



St. Simons

Rotary Spray

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April 23 Meeting

**Welcoming the Rotary exchange team from SERBIA
and an update on our Global Grant project there**



Vlada is a dedicated Rotarian who gives his time and resources selflessly to improve the quality of education of kindergarten and primary school children in Serbia. He received the “Saint Sava Award”, the highest social recognition of the Republic of Serbia for contribution to education and science in Serbia.

For more than three years, PDG Vlada and D2483 Rotary Clubs partnered with PDG Hamsa and 17 (out of 60) D6920 Rotary Clubs to improve the ICT education of Serbian children as part of the Rotary-US AID funded “Hearts of Europe” Global Grants Program. Also, during the past three years, PDG Vlada organized programs of visit by Rotarians in Georgia to Serbia. Hosted by PDG Vlada and Serbian host families, visiting Rotarians from Savannah, St. Simons, Augusta, Millen, Perry, Hazlehurst and Fitzgerald Clubs participated in the distribution of ICT equipment to kindergartens, mbot robots and drones to primary schools, teacher training, and donation of equipment to women entrepreneurs in Serbia.

Please welcome Rotarian Vlada, his wife Jadranka, Rotarina Natasa Losovic and her daughter Katarina to St. Simons. Natasa hosted visiting women Rotarians from Georgia in her home in Belgrade and her son, Marco is Savannah Rotary Club’s 2023-24 GRSP student.

Upcoming Meetings:

April 30	No Meeting
May 7	Scholarship Awards Day

CLUB NEWS

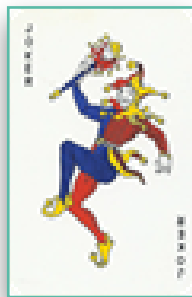


Guests at the April 16 Meeting
Jo Heller-Orr **Guest of Leslie Mattingly**



CREATE HOPE
in the **WORLD**

ROTABUCKS MARCH 5
\$ 38
And the winner was...
Virginia Ellis
But no joker!



Birthdays
Pamela Hamilton **April 26**
Leslie Mattingly **April 27**



Prospective Member
Frank Stackhouse



Jeff Guldner & Tim Melvin
cleaning up SSI
Rotary's adopted stretch of Kingsway.

Tuna casserole with Swiss and lemon. Big salad with tomatoes and cucumbers. Chef's choice dessert.

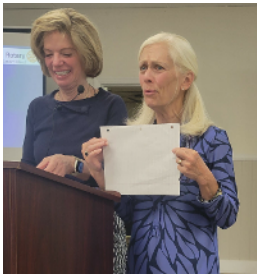


April 16 Meeting

Club Assembly



Hamsa gave us some history of GRSP. It started after WWII by William A. Watt Sr. In 1947 there were 4 students. As of this past year there are 3775 alumni. Today 65% of students are from Europe, 3% from Africa, 3% from Oceania, 11% from Asia, and 18% from South America and Canada. There is currently \$17 million in the GRSP endowment. Hamsa recognized Cecil Coke for his support of the GRSP program.



Guest Jo Heller-Orr spoke about Hugs for Haiti. She noted that the area where they support several schools is not where there is the significant violence. But due to the violence in other parts of Haiti, it is difficult to deliver goods. The best way to help is to transfer funds. There is no free education in Haiti and all donations go to support education as well as medicine, water & sanitation, and infrastructure.

Highlights of Committee Reports

Janice gave a brief financial report. Most importantly, with the revised "Meet the Pros" and increase in dues, the club obtained \$30,000 in the Charitable Fund.

Donna Davis noted that there are 84 active members including the Satellite club. This is a little down from last year. But the membership process has been simplified. We are cohosting Business After Hours on April 25 to help put our name out and to attract younger people for the Satellite club.

Susan Imhoff noted that we will be distributing Charitable Grants to fewer recipients to create a bigger impact. Also, Taps is almost all coordinated for this year.

Joe Leek let us know that the College of Coastal Georgia did not use our District Grant to train college kids to go into high schools to teach students how avoid becoming victims of sex trafficking. The college put the training into its nursing program and did not use the funds. So the grant is being rewritten for a low income medical clinic in Brunswick.

Mike Muldowney spoke of the rocky start of the After Hours club. But it is starting to grow and has finished it's first service project. They will be going to MAP in the next month.

Becky Farrow and fellow Rotarians interviewed 14 students last week and selected 7 for RYLA bringing the total number of students served by this club to 60 since 2012. These new students will receive a total of \$84,000 over the next 4 years if they continue to meet the criteria.

Pam Hamilton noted that our club has been appearing in the Brunswick News and Islander on a fairly regular basis. In the last 6 months our club has appeared in the local press 29 times including several front page articles.

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
- www.facebook.com/Rotary6920 - District Facebook Page

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?