



St. Simons

Rotary Spray

Charles McMillan, Tuesday, March 4

Guest: Natural Resources Director at The Georgia Conservancy, **Charles McMillan**

Charles McMillan will update us on progress and status at the Okefenokee over the past year and may hit on other Coastal and regional hot issues.

Natural Resources Director at The Georgia Conservancy, Charles McMillan, a St Simons native, a Glynn Academy graduate (and just delightful human being) has enjoyed a fascinating career in ecology, and now has moved home - giving us a great environmental resource at our fingertips.

Charles is the Former President at AEC, Inc. Planning and Engineering, in Roswell, GA - a Planning, civil engineering and landscape architecture firm. He served two terms on the Board of the Ga Conservancy - the State's premiere Conservation and Ecology organization (founded by President Jimmy Carter btw). For those of you not familiar with TGC and what makes it 'stand out' - is that it has from the beginning served as a voice of reason - and is honestly the most trusted Conservation/Ecology organization in the State. It maintains a VERY strong presence at the Capital where legislators constantly seek out advice, information, and direction from TGC staff.

At just about the time Charles' board term was ending - - fate intervened when the critically important position of Coastal Resources Director overseeing all activities along the GA Coast from S.C. to Fl., unexpectedly fell vacant. Charles was the perfect fit. He and Cindy relocated from Atlanta to Savannah - but visiting here often with a family home on St Simons. TGC now has a wonderful new CRD in Courtney Reich, and Charles is now the (statewide) Natural Resources Director for TGC. This position allowed Charles and Cindy to move home to SSI permanently.

Charles LOVES the Coast. He adores Cumberland Island and knows it as very few do. Charles is thus also very intimately knowledgeable and involved with the Space-X activities in Camden County, and in recent years with the Mining 'wars' at the Okefenokee.



Big Greek salad with feta, tomatoes, cucumber, and olives. Lamb gyros with tzatziki and pita. Chef's choice dessert.

Rotabucks, February 25

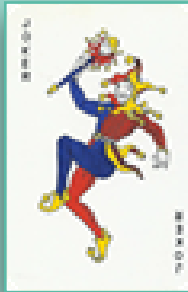
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And the winner was...

Rusty Bradford

No Joker!

Congratulations!

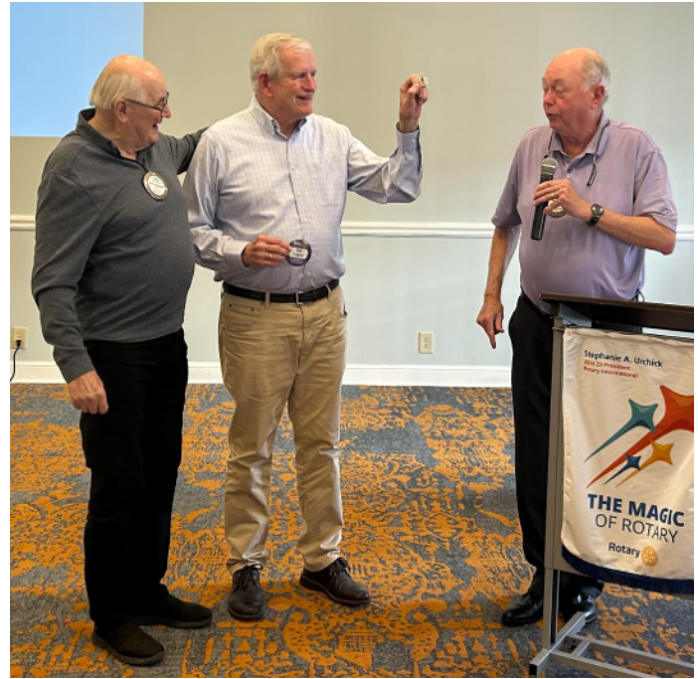


February 25th Meeting



Dr. Scott Spence, current superintendent, and **Mike Blackerby**, incoming superintendent, were both at our February 25th meeting. Dr. Spence spoke about how Glynn County Schools kept up their test scores by having a short break for Covid. He answered numerous questions ranging from their Alternative School programs to respect for staff. Blackerby discussed the changing clientele at GCS with more Hispanic students that do not speak English. Both discussed the challenges of hiring teacher. Pictures left to right. **Kern Baker, Donna Davis, Dr. Spence, Mike Blackerby**

Milt Leggett badged up from Red to Blue. His sponsor, **Paul Pieschel**, and **Kern Baker**, SSI Rotary President, presented him with his new badge.



Janice Lamattina discussed her concerns for the preservation of Old Stables property from being used for a roundabout..

Other Announcements

Virginia Ellis gave \$30 to Taps at Twilight by purchasing cupcakes in an auction.

Pual Pieschel was blessed to visit his grandchildren: 6 weeks old and 4 years old.

Kern Baker announced that **Milton Leggett** participated in a road clean up.

SSI Rotary Volunteer Opportunities:

Backpack buddies is this **Wednesday 3/5** from 9:30 am until 2 pm at Christ Church.

Reading Rockets. Please email **Kern** to volunteer kern.baker@gmail.com



Jim Henderson's joke was a hit.



Golden Isles **VETERANS VILLAGE**

PLEASE JOIN US

MARCH 8, 2025

10:00 A.M.

**for the Official Opening
of Veterans Village**

*(located at the corner of Martin Luther King BLVD
and "G" Street, Brunswick, Ga.)*

AGENDA

Beginning promptly at 10:00 A.M.

- Ribbon Cutting - Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce
(Ralph Staffins, CEO Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce)
- Presentation of the Colors - Brunswick High ROTC
- Invocation - Reverend Kendall Shaw
- Opening Remarks - Lorene Reid, President of the Board of Directors
- Congressman Buddy Carter - *"A National perspective."*
- Keeva Kase, CEO Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation -
"Why create a village for veterans experiencing homelessness?"
- Cosby Johnson, Mayor of Brunswick - *"Why is GIVV important to the local area?"*
- Steve Brooks, Executive Director of GIVV and Tracy Hite, incoming President of the Board of Directors

** Following the presentations refreshments will be served in the community center compliments of Sea Island Corporation and the Brunswick Womens Club.

** Tours of the facilities will be provided by members of the Board of Directors.

11:45 A.M. - End of the celebration!

March Birthdays

Russell C. (Rusty) Bradford, March 2
 Ralph A. (Rick Jr.) Powers, March 9
 Tom R. Jackson, March 11
 William P. (Bill) Ballard, March 24
 Virginia R. (Ginny) Johnson, March 25



Rotary March Membership Anniversaries

Milton (Milt) Leggett, 1
 Virginia Rogers Ellis, 4
 Anna K Mansfield, 7
 Alison H Schueneman, 9
 Janice C. Lamattina, 9
 Robert E. (Robbie) Strange, 10
 Susan M. Imhoff, 15
 John D. Rose, 15
 Michael R. (Mike) Muldowney, 24
 Lisa W. Anderson, 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
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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?