

Upcoming Programs

- **April 29** Walter Hobgood will present a program on Young Life. Hobgood will be introduced by **Nancy Warren**.
- **April 25** The District 6920 Assembly for club officers, board members and interested Rotarians will be held in Sandersville.
- Members with 15 years of membership with perfect attendance, please contact **Carl Cates**.
- **May 15-17** The 6920 District Conference meets in Augusta at the Marriott Augusta Hotel & Suites. Registration is available at rotarydistrict6920.net.
- **Check it out!** The website for the Valdosta Rotary Club is continuing to be developed by **Bo Broadfoot**. The site includes information on activities of the club and will eventually archive copies of our Rota Reels. The web address for the site is www.valdostarotary.org.

Upcoming Greeter Schedule

Date	Greeter 1	Greeter 2
April 29	Willis Miller III	Kenny Morris
May 6	Casey Music	John Page
May 13	Henry Parrish	Suzannah Patterson
May 20	Jennifer Powell	Malcom Rainey
May 27	Greg Reid	Chris Roan

The Four Way Test

of the things we think, say, or do:

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?

Nominated For Membership

The following have been nominated for membership in Valdosta Rotary Club. If you wish to comment, contact a member of the board of directors. **Mac McLane** has nominated Giuseppe Pistelli, mgr., Mom and Dads Restaurant, William Beasley, Minister of Park Avenue United Methodist Church and Christopher Prine, Sheriff, Lowndes County. **Joyce Aigen** has nominated Lacy Dixon, director of tourism at the V-LC Conference Center and former member of Valdosta Sunrise Club.

Ten Members Become Paul Harris Fellows



Left to right, **Rich Yokeley, Russ Collett, Cobb Atkinson, Ron Borders, Bill Lester, Clint Wills, Walter Elliott, Stacy Bush, John Gaston, Patti Clark, and Wes Sewell** reached the milestone for Paul Harris Fellows, giving the club an almost 100 percent of members as PHFs. Perhaps Carl will announce something today!

Area Meetings

Nashville Tues. Noon,
Cadillac Ranch

Madison, Fla. Wed. Noon,
E & J's Restaurant

Valdosta North Tues. 12:30 p.m.,
Conference Center

Tifton Tues & Wed. Noon,
Holiday Inn

Quitman Thurs. 12:30 p.m.,
Presbyterian Home

Valdosta Sunrise Thurs. 7:30 a.m.,
Kinderlou-Ravine

Rotarians bike around Australia

By Donna Polydoros , RI News April 9, 2009

Australian Rotarians have embarked on the longest organized bike ride in their nation's history: a seven-month, 11,200-mile journey to raise awareness of Rotary, Australian Rotary Health, and the need to fund mental illness research.

The Great Australian Bike Ride is sponsored by Australian Rotary Health, an RI Board-approved, multidistrict project that raises money for and provides grants to medical and mental health research projects.

"Rotarians welcome any novel opportunity to get involved and to help the community," says Dick White, chair of the event.

Riders took off from Melbourne on March 21, then took a boat to their first stop, Hobart, Tasmania, looping around the island before returning to the mainland. Over the next seven months, riders will circle the country counterclockwise, stopping in the capital cities of each of Australia's states and territories before ending in Melbourne on October 10.

Over 100 participants, many of them Rotarians, plan to ride one or more of the nine stages of the course. Five of the riders expect to complete the entire route.

Rotarians helped plan the event by surveying portions of the course and volunteering to find housing for the riders, supply meals, and host fundraisers.

"We hope to have major fundraising events in the capital cities, and large attendances at these would ensure their success," says White.

Event officials welcome additional riders for the remaining stages of the journey and invite Australian Rotary clubs to organize community rides to coincide with the event. Clubs are also encouraged to hold fundraisers to support mental health research.





Club Updates



Last week, Dr. Joseph Tomberlin, professor emeritus of history at Valdosta State, presented a program on *Images of America: Lowndes County*. Tomberlin was introduced by **Donald Davis**, who studied under Tomberlin at Valdosta State.

In his presentation, Tomberlin discussed how he got involved in the development of the book and the many challenges he faced in showcasing Lowndes County.

As Tomberlin talked, Rotarians were able to view copies of the book and see the pictorial history of the county.



Tomberlin closed by expressing the delight he found in the book and the history of Lowndes County. He also thanked Donald and the Lowndes County Historical Museum for their help in making the book a reality.

Today we welcome members of the Georgia Christian Interact club. Welcome to Rotary!

Last Week's Donations



April 15, 2009

C.A.R.T. Fund: \$10.00

Happy Dollars: \$26.22

Rotarians

h	Joyce Aigen	h	Wendell Godbee	h	Chris Roan
h	Sam Allen	h	Bob Goddard, III	h*w	Randy Sauls
h	Cobb Atkinson	h	Tim Golden	h	Arthur Smith
h	Myrna Ballard	h	Tom Gooding	h	Steven Smith
pp	Richard Barnes	h	Owen Harris	h	Richard Stalvey
h*w	Keith Barrett	h	Jack Hartley	h	Joe Stubbs
pp*h*w	Bill Booth	h	Jack Hearn	h	Robert Stump
h	Ron Borders	h	Arthur Herndon	h	John Thomas
h	Rebecca Brice	h*w	Allen Holt	pp*h*w	Al Turner
pp*h	James Bridges	h	John Johnston	h	Patsy Tyler
h	Bo Broadfoot	h	Bill Kent	pp*h	Nicholas Valenti
h	Nathan Brown	h	Sharon Labranche	h	Donnie Warren
h	Stacy Bush	h	John Lahood	h	Nancy Warren
h	Sandy Campbell	h	Claire Lee	h	Ed Willis
p*h	Carl Cates	h	Bill Lester	h	Clint Wills
h	Patti Clark	h	Terri Lupo	h	Rich Yokeley
h	Russ Collett	h	Dennis Marks	w	Will Watt Fellow
pp*h	Marshall Conner	pp*w*h	Billy Martin	pp	Past President
pp*h	Joe Cordova	h	Greg Martin	h	Paul Harris Fellow
h	Bruce Cousins	h	Traycee Martin	p	Club President
h	Randy Cox	h	Thomas Mason		
pp*h*w	Ed Crane	pp*h*w	Richard May		
pp*h*w	V.L. Daughtery, Jr.	h*w	Alex McFadden		
h	Donald Davis	pp*h*w	Arthur McLane		
h	Keven Davis	pp*h	Tyson McLane		
pp*	James Dominey	h	Roy McNeal		
h	Beverly Edwards	h	Harriet Messcher		
h	John Edwards	h	Willis Miller, III		
h	Moshe Elbaz	h	Kerry Morris		
h	Walter Elliott	h	Casey Music		
h	Ottis Fausett, III	h	Tyrone O'Steen		
h	Bill Feimster	pp*h	John Page		
h	John Fretti	h	Henry Parrish		
h	Bob Ganzak	pp*h	Suzannah Patterson		
h	Laverne Gaskins	h	Jennifer Powell		
h	John Gaston	pp*h*w	Malcolm Rainey		
h	Chuck Gibson	pp*h*w	Greg Reid		
h	Bill Givler	h			



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Rota-Reel

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The Rotary Club of Valdosta

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April 22, 2009

Today's Program

April 22, 2009



Today, our own Sen. **Tim Golden**, will deliver an update on Georgia Legislative actions.

Golden served in the House for four terms before becoming our senator in 1998, where he continues to serve.

After graduating from Valdosta High School in 1972, Golden graduated from Valdosta State University with a degree in American History and Political Science in 1977.

He is co-owner of Beacon Hill Financial, a mortgage brokerage company located in Valdosta.

