

St. Simons

Rotary Spray

Michelle Merrill, Tuesday, October 15

Guest: Music Director and Conductor The Coastal Symphony of Georgia





Michelle Merrill enters her 7th season as Music Director of The Coastal Symphony of Georgia. She describes this as living her dream and feels blessed to help spread the power of music in the Golden Isles. Merrill continues to design symphony programs of superlative quality for our audiences. She often plans pieces composed by women and composers of color and enjoys planning music from both the old masters and new works alike.

Merrill is a recipient of the 2016 Solti Foundation U.S. Career Assistance Award, and the prestigious 2013 Ansbacher Conducting Fellowship, awarded by members of Vienna Philharmonic and American Austrian Foundation, which enabled her to be in residence at the world-renowned Salzburg Festival. As a passionate and dynamic artist, she is the Symphony's ambassador with community speaking engagements and also assists in development of SoundBites events and in-school <u>Musical Mentors</u> program.

Prior to Ms. Merrill's leadership in the Golden Isles, she served four years as Associate Conductor of Detroit Symphony Orchestra as the Phillip and Lauren Fisher Community Ambassador. Her conducting engagements have included symphonies and opera houses spanning cities coast to coast and in Toronto, Canada.

Born in Dallas, Texas, Michelle Merrill studied conducting with Dr. Paul C. Phillips at Southern Methodist University's <u>Meadows School of the Arts</u>, where she holds a Master of Music degree in conducting and a Bachelor of Music in performance. She loves cooking, running, hiking, and spending time with her husband, Steve Merrill, principal percussionist with both Coastal Symphony of Georgia and Jacksonville Symphony, and their two sons.

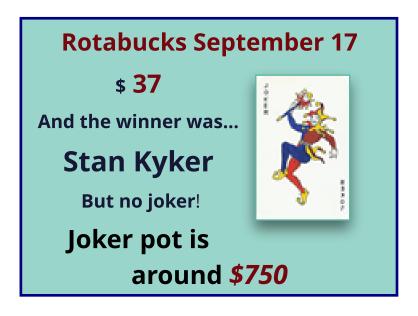
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Chicken stir fry with veggies and rice. Big Asian salad with oranges and almonds. Chef's Choice Dessert.







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Announcements and Happy News

Forward Brunswick and City Commissioner, Lance Sabbe, was our speaker on 10/8. He spoke about affordable housing projects being sponsored by Forward Brunswick.

Chip Lewis shared that his grandson made the University of Penn crew team.

Beverly Trainor had happy news that her granddaughter was part of New York Fashion Week and featured in Elle Magazine.

Douglas Sharp was happy that we had power!.







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Rotary October Membership Anniversaries

Cecil Coke 33

Kyle Holland 11

Virginia (Ginny) Johnson 14

Beverly Trainor 13

Mark Wilson 9





October Birthdays

Thomas (Tim) Melvin 10/7
Alison Schueneman 10/17
Janice Lamattina 10/22
Michael (Mike) Muldowney 10/27

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

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Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL &
better FRIENDSHIP?
Is it BENEFICIAL to all
concerned?