St. Simons
Rotary Spray

Historic Harrington School

Guest: Emory A. Rooks

Born and raised on St. Simons Island, Georgia, Emory A. Rooks has dedicated his life to faith, family, service, and community. He attended the Historic Harrington School until the landmark Brown v. Board of Education lawsuit led to the integration of public schools, after which he was bussed to Brunswick to attend Risley Elementary. Emory proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army and later became a successful entrepreneur, owning and operating a thriving landscaping business that served the Golden Isles community for many years.

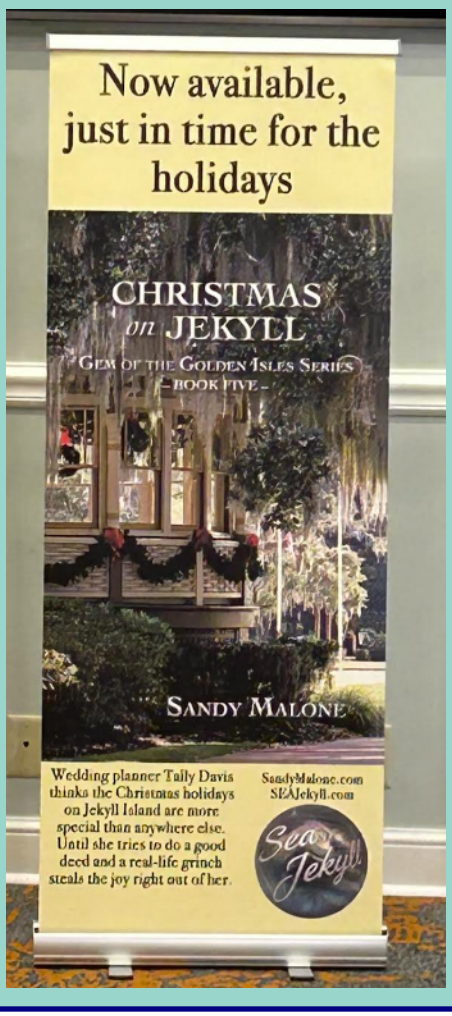
A devoted husband and father of two, Emory is an active member of First African Baptist Church of St. Simons Island, where his commitment to service and leadership continue to inspire others. As one of the founding members of the St.Simons African American Heritage Coalition, he has played a vital role in preserving and promoting the island's African American history and culture.

Today, Emory continues his work at the Historic Harrington School, where he welcomes visitors, provides guided tours, and shares the powerful stories of the school and the Harrington community, ensuring that the legacy of resilience, education, and pride is never *forgotten.*

Announcements

Clyde Taylor III of St. Simon's Island, Georgia, passed away peacefully at his home on Nov. 25. Clyde was a member of SSI rotary since 1/25/2000. A memorial service will be held at ***2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at Golden Isles Presbyterian Church.***

Sandy Malone, journalist, shared some stories about her life in journalism , as a wedding planner and as an author at our 1/6/2026 SSI Meeting.



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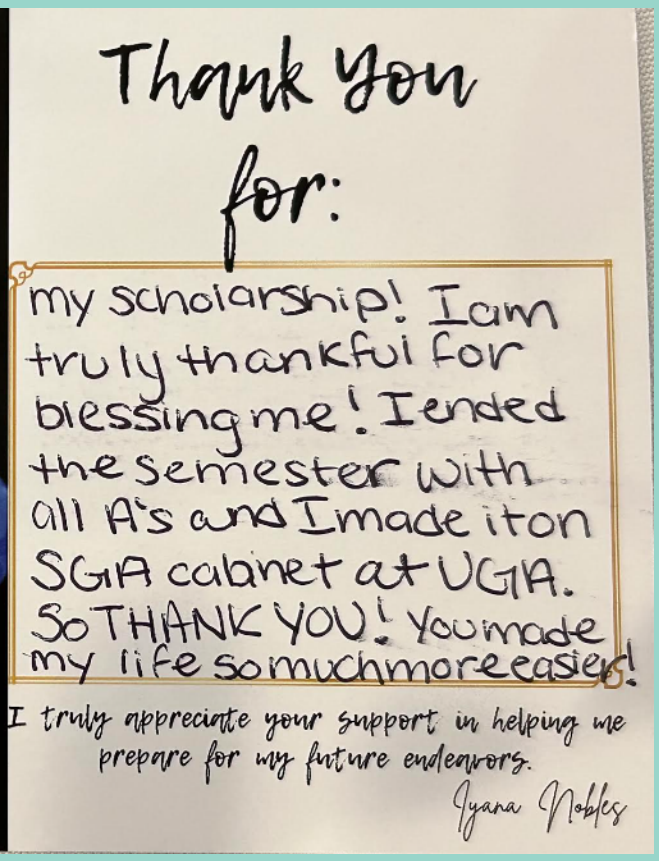

Iyana Nobles, SSI scholarship student, sent us a postcard to say thank you.

Reminders from Kern Baker:

Meeting Time: Lunch 12-12:30

Ring the bell at 12:30

Dismiss 1:30

Pack Kits at MAP on Thursday 1/29 11am-1pm. Lunch will be provided by CFA.

Announcements

Thank you to Jim Henderson for always leading us with a joke or a song.

Member Birthdays	Birthday
Baker, Paul Kern Jr. (KERN)	23 January
Jones, Reddick M Jr. (REDDICK)	15 January
Kielt, James P. (JIM)	31 January
Kyker, Stanley R. (STAN)	10 January
Lewis, Charles (Chip) P. Jr. (CHIP)	26 January
Murphy, Robert M (MIKE)	06 January
Sanders, Paul H III (NICK NAME: SANDY)	16 January
Schwartz, Gary L. (GARY)	22 January
Smith-Smyth, Trena (TRENA)	21 January
Sumerford, Rees M. (REES)	01 January

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years	Years(P)	Total
Andreae, Eric(ERIC)	01/29/02	24	0	24
Bradford, Russell C.(RUSTY)	01/01/24	2	29	31
Elliott, Jason(JASON)	01/31/22	4	0	4
Hamilton, Pamela M.(PAMELA)	01/01/19	7	0	7
Leek, Joseph H(JOE)	01/19/16	10	29	39
Muldowney, Nancy(NANCY)	01/14/20	6	0	6

Area Rotary Club Meetings

Brunswick	**Brunswick Country Club**	**2nd&4th 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., 12:30 -1:30 pm with lunch at noon**

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?