



Rota - Reel

The Rotary Club of Valdosta

"A 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club"



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This Weeks Program

City of Valdosta - Mayor John Fretti



Mayor John J. Fretti has lived in Valdosta since 1976 and graduated from Valdosta State College in 1981 with a BS in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. Upon graduation he worked for a local wood preservative chemical company as Technical Director and in 1988; Mayor Fretti became owner and operator of All States Moving and Storage, Inc., a local agent for United Van Lines.

Mayor Fretti was first elected to the Office of the Mayor in November 2003 to begin the first term January 2004. Mayor Fretti was then reelected in November 2007 and continued his second term in January 2008. He is up for reelection in 2011. Mayor Fretti and his wife, the former Robin Pope of Moultrie, Georgia have been married for over 20 years. The couple has two daughters, Sarah and Rachel, who are both students at Valdosta State University. All are members of Park Avenue United Methodist Church.

This Week At A Glance

Program:

*City of Valdosta
Mayor John Fretti*

Greeters:

*Ed Crane
Austen Carroll*

Last Week's Program

Mongolian Excursions - Chris Roan



Attendance & Donations

Attendance:
56 of 104 Members

Happy Dollars:
\$8.00.00

C.A.R.T. Fund:
\$48.27



Our own world traveler **Chris Roan** delivered a very informative and entertaining program last week. She and husband John traveled to Mongolia this past summer to visit their youngest daughter Molly who is serving a 27 month commitment in the Peace Corps.

Chris is seen here wearing a traditional Mongolian dress, a deel. Mongols do like to wear nice, richly decorated clothes which compensate the simple, ascetic nomadic lifestyle. Chris certainly entertained us, however not too many were ready to sign up to accompany her on her next trip.



Trey Fausett brought our Sunshine Report last week. We didn't have any guests or visiting Rotarians, but Trey did have some very encouraging words for those in attendance. Trey reminded us that every day we are many things. We are employees, customers, patients, clients and spouses. We are also Rotarians, and each day we should strive to be the best Rotarian in every situation.

Thank you Trey!





President's Message



Rotary International President
Ray Klinginsmith



I was a Rotary Scholar at the University of Cape Town in 1961. During my year there, I traveled 16,000 miles through South Africa and the countries now known as Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Namibia. I visited 35 Rotary clubs, met countless Rotarians, and became immersed in the rich culture of Southern Africa.

During my initial visit, I developed a deep appreciation for both the traditions and the challenges of life in Africa, and my respect and admiration for the land and people have caused me to return several times as a Rotarian. Now – almost amazingly – I have a unique opportunity to use my experience as a Rotary Scholar to enhance the role of Rotary in Africa!

This is the fourth year of the Reach Out to Africa (ROTA) initiative, and the ROTA Committee for this year has been streamlined to move more quickly and efficiently to achieve its goals. We need to increase the number of Rotarians in Africa! I also hope to see a substantial increase in international service projects for Africa, particularly those projects with assistance from The Rotary Foundation. The ROTA Committee has an excellent website, and I encourage all Rotarians to review it at www.reachouttoafrica.org.

I have implemented two new activities this year to make it easier for Rotarians to visit Africa and to increase their involvement in international service projects. The first is Ray's Rotary Reunions, to be held in Cape Town 3-5 February, and I hope many Rotarians will join me in the Fairest Cape for that event. The second, Rotary Project Safaris, will facilitate visits by Rotarians to the areas of the world where poverty is prevalent, and where local Rotarians have developed many beneficial projects that need financial assistance. More information about the reunions and the safaris is available on the RI president's pages at www.rotary.org/president.

I am proud to be a product of The Rotary Foundation, and it will be the most significant achievement of my presidency if I can serve as a catalyst to enhance Rotary in Africa! So come join me for the reunions and the safaris. Help me to complete the circle from being a Rotary Foundation Scholar in Africa to helping Rotary in Africa to be Bigger, Better, and Bolder!

RI President
Ray Klinginsmith

Rotary District 6920

Governor's Corner

Greetings my fellow Rotarians! Jan and I have been visiting clubs throughout the district and as I write this note to you, we have only three clubs left on our list to visit. The visits have been great. Our clubs are hard at work sharing Rotary fellowship in many innovative ways and finding new approaches to involve family members in the joy of Rotary. Everywhere we look, Rotary is doing well and the clubs are working hard to bring the gifts of Rotary to their respective communities. Wow!!! It's a great time to be District Governor.

We will soon be entering a time of family celebrations as we approach Thanksgiving and the Christmas season. Please take time to remember the individuals in your communities whom are least able to help themselves and above all else, remember the children!!!!

So, how many of you are taking advantage of the Rotary Leadership Programs that are being offered throughout Georgia? Did you know we have a session scheduled for the weekend prior to Thanksgiving in Savannah? Take the time to go to our district website and do some reading on RLI. Learn more about RLI and how it can help you to become a better Rotarian and a better Rotary leader. The classes are small and the instruction is highly interactive and very dynamic. If you have never been to a session, please try one. They are a bit like potato chips. Try one, you'll love it!

This session of our monthly newsletter includes segments from membership, Cart and Foundation giving programs. I hope you find it informative as well as enjoyable. *Happy Thanksgiving, my friends.*

DG Lloyd Horadan



Governor Lloyd Horadan
and First Lady Jan



Greeter Schedule

Date	Greeter 1	Greeter 2
November 10	Ed Crane	Austen Carroll
November 17	V. L. Daughtery Jr.	Donald Davis
December 1	James Dominey	Beverly Edwards
December 8	John Edwards	Moshe Elbaz

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

November 17
Savannah's Secrets to Success
Howard Morrison

December 1
Valdosta-Lowndes Regional Crime Lab
Police Chief Frank Simons

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.

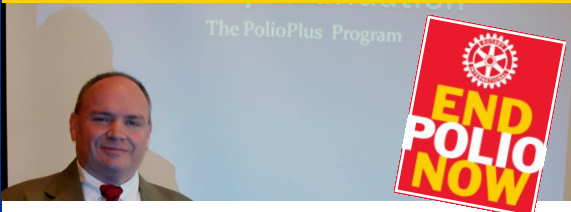


PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

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 leaders, invocation, and Sunshine Report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS INTERN PROGRAM

Top Valdosta State University public relations students compete for the opportunity to assist the club with its PR activities. They work with a club member to disseminate news about the impact of Rotary within the club and district and in the community. For this, each is awarded a stipend.

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.

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.

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 Ferst 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.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN EDUCATION [CPIE] - Our club is partnered with Valdosta's and Lowndes County's only Title I public schools to provide educational Assistance.

● **PAUSE TO PASS / SCHOOL LIBRARIES**

Cups are passed at each table every week. The money raised is donated to the libraries at J.L. Lomax and Pine Grove Elementary Schools, our CPIE schools.

● **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**

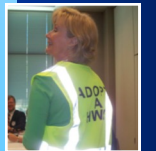
Members of our club go to J.L. Lomax to help teachers with under-privileged children. Activities include helping with reading, math, and general mentoring.

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.

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*.



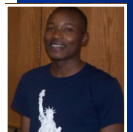
SPEECH CONTEST

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 from each club 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 \$1,250.



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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RI President
Ray Klingensmith
GRSP Student
Benjamin Ikaal
Intern
Anne Kathryn Stone

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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

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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
2003-2004 |
| h*w Myrna Ballard | h Bob Goddard, III | h Keven Parks |
| Anne Barnas | h Tim Golden | h Henry Parrish |
| Felecia Barnes | h Tom Gooding | pp'h Suzannah Patterson
2005-2006 |
| pp'h Richard Barnes
2006-2007 | Lacie Guy | Charles Powell |
| h*w Keith Barrett | h*w Owen Harris | pp'h*w Jennifer Powell
1993-1994 |
| pp'h*w Bill Booth
1999-2000 | 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 | Barbara Knight | h Wes Sewell |
| Austen Carroll | h Sharon LaBranche | h Corinne Simmons |
| pp'h*w Carl Cates
2008-2009 | 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
1997-1998 | h Jerry Long | Anne Kathryn Stone |
| pp'h*w Joe Cordova
1977-1978 | h Terri Lupo | Alison Still |
| h Bruce Cousins | pp'h*w Tim Mabe | h Joe Stubbs |
| h Lee Cox | pp'h Dennis Marks
2009-2010 | pp'h Robert Stump |
| pp'h*w Ed Crane | pp'h*w Billy Martin
1985-1986 | h*w John Thomas |
| h John Crawford | h Greg Martin | h William Tidmore |
| pp'h*w V.L. Daughtery Jr.
2002-2003 | pp'h*w Richard May | pp'h*w Al Turner
1992-1993 |
| h Donald Davis | pp'h*w Arthur McLane
1984-1985 | pp'h*w Nicholas Valenti
2000-2001 |
| pp'h James Dominey
2007-2008 | pp'h*w Tyson McLane
1972-1973 | 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 | Zach Miller | h Ed Willis |
| p'h Walter Elliott | Bob Montgomery | h Clint Wills |
| h Trey Fausett | Walter Moody | h Rich Yokeley |
| h Bill Feimster | h Bob Moon | |
| h John Fretti | h Kerry Morris | |
| h Bob Ganzak | h Casey Music | |
| h Laverne Gaskins | Ivan Nikolov | |

h Paul Harris Fellow
 w Will Watt Fellow
 p Club President
 pp Past President

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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