

# THE ROTOBORO

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## THE STATESBORO ROTARY CLUB

### Ed Sibbald — Banking and Real Estate Prospects in Bulloch

Rotarian Ron Shiffler introduced Ed Sibbald, our speaker for the day. Ron noted that Ed has had a remarkable career in banking and finance and currently serves as the College of Business Administration's BB&T Executive in Residence in Banking.

Ed proved to be an engaging speaker who classified the national and regional economic outlook in 3 broad categories, "The good, the bad, and the ugly" [a play on the title of Clint Eastwood's 1966 spaghetti western of the same name].



*Ron Shiffler and Ed Sibbald*

### *Good, Bad & Ugly*

The Bad: Ed briefly revisited the current national crisis created by ill-advised subprime lending policies which is happening at the same time as an almost unprecedented spike in energy costs, and the massive political destabilization of a nuclear power, Pakistan.

The Ugly: Ed also noted that a succession of governments have failed to do anything meaningful about America's risky depend-

ence on foreign energy (much of which comes from parts of the world that hate us).

The Good: Professor Sibbald ended on a positive note. Although American high finance and international politics seem to be controlled by Murphy's Law ("whatever can go wrong, will go wrong"), the economy in our region is so strong, so well managed, and so likely to grow, that many Americans will come to envy those of us wise enough to live in the Southeast.

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#### Upcoming Programs

- November 12 — Police Chief Stan York, An off-site meeting to tour the new Police Station on West Grady Street.
- November 19 — Keith Hickman, The Statesboro Food Bank
- November 26 — Wes Harris, An Update on Bulloch County Agriculture

Greeters for Monday, November 19, 2007 (note the date)

**John Adams**

**Wayne Akins**

**Russell Keen**

**Bill Stubbs**

Rotary Club Guests

Guest	Rotarian	Association
Donna Jones	Guest of the Club	Pianist
Stan York		Downtown Club
Dr. Ben Thompson	Dawn Cartee	OTC, VP Economic Dev.
Al Braswell		Downtown Club
Shawn Harrellson	Bob Olliff	K12 Principal
Howard Gale	Charles Brown	Podiatrist
Thomas (Bubba) Renfrow	Charles Brown	
Perry Smith		Downtown Club

Members Absent November 5, 2007

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| John Adams       | Earl Dabbs         | Al Roesel         |
| Wayne Akins      | Clark DeLoach      | Russ Rozelle      |
| Ralph Andrews    | Marty Durrence     | Eddie Rushing     |
| Hank Arnold      | Jimmy Franklin     | Tommie Rushing    |
| Warren Ball      | Robbie Franklin    | Bobby Smith       |
| Keith Barber     | Joe Griffin        | Kenny Stone       |
| Gary Barnes      | John Godbee, Jr.   | Robert Tanner     |
| John Barton      | Leonard Herrington | Danny Taulbee     |
| Jim Benton       | Lane Johnston      | Marshall Thigpen  |
| Brad Blackmon    | Bob Lane           | Sam Tillman       |
| Sam Brannen      | Russ Lanier        | Greg Todd         |
| Buck Brown       | Whit Lord          | Hal Waters        |
| Jocelin Cesar    | Dub Lovett         | Jim Watson        |
| Anthony Chappell | Joey Maxwell       | Todd Williford    |
| Michelle Childs  | Jimmy Mooney       |                   |
| Tom Clark        | Jim Oliver         | <b>Total = 50</b> |
| Doug Collins     | Van Pool           |                   |
| Atys Cope        | Phillip Rehberg    |                   |

Rotary Quote

"The greatest analgesic, soporific, stimulant, tranquilizer, narcotic, and to some extent even antibiotic -- in short, the closest thing to a genuine panacea -- known to medical science is work ."

~Thomas Szasz, author, professor of psychiatry

## Makeup Policy

**Online:** Missed meetings can be made up online. Just go to [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://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: Wednesday, November 14, noon, First Southern National Bank.

**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](http://www.rotary.org)

Rotary District 6920: [www.rotarydistrict6920.net](http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net)

Statesboro Rotary Club: [www.statesbororotary.org](http://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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Back Page — Welcome New Rotarians!



On Monday, November 5, 2007 our club welcomed two new Rotarians.

Pictured on the left is Russell Keen along with his sponsor Billy Griffis

Pictured on the right is William Stubbs and his Rotary partner, Joyce.

*Welcome!*

