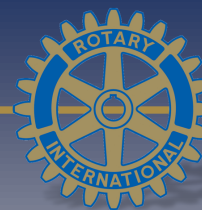




Rota - Reel

The Rotary Club of Valdosta

"A 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club"



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This Week's Program

Valdosta-Lowndes County Regional Crime Lab



Police Chief Frank Simons is ultimately responsible for the overall operation of all Bureaus of the Police Department of Administration. Certain departmental functions are accomplished by personnel or units assigned directly to the Office of the Chief. These may include, but are not necessarily limited to: analyzing crimes and crime trends, developing and administering Crime Prevention and Community Relations activities, administering the recruitment, selection, and promotional selection systems, administering the department's accreditation/certification program, and administering Internal Affairs.

This Week At A Glance

Program:
*Valdosta-Lowndes County
Regional Crime Lab*
Chief Frank Simons

Greeters:
James Dominey

Club News

December Birthdays



December Birthdays

Bill Kent - 9th
Bo Broadfoot - 18th
Greg Martin - 24th
Joe Stubbs - 31st

If your name and birthday have been omitted from the Rota Reel and you wish to be included, please contact club secretary Barbara Knight to update your record.



Proposed New Member



**This is Published Notice No. 2 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**.

Club News

Member Milestone



Each week, Rotarian **Jack Hearn** happily gathers our Happy Dollars. At our last meeting, Jack gave some very special happy dollars on his own behalf. He recently celebrated 36 years of *perfect attendance* in Rotary. Thank you Jack for your commitment to Rotary and your years of service in the Rotary Club of Valdosta.





Brad Lofton - Biomass Electric Plant

Attendance & Donations

Attendance:
56 of 104 Members

Happy Dollars:
\$21.00

Literacy Cups:
\$36.55



Our last program was brought to us by Brad Lofton (r), 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 gave us an update on this project and fielded a number of great questions from the audience. He was introduced by President Elect Greg Reid (l).



Have you noticed how some people can wear multiple hats with ease?

Past President Dr. Suzannah Patterson is seen here wearing multiple badges. We say a special thank you to Dr. Patterson for stepping up (or sitting down) and filling in for club Secretary Barbara Knight, who was unable to attend.



On Wednesday, Chris Roan didn't want to be anywhere but Rotary and greeters Past President V.L. Daugherty, Jr. and Donald Davis shared her excitement. Donald promises to increase his level of enthusiasm next time, but he cautions sincerity may



cost us extra.

Past President Richard Barnes pulled double duty at our last meeting by leading our song "Acapulco style" and bringing our Sunshine Report. Richard entertained us with



Adopt A Highway - 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



L.E.A.D.

Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner



The Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner is an opportunity for our community to say thank you and to show its appreciation for local law enforcement professionals serving in Lowndes County. All Lowndes County communities are invited to participate each year.

The two-fold purpose of this dinner is: 1) to give recognition to law officers in general and to honor “Officers of the Year” from area agencies, and 2) to set up a law enforcement assistance fund where 100% of the net proceeds from the dinner goes to assist law enforcement professionals and their families in times of special need.

Visit our website at www.LEADDinner.com or see **Barbara Knight** to purchase your tickets today.

L.E.A.D.

Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

James H. Rainwater Conference Center



Ring the Bell

The Salvation Army



Each year, our club volunteers to ring the bell for The Salvation Army for one day during the Christmas season. This year we will be assisting at Wal-Mart on North Perimeter on **Thursday, December 9.**

Throughout the year, The Salvation Army is here as a constant source of help for the community. The Salvation Army in Valdosta reaches out to the very heart of need with both Christian compassion and practical action. The Salvation Army and your support positively touch lives by: Assisting 1,058 families through The Salvation Army Family Emergency Assistance Program, 920 individuals received food during the year, 1,265 men, women, and children received clothing, 18 families were prevented from becoming homeless, 178 families were assisted so electricity and/or gas were not turned off, 350 families received a food basket during the month of December, 708 children received Christmas presents including clothes, shoes, toys, books and games, The Salvation Army referred 3,453 cases to collaborative partners for additional assistance, 9 campers experienced a 5-day overnight camp at The Salvation Army Camp Grandview located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in North Georgia.

Volunteers will be asked to ring the bell for one short hour. Once again, **Art Smith** is leading the effort and is currently looking for skilled ringers. If you have never helped at the kettles, you will be surprised at how much you will enjoy your time. Please see Art and sign up today.



For years, Rotarian **Ty O’Steen** has worked with The Marine Corp “Toys for Tots” campaign. They collect and sort donated toys and distribute them to needy kids. Our region covers Lowndes county and six other surrounding counties. However, all toys collected in Lowndes County are distributed *in Lowndes County.* They work with DFACS and with area churches to assist in the screening process.

Last year the campaign assisted 37,351 families of which about 14,000 were from Lowndes County. In the past “Toys for Tots” National Foundation has been able to help by sending truck loads of toys donated by corporations. However, this year the National Foundation has warned that they will not be able to send any toys. **Your help is needed!** If you are interested in helping, please contact Ty O’Steen or bring your unwrapped toys to your next meeting and we will see that it gets in the right hands.





Greeter Schedule

Date	Greeter 1	Greeter 2
December 1	James Dominey	
December 8	John Edwards	Moshe Elbaz
December 15	Trey Fausett	Bill Feimster
January 5	John Fretti	Laverne Gaskins

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

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

December 8
Legislative Luncheon
Combined Rotary Meeting

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.

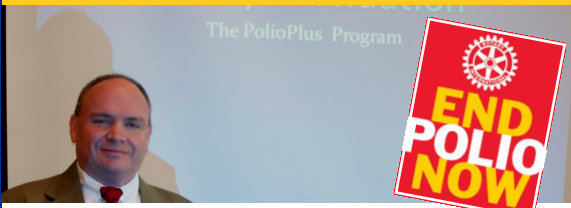


PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

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**

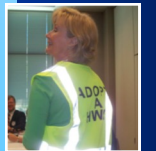
Members of our club go to J.L. Lomax to help teachers with under-privileged children. Activities include helping with reading, math, and general mentoring.

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*.



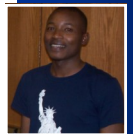
SPEECH CONTEST

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
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Sergeant at Arms
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GRSP Student
Benjamin Ikaal
Intern
Anne Kathryn Stone

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 Valdosta, GA 31603-0517

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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