



# Rota - Reel

The Rotary Club of Valdosta

*"A 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club"*



[www.ValdostaRotary.org](http://www.ValdostaRotary.org)

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## This Weeks Program

### *Lowndes County Water & Sewer Master Plan*

*Please welcome today's speaker Mike Allen. Mike will be delivering a program on the Lowndes County Water & Sewer Master plan. Welcome Mike.*

## This Week At A Glance

### Program:

*Lowndes County  
Water & Sewer  
Master Plan  
Mike Allen*

### Greeters:

*Patti Clark  
Russ Collett*

## World Polio Day

### *Donate NOW and Double Your Points*



World Polio Day is October 24. Between now and Sunday (October 24), in honor of World Polio Day, The Rotary Foundation is offering double Paul Harris Fellow recognition points for **online only** contributions of \$100 or more for the \$200 Million Challenge to eradicate polio. Help eradicate polio by making your online contribution at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

Online contributions can't be made on behalf of another individual, club, or district. Promotional recognition points should appear within four to six weeks. If you need assistance, District 6920 Chief of Staff Paula Goodnow has offered to help. You may contact her at [paulagoodnow@hotmail.com](mailto:paulagoodnow@hotmail.com).





**Attendance & Donations**

Attendance:  
49 of 104 Members

Happy Dollars:  
\$31.00

Literacy Cups:  
Not Collected




Past President Dr. **Dennis Marks** was accompanied by his lovely wife Dr. Patricia Marks last week. Dr. Marks delivered an update on the club's literary efforts and the Imagination Library project. Dr. Marks was also the winner of our first Membership and Recruitment drawing. As an incentive to recruit members we will be having a quarterly drawing.

To get your name in the hat, you must recruit at least one new club member during that quarter. Prizes included passes to Wild Adventures, a gift box from South Georgia Pecan, a photography session from photographer **Wes Sewell**, and dinner at Texas Roadhouse. A special thanks goes out to Wes, **Bob Montgomery**, **Alison Still** and **Clint Wills** for the fantastic prize package.

**Sunshine Report**



*Harriet Messcher is seen here reading from her extensive collection of Jewish humor. Harriet always makes us laugh with her truly authentic delivery. Thank you Harriet for bringing our Sunshine Report.*

*If you have a funny story or an encouraging word, we are always looking for Rotarians to help in this capacity. Please see **Donald Davis** or **Chris Roan** to volunteer.*



Past President Dr. **Dennis Marks** is seen here speaking to the club about our literacy project, Imagination Library.



As we consider our options for our weekly meeting place, the club held last week's meeting at the Valdosta Country Club. Please take advantage of the meeting survey and give the board your feedback from the visit.



*Mark Your Calendars!*



The Valdosta North Rotary Club has invited us and Valdosta Sunrise to join them for a "Family of Rotary" tailgate party in Drexel Park from 12-2 on Saturday, October 23, when VSU plays Arkansas-Monticello. According to Marty Rogers, Valdosta North president, "We will once again have barbeque and hope to have a few additions this year for the kids to enjoy." We will discuss this at the meeting, so please check your calendars!



*If you have any ideas for family and fellowship activities, please contact Nancy Warren at: warrennd@bellsouth.net.*

Membership News

*Congratulations!*



**Tucker & Parker**  
**10/5/10**

*Wes Sewell*  
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*Congratulations to Wes and Donna Sewell on the birth of twin boys. Tucker and Parker Sewell arrived on October 5, 2010.*



*Wes Sewell*

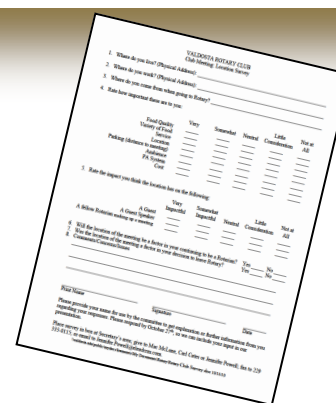
*Membership Survey*

Our current contract with the Rainwater Conference Center will end in December. Your board will soon decide on whether to renew this contract or to enter into an agreement with another establishment. Our desire is to continue to do what is best for the club. In order to do that, we need to hear from YOU.

To help guide the club with gathering information on this matter, President **Walter Elliott** has asked Past Presidents **Carl Cates**, **Arthur "Mac" McLane**, and **Jennifer Powell** to devise a method of determining where the membership stands on this decision. Their mission is strictly to gather information and report their findings to the board. The board will then make a decision based on the information gathered.

If you did not receive a club meeting survey via email, please see **Barbara Knight** at the desk for your copy. The purpose of this survey is give each and every member the opportunity to tell the board what you are looking for in a meeting place, what you like, what you don't like, and how important the meeting place is to you.

Hard copies will be available at the next couple of meetings as well as a collection box. Please do your part and complete the survey. We want to hear from every member.



*If you have not received a copy of the survey and would like to have one sent to you via fax or E-mail, please contact Kerry Morris at*

**kwmorris@valdosta.edu.**



Greeter Schedule

Date	Greeter 1	Greeter 2
October 27	Marshall Conner	Bruce Cousins
November 3	Joe Cordova	Austen Carroll
November 10	Ed Crane	John Crawford
November 17	V. L. Daughtery Jr.	Donald Davis

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](mailto:corinne.simmons@themethodisthome.org) or **Kerry Morris** at [kwmorris@valdosta.edu](mailto:kwmorris@valdosta.edu).

Upcoming Programs & Meetings

October 27  
*Polio Plus*  
Dr. William "Billy" Tidmore

October November 3  
*Mongolian Excursions*  
Christine Roan

Club Projects and Activities

Club 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](http://www.valdostarotary.org) is a gateway to Rotary for Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike.

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.

Community Service

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

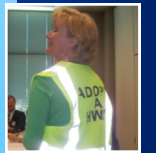
Members of our club go to J.L. Lomax to help teachers with under-privileged children. Activities include helping with reading, math, and general mentoring.

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.

New Generations

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*.



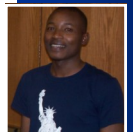
SPEECH CONTEST

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 other countries, 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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**RI President**  
Ray Klingensmith  
**GRSP Student**  
Benjamin Ikaal  
**Intern**  
Anne Kathryn Stone

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| h Joyce Aigen             | h John Gaston        | h Tyrone O'Steen        |
| h*w Sam Allen             | h Wendell Godbee     | pp'h John Page          |
| h*w 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*w 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*w Nathan Brown          | h Skip Holmes        | h*w Chris Roan          |
| h*w Stacy Bush            | h Al Howell          | h Bert Rutland          |
| h Sandy Campbell          | h*w Bill Kent        | h*w Randy Sauls         |
| h Mason Caracciolo        | h Barbara Knight     | h Wes Sewell            |
| h Austen Carroll          | h Sharon LaBranche   | h Corinne Simmons       |
| pp'h*w Carl Cates         | h*w John LaHood      | h Arthur Smith          |
| h Patti Clark             | h Claire Lee         | h Steven Smith          |
| h Russ Collett            | h Bill Lester        | h*w Richard Stalvey     |
| pp'h Marshall Conner      | h Jerry Long         | h Anne Kathryn Stone    |
| pp'h*w Joe Cordova        | h Terri Lupo         | h Alison Still          |
| h Bruce Cousins           | pp'h*w Tim Mabe      | h Joe Stubbs            |
| h Lee Cox                 | pp'h Dennis Marks    | pp'h Robert Stump       |
| pp'h*w Ed Crane           | pp'h*w Billy Martin  | h*w John Thomas         |
| h John Crawford           | h Greg Martin        | h William Tidmore       |
| pp'h*w V.L. Daughtery Jr. | pp'h*w Richard May   | pp'h*w Al Turner        |
| h Donald Davis            | pp'h*w Arthur McLane | pp'h*w Nicholas Valenti |
| pp'h James Dominey        | pp'h*w Tyson McLane  | h Donnie Warren         |
| h Beverly Edwards         | h*w Roy McNeal       | h*w Nancy Warren        |
| h John Edwards            | h Harriet Messcher   | h Ryan Williams         |
| h Moshe Elbaz             | h Zach Miller        | h Ed Willis             |
| pp'h Walter Elliott       | h Bob Montgomery     | h Clint Wills           |
| h Trey Fausett            | h Walter Moody       | h Rich Yokeley          |
| h Bill Feimster           | h Bob Moon           | h Paul Harris Fellow    |
| h John Fretti             | h Kerry Morris       | w Will Watt Fellow      |
| h Bob Ganzak              | h Casey Music        | p Club President        |
| h Laverne Gaskins         | 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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