



*St. Simons*

*May 12, 2026*

# Rotary Spray

## Speaker: Local Grant Recipients

Saint Simons Island Rotary club will be hosting local grant recipients at the May 12 meeting.

Beverly Trainor, District Governor 2026-2027, Rotary District 6920, created the following press release.

### **Rotary Clubs Across Coastal Georgia Unite to Combat Opioid Crisis in Glynn and Camden Counties**

Brunswick, Ga. — Six Rotary clubs in Georgia's coastal communities have joined together to launch a comprehensive opioid awareness, prevention, and harm reduction initiative aimed at saving lives and supporting families affected by addiction in Glynn and Camden counties.

The collaborative effort, supported through the Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust (GOCAT) and Rotary International District 6920, brings together the Rotary Clubs of St. Simons, Golden Isles, Brunswick, Jekyll Island, Camden, and Kings Bay to address one of the region's most urgent public health challenges.

The initiative targets educators, parents, teens, and young adults through a multi-faceted program focused on prevention, education, crisis response awareness, and community partnerships.

"Addiction affects every segment of our community," said Beverly Trainor, District Governor-Elect for Rotary District 6920 and primary contact for the project. "This initiative is about creating hope, providing resources, and building partnerships that can save lives and strengthen families throughout coastal Georgia."

Glynn and Camden counties have been identified among Georgia's top counties impacted by opioid-related concerns by the Georgia Criminal Justice Council. The need for action has become increasingly urgent as local law enforcement agencies continue to report significant

# Press Release...

fentanyl trafficking activity in the region. Statewide opioid overdoses claim the lives of more than 1,000 Georgians annually. Georgia ranks No 50 in the nation for opioid treatment and recovery access, with over 80% of adults needing substance use treatment unable to receive it.

The program includes several major components:

- Promotion of the national 988 Crisis Hotline through digital billboards strategically placed throughout Glynn and Camden counties.
- Partnerships with EMS, fire departments, law enforcement agencies, school systems, housing authorities, healthcare providers, and community organizations.
- Distribution of opioid overdose reversal medications, including Narcan and Opvee, to first responders and community partners.
- Community education and training seminars focused on prevention, awareness, and response.
- A year-long digital media and public awareness campaign targeting parents, teens, and veterans through social media and geotargeted messaging.

The initiative also emphasizes compassionate messaging designed to promote recovery, reduce stigma, and connect individuals and families with available resources and support services.

Community partners include EMS agencies, fire departments, law enforcement, the Brunswick Housing Authority, Coastal College of Georgia's nursing program, school systems in Glynn and Camden counties, and the St. Marys Wellness Center.

Rotary leaders say the project reflects the organization's ongoing commitment to service above self and addressing critical needs within local communities.

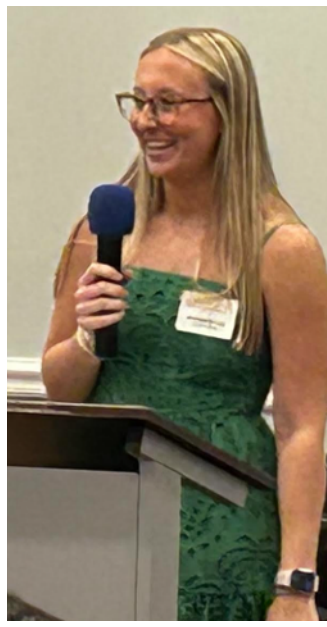
"This is not a one-time effort," Trainor said. "We are building long-term partnerships and sustainable education programs that will continue making an impact well beyond the initial launch."

The project officially began implementation in April 2026, with outreach and public awareness efforts expected to continue throughout the coming year.

# SSI Rotary Meeting 5/5/2026

**SSI Rotary Scholarship Recipients: Sam Herdon, Laila Gilbert, Annabelle Lee , Elizabeth Temple , and Emmeline Griffith.**

**Millard & Frances Allen Scholarship for Future Leaders recipient:  
Lillian Roberts**



## SSI Rotary Meeting 5/5/2026



**Drew Holland, President of the Scholarship Committee,** did a great job coordinating the awards.



# Serbian Visit



**Day One: Drop off at BP in Darien, lunch Marshside with GC Rotary, Tour Coastal College and dinner with Jekyll Club.**



**Day Two: Trolley Ride SSI, Visit Cassina Slave Cabins and Jekyll Island.**



**Day Two: Dinner at Kern's Party Center**

What's for  
Lunch?

**Chick-fil-A Cool Wrap, Chilled Grilled Chicken Sub Sandwich, Southwest Veggie Wrap, Mac & Cheese, Kale Crunch Salad, Fruit Salad, and Chocolate Chunk Cookies and Chocolate Fudge Brownies**



**Day 3: Biked a loop of  
Jekyll and Enjoyed  
some Sun.**

## REMINDERS

### Meeting Time

**Lunch 12-12:30**

**Ring the bell at 12:30**

**Dismiss 1:30**

## SSI ROTARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**President:** William Ballard

**Secretary:** Pamela Hamilton

**Treasurer:** Robert Strange

**Past President:** Paul Kern Baker

**Membership Chair:** Suzanne Cansler

**Programs Chair:** Terri Bennett

**Foundation Chair:** Michael Muldowney

**Fundraising Chair:** Donna Davis

**Grants Chair:** Susan Imhoff

**Club Directors:** Erik Kaufmann, Thomas Jackson, Amy Abbott, Terri Bennett, James Henderson and Suzanne Cansler

**District Governor 2026-2027:** Beverly Trainor

**Opoid Abatement Trust Coordinator:** Beverly Trainor

**Zone 34 Asst Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator:** Hamsa Thota

**Meeting Coordinators:** Eric Kaufmann, Joe Leek

**SSI and District Newsletter:** Amy Abbott

**Social Media:** Terri Bennett

**SSI and District Rotary Website:** Joe Leek

**Taps at Twilight Coordinator:** Susan Imhoff

**Speech Contest Coordinator:** Jim Kielt

**Publicity:** Jim Henderson

**Invocation** - John Matthews

**Reading Rockets:** Tom Jackson, Lynice Jackson, Jim Kielt, Fran Kielt and Kern Baker

**Scholarship Committee: Chairman/President** – Drew Holland, **Secretary** – Becky Farrow, **Treasurer** – Jim Bruce, Gary Schwartz, Beverly Trainor, Janice Lamattina, Stan Kyker, Bob Moeller, Ann Nermoe, Ward Schaumberg, Brooke Pridmore, Kern Baker

# SSI Rotarians (by length of service)

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years	Years(P)	Total
Wethern, James D.(JIM)	12/1/1972	54	0	54
Sumerford, Rees M.(REES)	5/5/1976	50	0	50
Thota, Hamsa(HAMSA)	6/1/1978	48	0	48
Leek, Joseph H.(JOE)	1/19/2016	10	29	39
Nemoe, Ann F.(ANN)	2/1/1991	35	0	35
Coke, Cecil R. Jr.(CECIL COKE)	10/28/2022	4	31	35
Sanders, Paul H III(NICK NAME: SANDY)	8/1/1994	32	0	32
Bradford, Russell C.(RUSTY)	1/1/2024	2	29	31
Lewis, Charles (Chip) P. Jr.(CHIP)	6/16/2025	1	29	30
Kaufmann, Erik(ERIK)	5/1/1998	28	0	28
Lewis, Charles(CHARLES)	9/1/1998	28	0	28
Anderson, Lisa W.(USA)	3/9/1999	27	0	27
Sharp, Samuel Douglas(DOUGLAS)	4/22/2019	7	20	27
Bruce, James R. Jr.(JIM)	4/1/2001	25	0	25
Farrow, Rebecca R.(BECKY)	8/10/2021	5	20	25
Muldowney, Michael R.(MIKE)	3/13/2001	25	0	25
Andrae, Eric(ERIC)	1/29/2002	24	0	24
Kiel, James P.(JIM)	7/19/2011	15	9	24
Kyker, Stanley R.(STAN)	2/11/2003	23	0	23
Dorshoo, Dorothy Ann(DOT)	12/31/2003	23	0	23
Gussman, William R.(BILL)	9/13/2004	22	0	22
Pridmore, Brooke M.(BROOKE)	9/13/2004	22	0	22
Moeller, Robert Jr.(BOB)	2/14/2023	3	19	22
Schwarz, Gary L.(GARY)	4/5/2005	21	0	21
Mathews, John H.(JOHN)	8/9/2005	21	0	21
Pappas, Stephen G.(STEVE)	3/11/2025	1	20	21
Friedman, Mark(MARK)	12/5/2006	20	0	20
Pieschel, Paul(PAUL)	6/16/2009	17	0	17
Giltson, John A.(JOHN)	9/13/2011	15	2	17
Imhoff, Susan M.(SUSAN)	3/31/2010	16	0	16
Rose, John D.(JOHN)	3/31/2010	16	0	16
Johnson, Virginia R.(GINNY)	10/1/2010	16	0	16
Goehring, Chad E.(CHAD)	7/19/2011	15	0	15
Davis, Donna M.(DONNA)	9/13/2011	15	0	15
Trainor, Beverly J.(BEVERLY)	10/11/2011	15	0	15
Ballard, William P.(BILL)	5/16/2020	6	8	14
Holland, Kyle A.(KYLE)	10/22/2013	13	0	13
Strange, Robert E. IV(ROBBIE)	3/17/2015	11	0	11
Sexton, James R.(JAMES)	9/15/2015	11	0	11
Wilson, Mark(MARK)	10/13/2015	11	0	11
Lamatina, Janice C.(JANICE LAMATTINA)	3/22/2016	10	0	10

Schueneman, Alison H.(ALISON)	3/22/2016	10	0	10
Murphy, Robert M(MIKE )	9/13/2016	10	0	10
Killgallon, John C.(JOHN)	11/15/2016	10	0	10
Mansfield, Anna K K.(ANNA K)	3/20/2018	8	0	8
Gumaer, Lucia(LUCIA)	4/24/2018	8	0	8
Baker, Paul Kem Jr.(KERN )	9/25/2018	8	0	8
Hamilton, Pamela M.(PAMELA)	1/1/2019	7	0	7
Thota, Sindhu H.(SINDHU)	6/18/2019	7	0	7
Henderson, James K.(JIM)	8/20/2019	7	0	7
Cartwright, Dialo M(DIALO)	11/19/2019	7	0	7
Muldowney, Nancy(NANCY)	1/14/2020	6	0	6
Kitchens, Parker A(PARKER)	5/16/2020	6	0	6
McGinnis, Kimberly W.(KIMBERLY)	3/16/2021	5	0	5
Moore, Lindy Ryan(RYAN)	2/16/2021	5	0	5
Carsler, Suzanne J(SUE)	8/10/2021	5	0	5
Elliott, Jason(JASON)	1/31/2022	4	0	4
Schaumburg, Ward(WARD)	11/14/2023	3	0	3
Jackson, Thomas R.(TOM)	2/20/2024	2	0	2
Abbott, Amy(AMY)	2/13/2024	2	0	2
Bennett, Terri(TERRI BENNETT)	10/1/2024	2	0	2
Jones, Reddick M Jr.(REDDICK)	8/14/2025	1	0	1
Benefield, Harrison Delaney(HARRISON)	7/2/2025	1	0	1
Hunter, James H III(JIM)	3/11/2026	0	0	0

# Rotary Volunteer Opportunities

## Reading Rockets

Reading Rockets program promotes early literacy by having volunteers read to Pre-K, kindergarten, and first-grade students in Glynn County schools. The program has been running for over 14 years.

**Contact Kern Baker to volunteer [kern.baker@gmail.com](mailto:kern.baker@gmail.com)**

## Second Harvest Food Bank

Volunteer Opportunities in Brunswick. Third Wednesday of every month at North Glynn Rec Center from 9am-noon. **Contact Jim Kielt at [jim.kielt@yahoo.com](mailto:jim.kielt@yahoo.com) for more details.**

Or, contact our Southeast Branch Programs Coordinator, Liz Ballenger at (912) 567-1205 or [lballenger@helpendhunger.org](mailto:lballenger@helpendhunger.org)

## Backpack Buddies

Backpack Buddies provides nutritious food for elementary school students on free and reduced meal assistance, helping them through the weekends.

Each Bag Includes: 2 milks, 2 juices, 2 proteins, 2 fruits/veggies, 2 breakfast items, and 4 snacks

Coordinated by Susan Shipman, this program involves packing backpacks with nutritious food on Wednesdays.

Coordinator: Susan Shipman.

Location: 6329 Frederica Road, St. Simons Island, GA 31522.

Contact: <https://ccfssi.onechurchsoftware.com/public/groups/63>



<b>Member Birthdays</b>	<b>Birthday</b>
Sexton, James R. (JAMES)	11 May
Bennett, Terri (TERRI BENNETT)	15 May
Imhoff, Susan M. (SUSAN)	27 May

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Sumerford, Rees M.(REES)	05/05/76	50	0	50
Ballard, William P.(BILL)	05/16/20	6	8	14
Kitchens, Parker A(PARKER)	05/16/20	6	0	6

**Area Rotary Club Meetings**

<b>Brunswick</b>	<b>Brunswick Country Club</b>	<b>2nd&amp;4th Thurs., 12:00 pm</b>
<b>Golden Isles</b>	<b>Kemble Center, SGHS</b>	<b>Wed., 7:30 am</b>
<b>Jekyll Island</b>	<b>Jekyll Island Golf Club</b>	<b>Wed., 7:30 am</b>
<b>St. Simons</b>	<b>Best Western</b>	<b>Tues., 12:30 -1:30 pm with lunch at noon</b>

**ROTARY WEBSITES**

- [www.ssirotary.org](http://www.ssirotary.org) - St. Simon Rotary Website
- [www.rotarydistrict6920.org](http://www.rotarydistrict6920.org) - District 6920 Website
- [www.facebook.com/rotaryssi](https://www.facebook.com/rotaryssi) -St. Simons Rotary Facebook
- [www.facebook.com/Rotary6920](https://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?