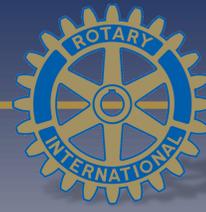




Rota - Reel

The Rotary Club of Valdosta

"A 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club"



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This Week's Program

The Turner Center for the Arts



Cheryl Oliver began her tenure at the Turner Center in March 2008 as Interim Executive Director and assumed the position of Executive Director in July 2008.

A native of Quitman, she attended Valdosta State (College) and now lives in Lake Park with her husband, Jack, and dog, Sam. Cheryl has a son and two stepsons, all grown and married. She loves "digging in the dirt," fishing, entertaining, teaching Sunday School and all aspects of the arts.

This Week At A Glance

Program:
*The Turner Center
for the Arts*
Cheryl Oliver

Greeters:
Bob Goddard
Tom Gooding



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.

L.E.A.D.

Law Enforcement
Appreciation Dinner

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

James H. Rainwater
Conference Center

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.

Training Opportunity

Rotary Leadership Institute Coming to Valdosta



A Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) will be held here in Valdosta at Wiregrass Technical College on Saturday, January 22. This is a wonderful opportunity for ALL Rotarians to learn more about Rotary! Registration check-in and breakfast begins at 7:30 am, and the session will begin at 8:00 am. Lunch will be provided, and the session will conclude by 4:00 pm. Registration fee is \$95. Register online at <http://rlitraining.org/participant-information/registration-information>. For more information about RLI, Rotarians should contact Bill Booth.





Attendance & Donations

Attendance:
49 of 103

Happy Dollars:
\$7.00

Literacy Cups:
\$47.13




Mike Nelligan (l) was introduced by his friend, Rotarian Claire Lee (r).

Sunshine Report



Chris Roan brought our Sunshine Report last week. As usual, Chris did an excellent job. However, more help is always needed with this special portion of our weekly meeting. If you are willing to step up and help, please contact Chris Roan or Donald Davis.

Our program last week was brought to us by Mike Nelligan (l). He is the Pastor at The Mission Point in downtown Valdosta and works part time as an addictions counselor for Behavioral Health Services. Mike also works part-time for Lee Office Equipment. This is where Rotarian Claire Lee (r) first became acquainted with the work taking place at The Mission Point.

Formerly Mission Point Baptist Church, The Mission Point accidentally became Valdosta's mission to the homeless. The number of homeless people in the area is much greater than many of us had imagined. According to Mike, LAMP served over 900 homeless in 2010 while The Mission Point served over 15,000 meals.

Mike gave good advice to those interested in helping this population and stated that they are always in need of partners. If you are interested and would like to know how you can help, call Mike Nelligan at (229) 460-4780.

Literacy

Service Project Update



Several Rotarians met last Friday to sort books as part of our ongoing literacy effort. These new books are being distributed to schools in the city and the county.

Look for more information and photos in an upcoming edition of the Rota-Reel.



RI 2011-2012 Theme Announced



RI President-elect Kalyan Banerjee announces the 2011-12 RI theme during the opening plenary session at the 2011 International Assembly.

RI President-elect Kalyan Banerjee will ask Rotarians to *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity* during the 2011-12 Rotary year. Banerjee unveiled the RI theme during the opening plenary session of the 2011 International Assembly, a training event for incoming district governors. He urged participants to harness their inner resolve and strength to achieve success in Rotary.

"In order to achieve anything in this world, a person has to use all the resources he can draw on. And the only place to start is with ourselves and within ourselves," Banerjee said. Once Rotarians find their inner strength, he continued, they can accomplish great things in their communities and around the world. "Discover yourself, develop the strengths within you, and then unhesitatingly, unflinchingly, go forth and encircle the world, to embrace humanity," he said.

Banerjee emphasized the family as a starting point in serving others. "The communities we live in are not built of individual people but of families -- families living in homes together, sharing their lives and their resources and their common destinies. Good families lead to good neighborhoods, and good neighborhoods build good communities." Rotarians can focus on projects that support families, such as those that provide safe housing or improve maternal and child health, he said.

Continuity in Rotary's work, including polio eradication, is also important, Banerjee said. "There are so many things we are indeed good at: working for clean, safe water; spreading literacy; working in so many ways with the New Generations, our youth, in our newest Avenue of Service and assisting them to become the leaders of tomorrow."

Citing Mahatma Gandhi's call to "be the change you wish to see in the world," Banerjee said Rotarians should also focus on change. "If we wish for peace, we start by living in peace ourselves, in our homes and in our communities," he explained. "If we wish environmental degradation to stop, if we wish to reduce child mortality or to prevent hunger, we must be the instrument of that change -- and recognize that it must start *within* us, with each of us."

The theme inspired the roomful of Rotary leaders, including Jogesh Gambhir, governor-elect of District 3250 (India). "It is a touching theme, but also very purposeful and meaningful," said Gambhir. "I'm sure we can inspire the clubs into action to solve the problems in the community. That's the ultimate goal of Rotary."

"There are no words for me to describe how remarkable it was. To me, he was right on and weaved everything together beautifully," said Jane Millar, governor-elect of District 6290 (parts of Ontario, Canada, and Michigan, USA). "I am so thrilled to be a district governor when this man is president. "I loved the focus on family, continuity, and change," she added. "Family is the center of everything, and not just our immediate family. It's also about the family of Rotary and the world as one big family."



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity



Greeter Schedule

Date	Greeter 1	Greeter 2
January 19	Bob Goddard	Tim Golden
January 26	Tom Gooding	Lacie Guy
February 2	Jack Hartley	Jack Hearn
February 9	Arthur Herndon	Al Howell

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
January 26
High School Speech Contest
 Bill Booth

February 2
Dance USA
 Randy Cox

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
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Greg Reid
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Dennis Marks
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GRSP Student
Benjamin Ikaal
Intern
Sonia Robinson

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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 84 | h Tyrone O'Steen |
| h*w Sam Allen | h Wendell Godbee | pp'h John Page 2003-2004 |
| h*w Myrna Ballard 84 | 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 84 |
| 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 Al Howell | h*w Chris Roan |
| h*w Stacy Bush | h Bill Kent | h Sonia Robinson |
| h Sandy Campbell | h Barbara Knight | h Bert Rutland |
| h Mason Caracciolo | h Sharon LaBranche | h*w Randy Sauls |
| h Austen Carroll | h John LaHood | h Wes Sewell |
| pp'h*w Carl Cates 2008-2009 | h Claire Lee | h Corinne Simmons |
| h Patti Clark 84 | h Bill Lester | h Arthur Smith |
| h Russ Collett | h Jerry Long | h Steven Smith |
| pp'h Marshall Conner 1997-1998 | h Terri Lupo | h*w Richard Stalvey |
| pp'h*w Joe Cordova 1977-1978 | pp'h*w Tim Mabe | h Alison Still |
| h Bruce Cousins | pp'h Dennis Marks 84 2009-2010 | h Joe Stubbs |
| h Lee Cox | pp'h*w Billy Martin 1985-1986 | pp'h Robert Stump |
| pp'h*w Ed Crane | h Greg Martin | h*w John Thomas |
| h John Crawford | pp'h*w Richard May | h William Tidmore |
| pp'h*w V.L. Daughtery Jr. 2002-2003 | pp'h*w Arthur McLane 1984-1985 | pp'h*w Al Turner 1992-1993 |
| h Donald Davis | pp'h*w Tyson McLane 1972-1973 | pp'h*w Nicholas Valenti 2000-2001 |
| pp'h James Dominey 2007-2008 | h*w Roy McNeal | h Donnie Warren |
| h Beverly Edwards | h Harriet Messcher | h*w Nancy Warren |
| h John Edwards | h Zach Miller | h Ryan Williams |
| h Moshe Elbaz | h Bob Montgomery | h Ed Willis |
| p'h Walter Elliott 84 | h Walter Moody | h Clint Willis |
| h Trey Fausett | h Bob Moon | h Rich Yokeley 84 |
| h Bill Feimster | h Kerry Morris | |
| h John Fretti | h Casey Music | |
| h Bob Ganzak | h Ivan Nikolov | |
| h Laverne Gaskins | | |

h Paul Harris Fellow
 w Will Watt Fellow
 p Club President
 pp Past President
 84 Adopt-A-Highway
 Ringing the Bell

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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