



Upcoming Programs/Meetings



- **May 19 Lowndes County Partnership for Health** - Amy Draper will present.
- **May 26 TBA**
- **June 2 Peach State Summer Theatre** - Jacque Wheeler, Duke Guthrie and performers will present.

Upcoming Greeter Schedule

Date	Greeter 1	Greeter 2
May 12	Kerry Morris	Casey Music
May 19	Tyrone O'Steen	Ivan Nikolov
May 26	John Page	Keven Parks
June 2	Henry Parrish	Suzannah Patterson
June 9	Giuseppe Pistelli	Jennifer Powell

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. 12:00 p.m., Presbyterian Home
Valdosta North Tues. 12:15p.m., Conference Center	Valdosta Sunrise Thurs. 7:30 a.m., Kinderlou-Ravine

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Rotarians

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

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Today's Program

May 12, 2010

Petter Svärd

2009-2010 GRSP Student



Today, the Rotary Club of Valdosta will hear from GRSP student Petter Svärd. Petter has been a student at Valdosta State University this past year and will soon be returning to his home in Östersund in northern Sweden.





Valdosta Area Rotarians Host Group From India



Nandoo Keshava Dr. Shetty Dr. Srikoushthubha Ramyashree

Members of all three Valdosta area Rotary Clubs helped the Group Study Exchange (GSE) team visiting from District 3180 in the Indian state of Karnataka.

The team was greeted by Assistant Governor Bob Harrison (Valdosta North) and **Keith Barrett** at the Holiday Inn in Waycross on Thursday after lunch. During our travel to Valdosta, we had a good conversation about the foods that they have tried and places they have been to see since their arrival. We checked in the Wingate Hotel (thanks to manager **Mason Caracciolo** for the hospitality and to **Tim Mabe** for the welcome gifts!). Part of the group went to the Turner Center for the Arts and part of the team went to tour with **Bo Broadfoot**. Bo showed off some very high-tech dental equipment. Dr. Karthik Shetty was most complimentary of Bo's work and willingness to work us in between his patients so he could see that dentists work the same busy schedule with several procedures going at the same time. On Thursday evening, **District Director Bill Booth**, Patricia & **Dennis Marks**, and Marty Rodgers (President Elect, Valdosta North) hosted the team for dinner at *Passage to India*. The group commented on Friday morning how much they enjoyed the meal and that the spices had been kicked up several notches as it would have been cooked at home.

Friday started with Jeff Moxley (President, Valdosta North) and **Keith Barrett** in the role of chauffeurs for very busy day. The first stop was the County Extension Office to which we were greeted by Melinda Miller, who provide introductions and mid-morning snack of pastries and fresh strawberries. Calvin Wills gave a presentation on growing organic peanuts and the process of certification of organic crops. Jake Price discussed pesticides and proper handling. Next a walking tour of downtown Valdosta, of which Jeff shared his knowledge of the renovation of downtown. With lunch at the Bistro, Marty Rogers took over for Jeff. After lunch, Mr. Warren gave us a tour of Langdale Farms fishery to see how they raise tilapia. Keshava was impressed with the small ecological impact raising the fish had. Our final stop was a tour of the new scale house, a LEED designed facility at Veolia Environmental. Nandakumar (Nandoo) and Keith discussed the design of the project including the materials and green components. Dinner was hosted by Steve Barnes (President, Valdosta Sunrise), his daughter Katelyn, and Keith Barrett at Mori Japanese Steakhouse. It was described as a "Symphony of Food" by the group. The chef really put on a show and made sure the meat did not have any contact with the vegetables.

On Saturday, Sheryl Dasinger (Valdosta North), Bob & Leah Harrison, and **Dennis Marks** gave the GSE team a tour of Valdosta State University, meeting with faculty and students in various departments of professional interest to members of the team - Biology, Chemistry, Nursing, Special Education, and Music. Dr. Srikoushthubha was especially interested in medical education. The team had lunch in the new Student Union (thanks, **Rich Yokeley!**) and dinner at the home of Dr. & Mrs. Ashok Kumar, with Patricia & **Dennis Marks**, Betty & **Bob Moon** (who was born in India), and John & **Chris Roan**. To cap off the evening, the Harrisons and Marks hosted the team at a performance by the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra, particularly enjoyed by musician Ramyashree.

On Sunday, after an exchange of club banners and regional gifts, Steve Barnes and **Dennis Marks** conveyed the team to the home of Past District Governor Leon Benefield in Tifton to continue their tour of Rotary District 6920.

Club Says Goodbye to Spring Interns



Above: VSU spring interns Lindsey Fulp and Glenna Ruth Parkman were presented a check and a certificate of appreciation during last week's meeting at Val Tech.



Left: Interns Lindsey Fulp (l) and Glenna Ruth Parkman (r) join VSU faculty advisor Dr. Suzannah Patterson as they present the club's 2010 scrapbook.

Valdosta State University student interns Lindsey Fulp and Glenna Ruth Parkman joined our club in January. These fine young women had a large impact on the club and provided a great deal of service that was not always visible during our weekly meetings. The interns prepared press releases that were featured in the local paper, wrote articles for the weekly bulletin and helped with the Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner. Under the supervision of Dr. **Suzannah Patterson**, Lindsey and Glenna Ruth also helped the club bring home the banners for Best Club Scrapbook and Best Club Display at the 2010 District Conference. Congratulations to both ladies on their graduation from VSU this past Saturday.



By all accounts, the District Conference was a rousing success. Total attendance was 453, which is a modern record for District 6920. The speakers were entertaining, inspiring and informative. Cliff Dochterman, Past RI President and John Kenny's representative to our conference, challenged us with his topic of "When Did We Become a Rotarian" and kept the audience laughing with his Rotary humor. It was quite an honor to have a Past RI President assigned to our annual conference. Dr. Levey of Emory University gave us hope that progress is being made in the battle against

Alzheimer's disease. And, who could forget Coach Bill Curry's kickoff address relating to how lessons learned on the football field were applicable to life's situations?

Marsha Hyer's Awards Program set a new standard for conference events. From the grand entrance on the red carpet to the PDG chorus line, we were regaled with glitz and glamour. "Rotary Has Talent" showcased the performing skills of several District Rotarians. The comment was made afterward that the next time the PDG chorus took the stage, they should write the letters "L" and "R" on the tops of their shoes!

Once again, we experienced last minute on-site registrations. In spite of extending the on-line registration to less than a week before the conference, there were a number of walk ups, particularly on Saturday. You never want to turn anyone away, however, last minute ticket purchases make it impossible to adequately plan for the proper number of meals.

The District Trip Raffle Fund Raiser grossed approximately \$92,000. Final results are being tabulated and should be available in a few days. The trips were enthusiastically accepted by the four winners drawn at the Conference. Those winners were Hawaii - Amy Hightower; Bermuda - Jeff Jones; San Francisco - Joe McGovern and Santa Fe - Brooke Pridmore.

The net proceeds from the raffle will be available to individuals or clubs who agree to a matching contribution to the Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus or the GRSP Endowment. All contributions must be made during the current Rotary year, which ends June 30. Should there be fewer requests than dollars available, the district will contribute the balance and will hold the contribution in district points for later distribution to clubs/individuals.

Clubs receiving awards at the conference are listed in the following tabulation. As usual, there was plenty of heated competition. Every club that received an award is to be congratulated. The Governor's Award of Excellence for outstanding achievement in the areas of Membership, Rotary Foundation Support, Literacy and Conference Attendance was presented to eleven district clubs. These were Brunswick, Downtown Statesboro, Dublin, St. Simons Island, Sandersville, Savannah South, Savannah Sunrise, Savannah West, Skidaway Island, Waynesboro and Valdosta.

Of particular significance was the Service Above Self Award presented to Skidaway Island Rotarian Wells Hood. The Rotary Board created this award to specifically recognize those Rotarians who truly embody Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self." This is Rotary International's highest honor to bestow on a Rotarian. Each year only 150 Rotarians can be selected. In Rotary year 2009-10 there were 387 nominees. Congratulations Wells!

We also tip our hats to the House of Friendship and Silent Auction teams. Meredith Deal and her Brunswick Rotary assistants utilized the large space of Caldwell Hall to provide all clubs with plenty of room for their displays. Ted and Charolette Thompson of Sandersville Rotary once again demonstrated their skills in obtaining sought-after auction items. Final accounting for the silent auction is still underway. However, we expect the net to the conference to be in the neighborhood of \$5,000. The House of Friendship was certainly the social center of convention activities.

Clyde Taylor, District Governor

Last Week's Attendance & Donations



Attendance: 49 of 108 members

Happy Dollars: \$ 4.00

Literacy Fund: \$ 53.02