Big Asian salad with oranges and almonds.
Chicken fried rice. Stir fried veggies. Chef's
choice dessert.**



March 5th Meeting

Charles McMillan

Okefenokee Mining "Deep Dive"



Charles started by giving us a brief history of the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. It was established by Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1937 and is an undisturbed peatland. It has been expanded and now is over 400,000 acres. Currently, the main work of the Okefenokee Swamp Park is to make it a World Heritage Site. Charles explained that as a World Heritage Site, it would bring economic growth to rural areas in Southeastern Georgia.

Charles went on to explain the controversy over Twin Pines Minerals desire to mine for titanium on Trail Ridge, a saturated sand hill feature that keeps groundwater in the swamp. Twin Pines plans to build an experimental mine on the ridge. The methods have never been proven – especially evaporating water used in the filtering process in a humid climate. Water runoff could contaminate the St. Marys and/or Suwanee rivers as well as the Okefenokee. Also of concern is that the wells Twin Pines for water to filter out titanium could have a negative effect on the Florida aquifer.



First Tuesday Glynn Visual Arts



Reminder

There will be no meeting March 19 - Joint meeting of area clubs at the Embassy Suites Hotel on March 21 at 12:00

There will be no meeting March 26 - Happy Easter

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

www.facebook.com/rotaryssi - St. Simons Rotary Facebook

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Four Way Test

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL &
better FRIENDSHIP?

Is it BENEFICIAL to all
concerned?