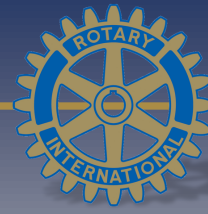




Rota - Reel

The Rotary Club of Valdosta

"A 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club"



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This Week's Program

Brad Lofton



Today's program is being brought to us by Brad Lofton, executive director of the Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority. The Industrial Authority and Wiregrass Power, LLC are in the beginning phases of developing property for a future biomass electric generating plant. Brad will be bringing an update on this project. *Welcome Brad!*

This Week At A Glance

Program:

*Biomass Fuel Plant
Brad Lofton*

Greeters:

*V. L. Daughtery, Jr.
Donald Davis*

Club News

Community Service Opportunity - From Myrna Ballard



GDOT promises me that they will have US 84 mowed "in the next week or two," and that an early December pick-up date should work. I will need seven volunteers (preferably folks who look good in a color I'll call lime-yellow). Here are the specifics:

- WHAT:** *Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick-Up*
- WHEN:** 8 a.m., Saturday, December 4.
Anticipated end time is 10 a.m.
- WHERE:** Meet at South Georgia Pecan
(formerly Levi Strauss) on US 84 East
- DRESS:** Very casual...actually, *make that downright grungy!*
- EQUIPMENT:** Bring good waterproof work gloves, as there will be some seriously unhygienic materials to be touched. Safety vests and trash bags will be provided.
- RAIN PLAN:** We will reschedule if it is raining

Proposed New Member

**This is Published Notice No. 1 for the proposed membership of:
Susan Mullis**

Susan Mullis is the owner of the Flower Gallery in downtown Valdosta. She has been proposed for membership in the Rotary Club of Valdosta by her daughter, Rotarian **Lacie Guy**.





Attendance & Donations

Attendance:
56 of 104 Members

Happy Dollars:
\$143.50

Literacy Cups:
\$46.50



Sunshine Report



Valwood interim Headmaster Dr. **Lee Cox** brought a very bright bit of sunshine to our meeting last week. After welcoming our guests and calling for happy dollars, he shared a few examples of why he enjoys the friendships and fellowship of Rotary. Afterwards, however, we are still not sure why **Tom Gooding** thinks he's a chicken, if **Wes Sewell** is feeling better about himself, or if anyone in the forest is listening to Past President Dr. **Dennis Marks**. Riveting information like this is exactly why you don't want to miss your weekly Rotary meeting. Great job Dr. Cox!



Everyone agreed that our meetings are more lively when Elizabeth Jones is playing the piano. After a selection of patriotic music in honor of Veteran's Day, she accompanied **John Page** as he led the club singing *God Bless America*.



Our greeters last week were **Beverly Edwards** and **Ed Crane**. Ed declared that this would be the best greeter picture ever! He may be on to something here!



We were honored to have three Interact students from Lowndes High School last week. Joining us were (l to r): **Ann Faulkner**, **Kari Radney** and **Mary Mason Beale**.



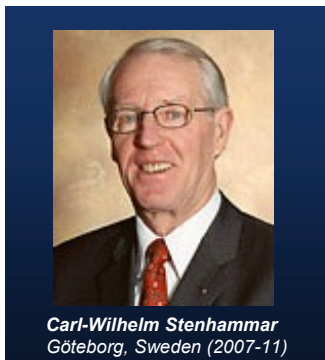
Rotarian and Valdosta Mayor **John Fretti** spoke to the club last week and gave a review of the year's activities down at City Hall. The Mayor spoke on a number of topics ranging from budgets and expenditures to water and sewage issues. We appreciate all that John is doing for Valdosta, and we are proud to have him as a member of the Rotary Club of Valdosta. Thank you John!



John Page (l) lead our singing last week. He is seen here with our speaker for the day, Mayor **John Fretti**.



November is Rotary Foundation Month. It all began in 1917 when then RI President Arch Klumph announced the acceptance of endowments for doing good in the world – The Rotary Foundation was born! Contributions took off in 1947 in memory of our founder Paul Harris.



Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
Göteborg, Sweden (2007-11)

Although the Rotary Foundation originally sponsored only educational programs, it added humanitarian programs in the late 1960s and has continued to evolve with the addition of our famous PolioPlus program to our Permanent Fund, the Rotary Centers for International Studies and, finally, the Future Vision Plan.

Our 3-year Future Vision pilot took effect on 1 July. The pilot is intended to teach us what is good – or bad – in our plan, so that we can correct it, as the Future Vision Plan is here to stay.

However, The Rotary Foundation's Future Vision Plan is much more than just a plan for the Foundation. Rotary International's Strategic Plan is a parallel plan which, to a large extent, joins and supplements our plan. We are too small an organization for two plans of this magnitude – they shall have to merge. Not necessarily tomorrow, but some time after 2017 when The Rotary Foundation celebrates its 100th anniversary. If I were to target a year for this merger, I would pick 2025 – the year when our Permanent Fund is expected to reach \$1,000,000,000 (one billion!).

How can we reach this goal? By *Building Communities – Bridging Continents* through Service Above Self.

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
Foundation Trustee Chair

Giving Made Easier

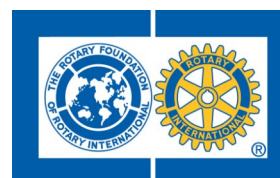
TRF-DIRECT

There is an easy way for donors in North America to contribute to The Rotary Foundation. By enrolling in TRF-DIRECT, you can automatically transfer funds electronically from your checking, savings, or credit card accounts to the Foundation.

Once enrolled, you can choose whether to give to the Annual Programs Fund (to support the Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative) or PolioPlus (to support Rotary's \$200 Million Challenge). You no longer need to remember when to make your contributions. All transactions through TRF-DIRECT are secure and will eliminate the worry of checks getting lost in the mail.

One tax receipt is issued at the end of the calendar year for easy accounting. All contributions count toward Paul Harris Fellow and Major Donor recognition. Annual Programs Fund contributions count toward Sustaining Member recognition.

For questions regarding *TRF-DIRECT* Donations call **847-866-3352** or send an E-mail to: TRFDIRECT@rotary.org.





Greeter Schedule

Date	Greeter 1	Greeter 2
November 17	V. L. Daughtery Jr.	Donald Davis
December 1	James Dominey	
December 8	John Edwards	Moshe Elbaz
December 15	Trey Fausett	Bill Feimster

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 24
Thanksgiving Holiday
No Meeting

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.

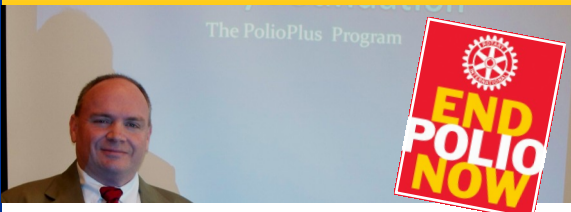


PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

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**

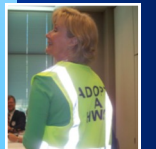
Members of our club go to J.L. Lomax to help teachers with under-privileged children. Activities include helping with reading, math, and general mentoring.

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*.



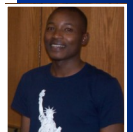
SPEECH CONTEST

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
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Secretary
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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 |
| h Anne Barnas | h Tim Golden | h Henry Parrish |
| h Felecia Barnes | h Tom Gooding | pp'h Suzannah Patterson
2005-2006 |
| pp'h Richard Barnes
2006-2007 | h Lacie Guy | h 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 | h Barbara Knight | h Wes Sewell |
| h 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 | h Anne Kathryn Stone |
| pp'h*w Joe Cordova
1977-1978 | h Terri Lupo | h 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 | h Zach Miller | h Ed Willis |
| p'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 John Fretti | h Kerry Morris | |
| h Bob Ganzak | h Casey Music | |
| h Laverne Gaskins | h 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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