



Upcoming Programs/Meetings



- **November 25 Thanksgiving Holiday Week. NO MEETING**
- **December 2 Legislative Luncheon.** Tim Golden will present.
- **December 9 Valdosta Technical College.** Ray Perren will present.
- **December 16** 🎄 **Holiday Music** 🎄
- **December 23** 🎄 **Holidays - NO MEETING** 🎄
- **December 30** 🎄 **Holidays - NO MEETING** 🎄

Upcoming Greeter Schedule

Date	Greeter 1	Greeter 2
November 18	James Dominey	Beverly Edwards
December 2	John Edwards	Moshe Elbaz
December 9	Walter Elliott	Otis Fausett, III
December 16	Bill Feimster	John Fretti
January 6	Bob Ganzak	Laverne Gaskins

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?

Area Meetings

Nashville Tues. Noon, Cadillac Ranch	Tifton Tues & Wed. Noon, Holiday Inn
Madison, Fla. Wed. Noon, E & J's Restaurant	Quitman Thurs. 12:00 p.m., Presbyterian Home
Valdosta North Tues. 12:30 p.m., Conference Center	Valdosta Sunrise Thurs. 7:30 a.m., Kinderlou-Ravine

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Rotarians

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



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November 18, 2009

Today's Program

November 18, 2009

RONNIE WALSTON

PLANT MITCHELL

BIOMASS CONVERSION



Today's program is being brought to us by Georgia Power. Speaking will be Ronald H. (Ronnie) Walston. He is currently the Plant Manager at Plant Mitchell and Flint River Hydro.

While at Plant Mitchell, Ronnie fulfilled a lead role in a technical and economic feasibility study that resulted in the decision to convert Plant Mitchell Unit 3 from pulverized coal operation to woody biomass operation. As a result of his work on this project, Ronnie received the 2008 Technology Transfer Award from the Electric Power Research Institute.





Today's Program



Last Week November 11, 2009
Veterans Day 2009



Club News



Meet Ronnie Walston

Ronnie Walston is currently Plant Manager at Plant Mitchell and Flint River Hydro. He started his career with Georgia Power Company in 1976 as a Coal Handling Laborer at Plant Wansley, and transferred to the Boiler Turbine Department at Plant McDonough Atkinson. Shortly after obtaining a BS in Electrical Engineering Technology from Southern Technical Institute, Ronnie served as a Procedures Specialist at the General Office (1982) and then at Plant Yates (1985).

In 1991 Ronnie transferred back to Wansley in the Engineering department and soon after received his Professional Engineer license. Next Ronnie was promoted to Compliance Team Leader at Plant Wansley (1996) and then Maintenance Manager (1998).

In 2001, Ronnie was promoted to Plant Manager at Southern Power's Plant Stanton. In that role Ronnie was responsible for the initial staffing of the plant as well as directing the startup and commissioning of the plant. He managed the plant for 2 years during commercial operation before transferring back to Plant Mitchell in his current role in October 2005.

Ronnie is married to Beth and has three children Eric, Andrew, and Elyse. He enjoys spending time with his family and maintaining the family farm in Franklin, GA.

Biomass Brings New Life to Plant Mitchell



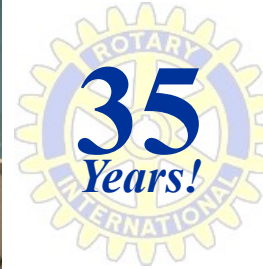
Stand on the roof of the boiler house at Plant Mitchell near Albany and for miles and miles across the flat southwest Georgia landscape, you can see thousands of acres of trees. That seemingly endless supply of timber right at its doorstep makes Mitchell the perfect plant for the biomass project scheduled to begin there in four years.

The plant is slated to switch from coal to burning wood chips, which will come primarily from the southwest Georgia area. The wood chips are cheaper and cause fewer emissions than fossil fuels.

There are eight million acres of forest and timberlands within a 100-mile radius of Plant Mitchell. Each year, that area produces 12 million tons of woody biomass fuel. Currently, only one million tons of this material is being used annually. After the conversion, the plant will need about one million tons of that wood annually.

Using the wood will be cheaper than coal, as the price is not as volatile due to the surplus available. Transportation costs will be kept low, since the material will all be coming from near the plant.

The wood being burned at the plant will mostly consist of waste product from logging operations. That includes tree tops, limbs, forest residue and "low-value timber," which consists of trees that are thinned out. Some of the suppliers are logging companies, but much of it will come from companies that go into areas that have been logged and collect the surplus wood, then chip it up and deliver it. A new half-mile long road will be built from U.S. Highway 19 to Plant Mitchell to handle the 160-180 trucks a day bringing the wood.



Congratulations to **Jack Hearn** for celebrating 35 Years in Rotary! At last week's meeting, he announced his special anniversary with 35 Happy Dollars. Jack also announced that during his 35 years of service in Rotary, he has enjoyed 35 years of perfect attendance! That's impressive Jack!

Veteran and Rotarian **Ed Crane** had our Sunshine Report on this Veterans Day Wednesday. In addition to welcoming our guests, Ed read a patriotic poem that he wrote many years ago. The poem has touched many people over the years and we were honored to have him share his writings with us once again. Thank you Ed!



Jay Platt - The Power of Positive Thinking



Myrna Ballard introduced guest speaker Jay Platt during last week's meeting. Platt is no stranger to many Rotarians. He is a highly accomplished, elite adventure athlete, and a nationally recognized speaker, author, and peak performance coach.

Having faced great challenges and hardships during his lifetime, Jay stressed the importance of a good attitude and, he gave us his three simple A,B,C's of achieving this goal.

A - Act! You know what a good attitude is and what that person looks like, so be that person.

B - Be thankful! Never take any thing or any part of your day for granted.

C - Choose! No matter what is going on in your life, you choose your attitude each and every day. Choose the right attitude. Great advice Jay!



Last Week's Attendance & Donations

Attendance: 57 of 105 members

Happy Dollars: \$ 60.00

Literacy Fund: \$ 52.56

Our Next Meeting - December 2, 2009



State Legislative Lunch

"Eye on 2010"

Wednesday, December 2 ♦ 12-1:30 p.m.
James H. Rainwater Conference Center

Join **State Sen. Tim Golden**,
Your Local Delegation & 2010 Legislative Agenda Chamber Champions

For Non-Rotarians
Tickets are \$15 per person
(Chamber Members)
\$20 non-members
Seating is Limited
229-247-8100 to RSVP



Our next meeting will be December 2, and we are looking forward to the State Legislative Luncheon. We are delighted for Rotary and the Chamber to collaborate on this significant event! There is no charge for Rotarians as we are co-sponsoring the event. However, Chamber staff is keeping track of how many people sign up so we can give the Conference Center a head count. Since there is no meeting Thanksgiving week, we will need to get our head count this week to combine with the Chamber's numbers. Use the sign-up sheets on the tables, or respond to **Dennis Marks** via this week's Rota-Reel email.



Proposed New Member



This is Published Notice No. 2 for the proposed membership of Deland Guthrie. Guthrie is the Director of Operations at Georgia Christian School and is the owner of Deland Guthrie Photography. He has been proposed for membership by Rotarian **Kerry Morris**.

Have You Purchased Your Raffle Tickets?

FOUR exciting and interesting trips will be awarded to FOUR lucky winners at the 6920 District Conference on April 23-25, 2010.

\$25 per Ticket - 5 Tickets for \$100

Contact Club Secretary Barbara Knight or member John Johnston to purchase.

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