



St. Simons

Rotary Spray

Wayne Neal, Tuesday, April 8

Guest: Vice Chairman Glynn County Board of Commissioners

Wayne Neal has been a home Builder and Property Developer since 1978 with Regency Innovations. He has also been a member of the school board Glynn County Board of Education from 1983-1986.

Currently, Wayne is Vice Chair of the Glynn County Commissioners serving from 2019-2022, 2023-2026. He is also a former member of the board of directors for the Georgia Federal Credit Union and Skylark.

Wayne attended Brunswick Junior College (1983-1986) Associates in Science.

He is also a member of the First Baptist Church of Brunswick since 1978 where he has been a youth worker for 36 years. Married to Jody Neal for 43 years and has three children, Angie, Chad, and Jessica.





Big romaine salad with tomatoes and cucumbers. Beef lasagna and garlic bread. Chef's choice dessert.

April 1, Meeting



Matt Henderson, Senior General Manager at **Wallenius Wilhelmsen**, was our SSI Rotary guest on 4/1/2025. He spoke about expanding business at the Brunswick port. His company specializes “in roll in and roll out” traffic and processing shipments. For example, the company does some light assembly on black hawk helicopters and cars putting the finishing touches that are specialized to the United State or customers orders. In cars, they sometimes install dash cams, specialized side mirrors, owners' manuals, etc.

The company has 125 vessels, 8 terminals and 66 processing centers. At Brunswick port, they employ about 380 workers. Coming in 2027, Berth 4 will open at the port.

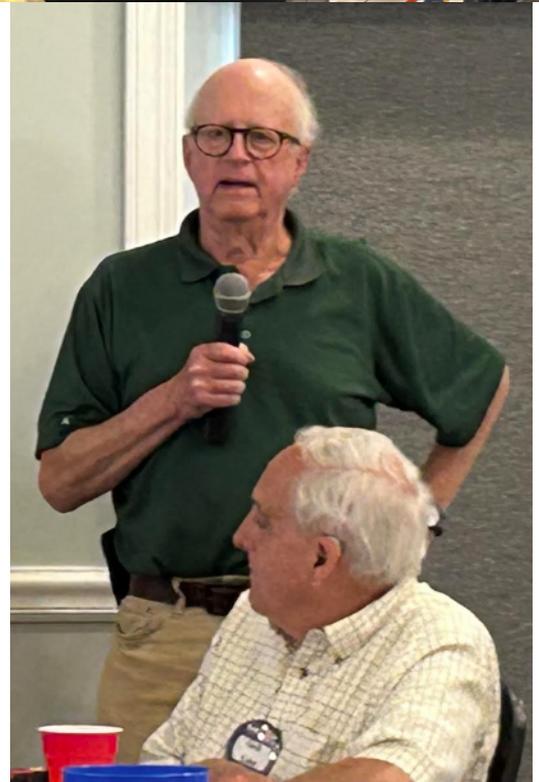
Questions focused on Trump's tariff impact to the port.

Kern Baker announced "Ship Happens" which will benefit the Coastal Symphony of Georgia.

Jim Kielt was happy to be back from Morocco. He had a great trip.

Phil Wallingford said goodbye. He is going back north for the summer.

Steve Pappas won the weekly rotary bucks for \$22. However, he did not get the joker.



Kern Baker, current SSI president, hosted first Tuesday at his home. The gathering celebrated the 75th anniversary of Saint Simon's Rotary Club.

it's party time



SHIP HAPPENS

Exclusive Screening of the Golden Ray Cargo Ship Disaster

A Benefit for The Coastal Symphony of Georgia

April 28 2025, 5:30 PM

Island Cinemas, St. Simons Island

Movie: \$25 per person

Movie + Exclusive Dinner at Halyards:

\$125 per person

(limited availability)



On September 8, 2019, the Golden Ray, an outbound 656 foot cargo ship loaded with 4200 vehicles capsized in the Saint Simons Sound off the coast of Brunswick, Georgia. To protect a fragile ecosystem amidst the backdrop of ongoing global commerce, concerned locals worked to hold authorities accountable when the salvage project to remove the ship suffers every setback imaginable.

An incredible documentary capturing these efforts has been produced, and a special screening is scheduled for April 28, 2025, 5:30 pm at Island Cinemas on St. Simons Island. Thanks to the film's producer, this special event will raise funds to support the Coastal Symphony of Georgia.

Extend the evening with a special post-screening dinner at Halyards, one of St Simons Island's most celebrated restaurants, known for its refined coastal cuisine and warm hospitality. Seating is limited.

April Birthdays

Milton (Milt) Leggett April, 3
Jason Elliott, April 8
Clyde Afton Taylor III, April 17
Cecil R. Coke Jr., April 20
Amy Abbott, April 21
Pamela M. Hamilton, April 26



**Rotary April Membership
Anniversaries**

Lucia Gumaer, 7
Gary L. Schwartz, 20
James (Jim) R. Bruce Jr., 24
Douglas Samuel Sharp, 26

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?