



Rota - Reel

The Rotary Club of Valdosta

"A 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club"



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This Weeks Program

Today's program is being brought to us by Past President **Dr. Carl Cates** and Rotary District 6920 Director **Bill Booth**. These men will be sharing news and information from the Rotary Foundation, and explaining the current points systems used to achieve Fellow status. Becoming a Paul Harris or a Will Watt Fellow may be easier than you think.

Paul Harris Fellow

Donors of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus, or the Humanitarian Grants Program, or people who have that amount contributed in their name, can be recognized as Paul Harris Fellows. Each new Paul Harris Fellow receives a commemorative certificate and a pin.

For gifts of \$2,000 or more, a Paul Harris Fellow is eligible for: recognition as a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, the option to honor someone else as a Paul Harris Fellow with their Foundation recognition points (formerly called "available credit"), and Multiple Paul Harris Fellow pin with additional stones.

Friends, family, spouses, and colleagues make so many valuable contributions to your life. You can give back by donating \$1,000 to the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund in their honor, which will earn them Paul Harris Fellow Recognition.

You also may give another person recognition points, which are accumulated when Paul Harris Fellows make personal contributions in addition to their initial gift of \$1,000. As donors increase their recognition levels through new gifts, they accrue points, which don't expire and can be transferred to other donors' accounts. If 1,000 points are transferred to one person, that individual becomes a Paul Harris Fellow.

The points also can be split between multiple accounts. For example, if 1,000 recognition points were divided equally between two people who had not previously contributed to the Foundation, each of them would need to contribute only an additional \$500 to become Paul Harris Fellows.

As of 1 July 2009, points may only be transferred in transactions of 100 points or more, and individual donors will be the only ones authorized to transfer points from their individual accounts. Club presidents and district governors may no longer authorize point transfers for other individuals, but they may continue to authorize transfers from their club or district accounts.

Also, as of 1 July 2009, individual points will expire upon the death of the donor, or the death of the surviving spouse of a Major Donor. (Major Donors have contributed \$10,000 or more to the Foundation.) Donors who are already Paul Harris Fellows become Multiple Paul Harris Fellows if 1,000 points are added to their account.

Will Watt Fellow

Founded in 1946 by Thomasville Rotarian, Will Watt, the Georgia Rotary Student Program sponsors students from around the world for academic studies at Georgia colleges and universities. Over 2500 students have participated in GRSP. In the current year, GRSP sponsors more than 80 students from nearly 35 countries and operates with a budget of almost three-quarters of a million dollars.

In the late 1970s and 80s, there was a great concern among the GRSP Trustees about the expenses of this student scholarship program. What would the future hold? Would we be prepared to handle the demands financially? Three visionary Rotarians, Norm Shipley, Marshall Weaver, and Gordon Bonderrant convinced the Trustees to establish a fund that would supplement the annual contributions of each Georgia Rotarian from each Rotary club to the program.

The first endowment committee chairman was Marshall Weaver. After the untimely death of Marshall Weaver, Trustee Ronnie Waller was asked to chair the endowment committee. Tom Bryan (Rotary Club of Jefferson) followed Ronnie as endowment chairman in 1986. Then in 1989, Frank Bentley, Sr. (Rotary Club of Sandy Springs) became endowment chairman. As a result of the chairmen's leadership and support from the trustees and Rotarians throughout Georgia, the endowment fund now stands at \$7 million. The earnings each year from the endowment help supplement scholarship funds provided by individual Rotary clubs for our students.

It is important that we continue to grow the endowment as the cost of scholarships is ever increasing. With additional income it will allow us to continue, or increase, the total number of students each year by reducing the total scholarship cost to the sponsoring Rotary clubs. A contribution of \$1,000 or more to the Georgia Rotary Student Program will earn the Will Watt Fellow designation, which honors the program's founder.

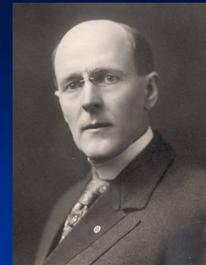
This Week At A Glance

Program:

The Rotary Foundation
Past President Dr. Carl Cates
District Director Bill Booth

Greeters:

Bo Broadfoot
Nathan Brown



The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, was formed on 23 February 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to capture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The Rotary name derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.



Will Watt, who was Mayor of Thomasville at the end of World War II in 1945, responded to the call of General Eisenhower to adopt a German town of comparable size - to share our food and clothing with fellow human beings who were struggling to survive one of the coldest winters on record in a war-torn country. Under Mayor Will's direction, a plane load of supplies and relief goods was flown by the United States Army to Luneberg in the north of Germany.

In his lifetime, Will Watt was singled out for his brave leadership and his tireless service. He was eventually made an honorary citizen of Luneberg (one of only two people so honored in 1,200 years), and he was decorated and knighted by the King of Norway. The Will Watt Fellow honors this great man and great Rotarian.



Attendance & Donations

Attendance:
52 of 102 Members

Happy Dollars:
\$33.00

Alzheimer's Funds:
CART: \$39.66
Memory Walk: \$136.95



Reporting on the state of Lowndes High School were Superintendent and Rotarian **Dr. Steve Smith**, and LHS principal and the National Secondary Schools Principal of the Year, Mr. Wes Taylor.

Dr. Smith opened the presentation reporting on this year's goal of "Creating a chain reaction of kindness." He was followed by Taylor who then spoke about his recent recognition as Teacher of the Year.

Dr. Smith presented a progress report for the Lowndes County Schools and discussed both areas of success and areas requiring improvement. Afterwards he addressed issues regarding enrollment that have recently made the news.

Sunshine Report



Rotarian **John LaHood** bravely stepped to the microphone at last week's meeting and boldly redeemed himself with a hilariously funny Sunshine Report. It seems after his last attempt failed to draw the response he had desired, LaHood has been heckled by an unnamed fellow Rotarian.



Lowndes High School Principal Wes Taylor spoke to the club about his journey becoming the National Secondary Schools Principal of the Year. Congratulations Mr. Taylor!



The Lowndes High School Interact Club was present at last week's meeting. Representing LHS were (l to r): Emily Girdner, club president, Amber Rassatt, member, and Kitra Cates, club vice-president.



Greeter Schedule

Date	Greeter 1	Greeter 2
September 29	Bo Broadfoot	Nathan Brown
October 6	Stacy Bush	Sandy Campbell
October 13	Mason Caracciolo	Carl Cates
October 20	Dr. Patti Clark	Russ Collett

Greeters are assigned alphabetically using the roster found on the back of your Rota-Reel. Greeters play an important role in our weekly gathering, not only for our guests, but to each one of us as members. Greeters should be in place from 12:00 to 12:30. Please help by watching the schedule and knowing when you are scheduled. If for any reason you cannot serve on your scheduled date, please contact **Corinne Simmons** at corinne.simmons@themethodisthome.org or **Kerry Morris** at kwmorris@valdosta.edu.

Upcoming Programs & Meetings

October 6
Imagination Library
 Dr. Patti Clark
 Dr. Dennis Marks

Have an idea for a program? Contact your President-Elect **Greg Reid**.

Club Projects and Activities

Club Service

Community Service



MEMBERSHIP

Members are encouraged to help attract new members to the club.

ORIENTATION

New members are made familiar with the purpose and expectations of Rotary before induction.

FOUNDATION

Members work together to fund the goals of Rotary.



PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Rotarians who have made a cumulative contribution of \$1,000 are designated Paul Harris Fellows. Our club has achieved the status of a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club.

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR [EREY]

A project to get every member to donate \$100 a year to the Foundation. With that donation one becomes a sustaining member and takes part in fueling the economic engine of Rotary.



POLIO PLUS

A program that has helped eradicate polio throughout most of the world. With the help of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary is in the final push to eliminate it in Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, and Nigeria.

MEETINGS

Members coordinate weekly greeters song invocation, and Sunshine Report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

A program to disseminate news about the impact of Rotary in the community.

INTERN PROGRAM

Valdosta State University public relations students are given the opportunity to assist the club with public relations tasks.

BULLETIN

The weekly Rota-Reel gives information about programs, activities, members, and events.

WEBMASTER

Our website www.valdostarotary.org is a gateway to Rotary for Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike.

HAPPY DOLLARS / GUEST SPEAKER

Money raised from members wanting to make announcements at club meetings. The money is used to buy books in honor of our guest speakers, and the books are placed in our local library.

PAUSE TO PASS / SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Cups are passed around tables every week. The money raised is used to help the libraries at J.L. Lomax and Pine Grove Elementary Schools.

COINS FOR ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH TRUST [CART]

On the fourth Wednesday of the month, CART containers are passed around the tables. The money collected is sent to the Trust which distributes funds to selected research institutions. 100% of the money goes towards research for a cure.



IMAGINATION LIBRARY

The Rotary clubs of Valdosta, Valdosta North, and Valdosta Sunrise are working with the First Foundation and the Dolly Parton Foundation to raise money for books for pre-school children in Lowndes County. Children enrolled in the program receive an Imagination Library book - from *The Little Engine that Could to Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come* - each month until age five.



MAGAZINES FOR STUDENTS

Magazines are brought to the meeting on the first Wednesday of every month. They are collected as members walk in and taken to J.L. Lomax School for children to read.

READING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Members of our club go to J.L. Lomax to help teachers with under-privileged children. Activities include helping with reading, math, and general mentoring.

RING THE BELL

Our club volunteers to ring the bell for the Salvation Army for one day during the Christmas season. Members sign up to ring the bell for one hour on the designated day.

HIGHWAY CLEAN UP

Our Club participates in the Adopt-A-Highway program. Our mile is on US 84, just east of the intersection with Inner Perimeter Road.



TRAVELERS ASSISTANCE

Club members help people involved in accidents while traveling through Valdosta get back on the road.

Vocational Service



LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DINNER [LEAD]

The dinner has two objectives: to recognize and honor the officers of the year; and to build the Rotary Law Enforcement Fund, which can be used to assist officers and their families in times of special need.

VOCATIONAL AWARDS

Our club recognizes persons within our community that have demonstrated outstanding vocational and occupational service. Nominations are submitted by our members, and the award is presented to the winner during a club meeting.

INTERACT

Interact is the high school version of Rotary. Students ages 14-18 are able to participate. Each Interact Club is sponsored by a Rotary Club. Our club sponsors Interact Clubs at Georgia Christian School, Lowndes High School, Valdosta High School, and Valwood.



ROTARACT

Rotaract is the college version of Rotary. Our club sponsors the Rotaract club of Valdosta State University. The VSU faculty advisor is *John Gaston*.



SPEECH CONTEST

The High School Speech Contest is a District 6920 sponsored contest to introduce students in our District to the concepts and workings of Rotary. These students compete in a contest in the local clubs, and the top two contestants advance to the Zone competition. The winner from the Zone will present his or her speech at the District Conference and receive a check for \$1,000.



GEORGIA ROTARY STUDENT PROGRAM [GRSP]

Our club helps sponsor a foreign student to attend VSU for one year. A family from our club helps host the student during his or her stay in Valdosta.



WILL WATT

Rotarians who have made a cumulative contribution of \$1000 to GRSP are designated Will Watt Fellows.

International Service

INTERNATIONAL PROJECT

Our Club, in conjunction with Rotary clubs in another country, sponsors a community project in that country. The Rotary Club of Valdosta has participated in a number of international projects, such as: earthquake relief in Haiti and Chile, and providing water filtration units for households in Rancho Dolores, Belize River Valley, Belize.



GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

Each year our District pairs with a district in another country to exchange Rotary-led teams of young professionals who are not Rotarians.





Rotary District
6920

Club
4220

Established
1919

Officers
President
Walter Elliott
President Elect
Greg Reid
Past President
Dennis Marks
Treasurer
Nick Valenti
Secretary
Barbara Knight
Sergeant at Arms
Bill Booth

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 Myrna Ballard
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District 6920 Dir.
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District 6920 A. G.
Bob Harrison
RI President
Ray Klinginsmith
GRSP Student
Benjamin Ikaal
Intern
Anne Kathryn Stone

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| h Joyce Aigen | h John Gaston | h Tyrone O'Steen |
| h Sam Allen | h Wendell Godbee | pp'h John Page |
| h Myrna Ballard | h Bob Goddard, III | h Keven Parks |
| h Anne Barnas | h Tim Golden | h Henry Parrish |
| h Felecia Barnes | h Tom Gooding | pp'h Suzannah Patterson |
| pp'h Richard Barnes | h Lacie Guy | h Charles Powell |
| h*w Keith Barrett | h Owen Harris | pp'h*w Jennifer Powell |
| pp'h*w Bill Booth | h Jack Hartley | pp'h*w Malcolm Rainey |
| h Ron Borders | h Jack Hearn | h*w Patsy Reaves |
| h Bo Broadfoot | h Arthur Herndon | h Greg Reid |
| h Nathan Brown | h Skip Holmes | h Chris Roan |
| h Stacy Bush | h Al Howell | h Bert Rutland |
| h Sandy Campbell | h Bill Kent | h*w Randy Sauls |
| h Mason Caracciolo | h Barbara Knight | h Wes Sewell |
| pp'h Carl Cates | h Sharon LaBranche | h Corinne Simmons |
| h Patti Clark | h John LaHood | h Arthur Smith |
| h Russ Collett | h Claire Lee | h Steven Smith |
| pp'h Marshall Conner | h Bill Lester | h Richard Stalvey |
| pp'h Joe Cordova | h Jerry Long | h Anne Kathryn Stone |
| h Bruce Cousins | h Terri Lupo | h Alison Still |
| h Lee Cox | pp'h Tim Mabe | h Joe Stubbs |
| pp'h*w Ed Crane | pp'h Dennis Marks | pp'h Robert Stump |
| h John Crawford | pp'h*w Billy Martin | h John Thomas |
| pp'h*w V.L. Daughtery Jr. | h Greg Martin | h William Tidmore |
| h Donald Davis | pp'h*w Richard May | pp'h*w Al Turner |
| pp'h James Dominey | pp'h*w Arthur McLane | pp'h*w Nicholas Valenti |
| h Beverly Edwards | pp'h*w Tyson McLane | h Donnie Warren |
| h John Edwards | h Roy McNeal | h Nancy Warren |
| h Moshe Elbaz | h Harriet Messcher | h Ryan Williams |
| pp'h Walter Elliott | h Zach Miller | h Ed Willis |
| h Trey Fausett | h Bob Montgomery | h Clint Wills |
| h Bill Feimster | h Walter Moody | h Rich Yokeley |
| h John Fretti | h Bob Moon | h Paul Harris Fellow |
| h Bob Ganzak | h Kerry Morris | w Will Watt Fellow |
| h Laverne Gaskins | h Casey Music | p Club President |
| | h Ivan Nikolov | pp Past President |

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Area Rotary Meetings

Valdosta North
 Tuesday - 12:15 p.m.
 Rainwater Conference Center

Valdosta Sunrise
 Thursday - 7:30 a.m.
 Kinderlou Ravine

Nashville, GA
 Tuesday - Noon
 Cadillac Ranch

Tifton, GA
 Tuesday & Wednesday - Noon
 Holiday Inn

Quitman, GA
 Thursday - Noon
 Presbyterian Home

Madison, FL
 Wednesday - Noon
 E & J's Restaurant

FOUR-WAY TEST

ROTARIANS STRIVE TO LIVE AND CONDUCT BUSINESS USING THESE GUIDELINES

- ✓ Is it the TRUTH?
- ✓ Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- ✓ Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
- ✓ Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



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