



Club News



Meet Gina McDonald

We are happy to have Gina McDonald with us today from the Sunbelt Ag Expo. Gina is a native of Moultrie, Georgia and a graduate of Colquitt County High School. She attained a Bachelor of Fine Arts with emphasis in Speech Communications from Valdosta State College in 1992.

Gina worked with Video Warehouse Inc. as the Marketing Director for 10 years before joining the Sunbelt Ag Expo in 1998 as the Marketing and Public Relations Director and Coordinator for Calico Arts & Crafts Shows. She is married to Bryan McDonald, sales manager for Lasseter Tractor.

Gina is currently a member of the Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee, Southwest Georgia Tourism Association and the Moultrie Kiwanis Club.

In past years, Gina has volunteered with United Way Day of Caring and the American Heart Association. She is a former member of the Moultrie Service League, Moultrie Junior Woman's Club and Moultrie YMCA Board.

Imagination Library



The Rotary Clubs of Valdosta, Valdosta North, and Valdosta Sunrise are teaming up to bring an age-appropriate book a month to preschool children throughout Lowndes County. We are joining the district and the Ferst Foundation to provide books to underprivileged youth.

For decades, the Rotary Club of Valdosta has donated a minimum of \$1,000 per year for each of two schools to purchase books that are placed in the school libraries. These two elementary schools serve underprivileged children in two school districts. Our Interact and Rotaract partners have a strong presence in the local elementary and middle schools. Youth leaders tackle literacy by providing tutoring, reading groups, and book exchange programs.

Unfortunately, children from birth to school age have not been included in these efforts. This project seeks to reach out to preschool children and provide books through the Ferst Foundation. With the help of local service agencies, 8153 eligible children have already been identified. The Rotary Club of Valdosta has committed to providing funding for 100 children (\$3,600). The Valdosta North club has committed to funding for 75 children (\$2,700) and the Valdosta Sunrise club has committed to sponsoring 25 children (\$900).

On Friday September 4, the clubs applied for a joint Rotary District Simplified Grant. If funded, the grant will fund books for an additional 100 children at \$3,600 for a total of \$10,800 to encourage reading among Valdosta and Lowndes County children.



Club Inducts New Members



Barbara Knight is an accountant with Brandon, Rackley & Dukes, P.C. She has two children. Son Danny, age 24, is a property appraiser here in Valdosta and, Daughter Jessica, age 19, attends Valdosta Technical College. Barbara was proposed for membership and inducted by Rotary President **Dennis Marks**.



Rev. **Bob Moon** is the minister at First United Methodist Church. He is married to Betty and they have two children, Sarah and Joshua, both graduates of Asbury College (KY). They have four other daughters from Chihuahua, Mexico. Gaby, Lili, Cary, and Judith each came to live with them for a year to learn English. They are now part of the family! Bob was proposed for membership and inducted by **Wes Sewell**.

Last Week September 2, 2009



Chuck Gibson stepped up and gave our Sunshine Report.



Chris Roan traveled to New Zealand in June to participate in a build for Habitat for Humanity. Chris was joined by team members Matt and Richard Hart who entertained us while sharing stories and facts about this good work.

Habitat for Humanity Global Village

On June 4, 2009, a group of 18 people departed from Atlanta bound for New Zealand, sponsored by the Valdosta/Lowndes County Habitat for Humanity, under the auspices of the Habitat for Humanity International Global Village Program. The purpose was to build two houses with Habitat Homeowner Partners in the town of Taneatua NZ, located in the Whakatane district on the Bay of Plenty. Members of the team from Valdosta were: George Bennett, John Bennett, Hanna Carroll, Debbie Hart, Matthew Hart, Richard Hart, Larry Henderson, Patti Henderson, Jan Hobson, Shane Mitchell, **Chris Roan**, John Roan, Ann Smith, Sherry Stranahan, Carol Wilcox, and Rod Wilcox.

Last Week's Attendance & Donations

September 2, 2009

Attendance: 52 of 102 members

CART Fund: \$ 49.21

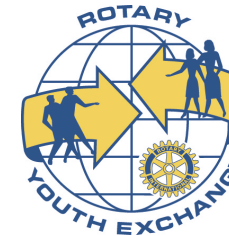
Happy Dollars: \$ 39.00



RI News & District 6920 News



History of Rotary Youth Exchange



Since 1927, students and host families all over the world have had their horizons broadened and their lives enriched by the generosity of Rotary's Youth Exchange program. Administered by Rotary clubs, districts and multidistrict groups, the program today involves more than 82 countries and over 8,000 students each year.

The first documented exchanges date back to 1927, when the Rotary Club of Nice, France, initiated exchanges with European students. Exchanges between clubs in California, USA, and Latin American countries began in 1939, and exchange activities spread to the eastern United States in 1958. In 1972, the RI Board of Directors agreed to recommend Youth Exchange to clubs worldwide as a worthwhile international activity that promotes global peace and understanding.

Win a Vacation for 4

Rotary District 6920 RAFFLE

Four exciting and interesting trips will be awarded to **FOUR** lucky winners at the 6920 District Conference at Jekyll Island,

April 23-25, 2010.

\$25 per Ticket - 5 Tickets for \$100

Raffle open to citizens or permanent residents of the United States who are 18 years of age or older. You do not have to be present to win. Winners must agree to travel within 90 days of trip receipt. No cash value if winner does not wish to accept trip.



Upcoming Programs/Meetings



- **September 9 Agricultural Exposition.** Gina McDonald will present and will be introduced by **Bill Booth**.
- **September 16 The Ferst Foundation.** Steve Stanfield will present.
- **September 17 September Board Meeting** 5:15 PM. at Southeastern Federal Credit Union on North Valdosta RD.
- **September 23 Sheriff's Department.** Sheriff Chris Prine will present.

Upcoming Greeter Schedule

Date	Greeter 1	Greeter 2
September 9	Willie Beasley	Ron Borders
September 16	Rebecca Brice	James Bridges
September 23	Bo Broadfoot	Nathan Brown
September 30	Stacy Bush	Sandy Campbell
October 7	Mason Caracciolo	Carl Cates

The Four Way Test

of the things we think, say, or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Area Meetings

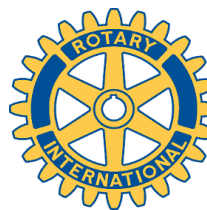
Nashville Tues. Noon, Cadillac Ranch	Tifton Tues & Wed. Noon, Holiday Inn
Madison, Fla. Wed. Noon, E & J's Restaurant	Quitman Thurs. 12:30 p.m., Presbyterian Home
Valdosta North Tues. 12:30 p.m., Conference Center	Valdosta Sunrise Thurs. 7:30 a.m., Kinderlou-Ravine

Check us out on the web!

www.valdostarotary.org

Rotarians

h Joyce Aigen	h John Gaston	Giuseppe Pistelli
h Sam Allen	h Chuck Gibson	pp*h*w Jennifer Powell
h Cobb Atkinson	h Bill Givler	Chris Prine
h Myrna Ballard	h Wendell Godbee	pp*h*w Malcolm Rainey
pp*h Richard Barnes	h Bob Goddard, III	h Greg Reid
h*w Keith Barrett	h Tim Golden	h Chris Roan
Willie Beasley	h Tom Gooding	h*w Randy Sauls
pp*h*w Bill Booth	h Owen Harris	h Wes Sewell
h Ron Borders	h Jack Hartley	Corinne Simmons
h Rebecca Brice	h Jack Hearn	h Arthur Smith
pp*h James Bridges	h Arthur Herndon	h Steven Smith
h Bo Broadfoot	h Al Howell	h Richard Stalvey
h Nathan Brown	h John Johnston	h Joe Stubbs
h Stacy Bush	h Bill Kent	h Robert Stump
h Sandy Campbell	h Sharon LaBranche	h John Thomas
Mason Caracciolo	h John Lahood	pp*h*w Al Turner
h Claire Lee	h Patsy Tyler	
pp*h Carl Cates	h Bill Lester	pp*h Nicholas Valenti
Brian Childress	Jerry Long	h Donnie Warren
h Patti Clark	h Terri Lupo	h Nancy Warren
h Russ Collett	p*h Dennis Marks	h Ed Willis
pp*h Marshall Conner	pp*w*h Billy Martin	h Clint Wills
pp*h* Joe Cordova	h Greg Martin	h Rich Yokeley
h Bruce Cousins	h Traycee Martin	w — Will Watt Fellow
h Randy Cox		pp — Past President
pp*h*w Ed Crane	pp*h*w Richard May	h — Paul Harris Fellow
pp*h*w V.L. Daughtery Jr.	h*w Alex McFadden	p — Club President
h Donald Davis	pp*h*w Arthur McLane	
h Keven Davis	pp*h Tyson McLane	
pp*h James Dominey	h Roy McNeal	
h Beverly Edwards	h Harriet Messcher	
h John Edwards	h Willis Miller, III	
h Moshe Elbaz	h Ronald Moore	
h Walter Elliott	h Kerry Morris	
h Ottis Fausett, III	h Casey Music	
h Bill Feimster	h Tyrone O'Steen	
h John Fretti	pp*h John Page	
h Bob Ganzak	h Henry Parrish	
h Laverne Gaskins	pp*h Suzannah Patterson	



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"Service Above Self"

The Rotary Club of Valdosta

A 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

Club No. 4220

Est. 1919

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September 9, 2009

Today's Program

September 9, 2009



NORTH AMERICA'S PREMIER FARM SHOW
OCTOBER 20 - 22, 2009

New ag technology and innovations are being introduced to the farm market every day. Farmers and agribusinessmen alike must stay knowledgeable about the products and services that are changing the face of farming daily.

A diverse array of labor-saving products, cutting edge technology and interactive educational exhibits awaits visitors who attend the 32nd anniversary Sunbelt Ag Expo, October 20-22, 2009, in Moultrie, Georgia.

As North America's Premier Farm Show™, the Expo attracts more than 1,200 exhibitors and 100,000 attendees.

Joining us today to tell us more is Gina McDonald, Marketing and Public Relations Director and Coordinator for Calico Arts & Crafts Shows.

