



St. Simons

Rotary Spray

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March 12 Meeting

Valerie Hepburn & Beth Byrnes
Insights on Development Trends, and work of the DNR Marsh and Shoreline Protection



Dr. Hepburn serves on the all-volunteer Coastal Marshlands & Shore Protection Committees that review requested building permits and projects that could affect the shoreline or marsh. She gave us some history of protection policies. Georgia was a leading state in shore and marshland protection and the push came from Glynn County. The Coastal marshland Protection Act was passed in 1970 and permanently protected the marshes in southern Georgia. The bill was passed through the effort of Rep. Reid Harris with the support of the Garden Club

despite the opposition from the Chambers of Commerce, local government, and business leaders. The Shore Protection Act was passed about a decade later. She noted that the protection of the marshes helps protect us from sea level rise. The committee looks at the environmental, ecological, and wildlife effects when reviewing a proposal and the meetings are open to the public.

She also noted that erosion is a big problem and there needs to be a balance against the quality of the environment.

Beth is the Coastal Permit Coordinator with the DNR Coastal Resource Division. Her department reviews submitted plans looking to ensure there is no unreasonable harm to the environment, wildlife, etc. as well as considering the other public interests. There is usually a pre-application meeting where requirements are outlined and recommendations made. Her favorite part of her job is when she is out in the marsh looking at plants, tidal lines, and other indicators to determine marsh delineation. They also determine their shore jurisdiction based on high-water, sand dunes, and serviceable shoreline stabilization activity.

CLUB NEWS

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Doing Good In The World



ROTABUCKS MARCH 12

\$30

And the winner was...

Tom Jackson!

But no Ace of Clubs???



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**



**Tom Jackson and
Milt Leggett
received their Red
Badges!**



Our club is co-sponsoring Business After Hours on April 25 and is requested to provide some auction items. Please contact Donna Davis if you can provide any items. It does not matter if they are branded or not, but should be about \$10 minimum.

**Guests at the March 12th Meeting
Dr. Elizabeth Booth Eric Andreae's daughter**

Reminder

**The meeting April 2 will be at the American
Legion Hall**

1013 Arthur J Moore Dr

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?**

April 2 Meeting**Ryan Marks
The Whole Story**

Manager of the Former Simply Mac store on SSI - Ryan is now running his own IT Business and is the 'go to' man for all your frustrations!!!

BUT - that is only the 'end' of the story (so far).

Ryan had a lot of obstacles to overcome growing up with a medical condition that brought along a handful of struggles.

How he endured and overcame all that - and then went on to excel in his own career - is a story worth hearing - - with LOTS of lessons to be learned.

Ryan's story is not only one of courage and determination - but also a story of insight about not giving up despite challenges.

Upcoming Meetings & Speakers:

4/9 Board Meeting 11:00 at DeLoach Sotheby's

4/9 Bryan Bennett Live Oak Fiber

4/16 Club Assembly & GRSP student Mohit will review his year

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



March 21 Recognition Ceremony Local Rotary Clubs



Paul Harris Fellow



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Paul Harris Fellow + 2



Paul Harris Fellow + 3



Paul Harris Fellow + 4



Paul Harris Fellow + 5



Paul Harris Fellow + 6



Paul Harris Fellow + 8



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