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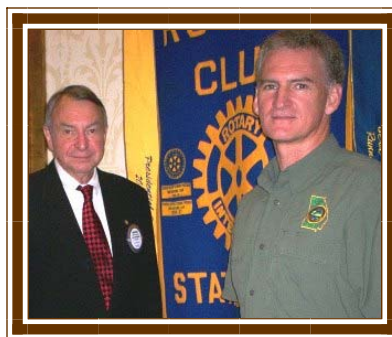
Jim Ozier — Bald Eagle Propagation



Rural Eagle



Urban Eagle



Charles Brown and Jim Ozier

Rotarian Charles Brown introduced our speaker while noting the almost unprecedented success of Georgia's Bald Eagle Propagation Program. The club welcomed Jim Ozier, Senior Wildlife Biologist with the Department of Natural Resources (Wildlife Resources Division) Office in Forsyth.

Jim noted that our Bald Eagle population was nearly wiped out by the use of DDT before it was banned in 1973 (see also, Rachel Carson's book "Silent Spring" that began the national discussion on DDT). Jim told the club that DDT entered the food chain in plants and fish and worked its way up to predators such as the Bald Eagle. DDT remains in the birds' systems for years and adversely affected the way calcium was metabolized. This in turn led to fragile, non-viable eggs which produced a dramatic drop in the eagle population.

By the 1960's there were no known nesting sites in

Georgia. The other main cause of this decline has been the loss of suitable habitat (Bald Eagles prefer to nest in tall trees such as the longleaf pine near major bodies of water). Fortunately the Endangered Species Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act protected eagle nesting sites. The building of artificial reservoirs as well as the advent of commercial fish farms and the ponds that they use have also helped sustain eagle friendly habitats.

The result has been a dramatic rebuilding of our State's eagle population. Jim proudly noted a recent survey that documented 113 nesting pairs of bald eagles in Georgia during the 2006-2007 nesting season. Among the documented nests, 80% were successful in fledging 141 young eagles, the highest total since the state began recording the data in 1978. Jim concluded by urging Rotarians to support the eagle recovery work by purchasing Bald Eagle license plates and through voluntary donations via the state income tax form.

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Upcoming Programs

- August 27 — Dr. Beck Weathers, Into Thin Air, Climbing Mt. Everest (arranged by Patrick Hopkins)
- **September 3 — Labor Day, No Meeting**
- September 10 — Joe McGlamery/Wendel Tompkins, A Day for Southern (arranged by Billy Griffis)

Greeters for Monday, August 27, 2007

Buddy Rabitsch

John Ray

Lamar Reddick

Jimmy Redding

Rotary Club Guests

Guest	Rotarian	Association
Donna Jones	Guest of the Club	Pianist
Charles Chandler		Downtown Club
Tracy Robbins Payne	Max Manack	Daughter, C&P Robbins
Deborah Robbins	Max Manack	Spouse, Marion Robbins
Howard Gale	Charles Brown	
Jessie Vansant	Charles Brown	
Jamey Cartee		Downtown Club
Marilyn Bruce	Bruce Grube	Downtown Club
Dr. James Stevens		Athens, OH Club
George Raintree		Downtown Club

Rotary Quote

The barriers are not erected which can say to aspiring talents and industry, "Thus far and no farther."

~Ludwig van Beethoven

Members Absent August 20, 2007

John Adams

Jimmy Franklin

Bill Perry

Fred Whitt

Wayne Akins

Joe Franklin

Hudson Powell

Todd Williford

Mike Anderson

Robbie Franklin

Buddy Rabitsch

Charles Wilson

James Austin

Walter Gibson

John Ray

George Wood

Keith Barber

Joe Griffin

Phillip Rehberg

Bob Bigley

John Godbee, Jr.

Al Roesel

Total = 50

David Bobo

Billy Griffis

John Rule

Sam Brannen

Leonard Herrington

Eddie Rushing

Tom Carico

Edwin Hill

Bill Smith

Anthony Chappell

Lane Johnston

Jody Stubbs

Tom Clark

Dub Lovett

Robert Tanner

Don Coleman

Archie Nesmith

Danny Taulbee

Atys Cope

Ricky Nessmith

Sam Tillman

Susan Cox

Lem Nevil

Greg Todd

Earl Dabbs

Andy Oliver

Hal Waters

Clark DeLoach

Charlie Olliff

Jim Watson

Makeup Policy

Online: Missed meetings can be made up online. Just go to www.rotaryclubone.org and follow the directions. Please note that members can make up a maximum of four missed meetings online in any given year.

You can also do a make up by attending a meeting of the club's directors. The next directors' meeting is: Monday, September 24, noon, Forest Heights Country Club.

In Person: If you miss a meeting, you can make up at one of these nearby Rotary Clubs.

Day	Location
Monday	Savannah, 12:30 p.m., Desoto Hilton Swainsboro, 12:00 p.m., Catered Creations
Tuesday	Metter, 12:05 p.m., Western Steer Restaurant Savannah South, 12:30, Carey Hilliard's Restaurant on Abercorn Extension
Wednesday	Claxton, 12:00 p.m., Veteran's Center, Hwy. 280 W. Millen, 12:00 p.m., Community House Savannah West, 12:30 p.m., Regency Hyatt
Thursday	Sylvania, 12:30 p.m., R&D's Restaurant Downtown Statesboro, 7:15 a.m., R.J.'s Steakhouse
Friday	Savannah East, 12:30 p.m., Desoto Hilton

Rotary Links

Rotary International: www.rotary.org

Rotary District 6920: www.rotarydistrict6920.net

Statesboro Rotary Club: www.statesbororotary.org

The Four Way Test



1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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Directors

2008

Linda Bleicken
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Senior Management

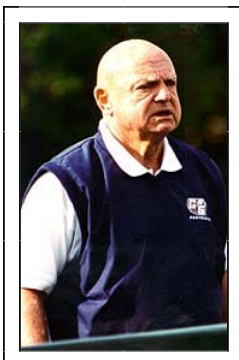
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Georgia Southern Football — Part 2

“Erskine "Erk" Russell, Lick's first choice for head coach, had just won a national championship in 1980 as defensive coordinator for the University of Georgia football team, a position he had held for seventeen years. To the surprise of many, Russell jumped at the opportunity to "start literally with nothing, and to see what could be done" at Georgia Southern.

Bucky Wagner, the athletic director, and Ric Mandes, the director of institutional



development, helped put together the football program. Area colleges and high schools provided secondhand equipment, and the community also donated money. Allen Paulson, founder of Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation, donated \$1.3 million toward a new stadium. The Eagles players were all homegrown walk-ons (or nonscholarship players). They competed against club teams at Statesboro High School for their first three years, to moderate success. “

* From The New Georgia Encyclopedia