

Club Information



Upcoming Programs/Meetings

- **April 27 - CHOICES -**
- **May 4 - GRSP Recap - Benjamin Ikaal**
- **May 11 - Interact & Rotaract Recap - Students**
- **May 18 - TBA**

Upcoming Greeter Schedule

Date	Greeter 1	Greeter 2
April 27	Casey Music	Ivan Nikolov
May 4	Tyrone O'Steen	John Page
May 11	Keven Parks	Henry Parrish
May 18	Suzannah Patterson	Charles Powell

Area Rotary Meetings

Nashville - Tuesday - Noon
Cadillac Ranch
Madison, FL - Wednesday - Noon
E & J's Restaurant
Valdosta North - Tuesday - 12:15 p.m.
Conference Center

Tifton - Tuesday & Wednesday - Noon
Holiday Inn
Quitman - Thursday - Noon
Presbyterian Home
Valdosta Sunrise - Thursday - 7:30 a.m.
Kinderlou - Ravine

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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Rotarians

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| h Joyce Aigen ★ | h Laverne Gaskins | Ivan Nikolov |
| h* w Sam Allen ★ | h John Gaston | h Tyrone O'Steen |
| h* w Myrna Ballard ★ | h Wendell Godbee | pp* h John Page
2003-2004 |
| Anne Barnas ★ | h Bob Goddard, III | h Keven Parks |
| Felecia Barnes ★ | h Tim Golden | h Henry Parrish |
| pp* h Richard Barnes
2006-2007 | h Tom Gooding | pp* h Suzannah Patterson
2005-2006 |
| h* w Keith Barrett | Lacie Guy ★ | Charles Powell ★ |
| pp* h* w Bill Booth ★
1999-2000 | h* w Owen Harris ★ | pp* h* w Jennifer Powell
1993-1994 |
| h Ron Borders | h Jack Hartley ★ | pp* h* w Malcolm Rainey
1972-1973 (Verona, NJ) |
| h Bo Broadfoot | h Jack Hearn ★ | h* w Patsy Reaves |
| h* w Nathan Brown | h Arthur Herndon ★ | h Greg Reid ★ |
| h* w Stacy Bush | h Al Howell | h* w Chris Roan ★ |
| h Sandy Campbell ★ | Matthew Jansen | Sonia Robinson |
| h Mason Caracciolo | h* w Bill Kent | Bert Rutland |
| pp* h* w Carl Cates ★
2008-2009 | Barbara Knight ★ | h* w Randy Sauls ★ |
| h Patti Clark | h Sharon LaBranche ★ | h Wes Sewell ★ |
| h Russ Collett | h* w John LaHood | Jimmy Shiver |
| pp* h Marshall Conner ★
1997-1998 | h Claire Lee ★ | Corinne Simmons |
| pp* h* w Joe Cordova ★
1977-1978 | h Bill Lester | h Arthur Smith |
| h Bruce Cousins | h Jerry Long | h Steven Smith ★ |
| h Lee Cox | h Terri Lupo ★ | h* w Richard Stalvey ★ |
| h Randy Cox ★ | pp* h Dennis Marks ★
2009-2010 | Alison Still |
| pp* h* w Ed Crane ★ | pp* h* w Billy Martin
1985-1986 | h Joe Stubbs |
| h John Crawford | h Greg Martin | pp* h Robert Stump |
| pp* h* w V.L. Daughtery Jr.
2002-2003 | pp* h* w Richard May | Alex Thomas |
| h Donald Davis ★ | pp* h* w Arthur McLane ★
1984-1985 | h John Thomas |
| pp* h James Dominey ★
2007-2008 | pp* h* w Tyson McLane ★
1972-1973 | h William Tidmore |
| h Beverly Edwards ★ | h* w Roy McNeal ★ | pp* h* w Al Turner ★
1992-1993 |
| h John Edwards ★ | h Harriet Messcher | pp* h* w Nicholas Valenti ★
2000-2001 |
| h Moshe Elbaz | Zach Miller ★ | h Donnie Warren |
| p* h Walter Elliott ★ | Bob Montgomery | h* w Nancy Warren ★ |
| h Trey Fausett | Walter Moody | h Ryan Williams |
| h Bill Feimster | h Bob Moon | h Ed Willis |
| h John Fretti ★ | h Kerry Morris ★ | h Clint Wills ★ |
| h Bob Ganzak | Susan Mullis ★ | h Rich Yokeley |
| | h Casey Music ★ | Baha Zeidan |

h - Paul Harris Fellow w - Will Watt Fellow p - Club President pp - Past President ★ Lead Dinner Supporter



"Service Above Self"

Officers

- President**
Walter Elliott
- President Elect**
Greg Reid
- Past President**
Dennis Marks
- Treasurer**
Nick Valenti
- Secretary**
Barbara Knight
- Sergeant at Arms**
Bill Booth

Board of Directors

- Myrna Ballard
Bo Broadfoot
Patti Clark
Kerry Morris
Bob Moon
Greg Reid
Wes Sewell
Nancy Warren
Rich Yokeley

District 6920 Gov.

Lloyd Horadan

District 6920 Dir.

Bill Booth

District 6920 A. G.

Bob Harrison

RI President

Ray Klingensmith

GRSP Student

Benjamin Ikaal

Spring Intern

Sonia Robinson

Rota - Reel

The Rotary Club of Valdosta

"A 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club"

Today's Program

April 27, 2011



In August 2010, Keyara Hamilton and Allan Dear spoke to the club about the Valdosta - Lowndes County Chamber's CHOICES program. CHOICES is a program that addresses two problems facing students today. The program attacks dropout rates and how to accomplish goals to keep students in school.

The group then discussed how we Rotarians can get involved in this good program. Our club was asked to join forces with Valdosta North and Valdosta Sunrise to bring the CHOICES program to our local schools. The Board approved the proposal and the clubs jointly applied for a Rotary District Simplified Grant.

The grant was approved and trainers are being trained. Today we will have an update on the program and learn how we can all be involved with CHOICES.



Rotary District 6920 - Club 4220 - Established 1919

Club Service



Adopt-A-Highway



It's time again to fulfill our commitment to the **Adopt-A-Highway** trash pick-up program. The Rotary Club of Valdosta intentionally selected a stretch of highway named after former Rotarian **Tom Shelton**. When the program began, new members and Interact students were paired with Rotarians during the day. This gave the Rotarians and new members the opportunity to get to know one another as well as help the new members and students get to know more about our club. Don't miss this opportunity to do the same thing.

- WHAT:** **Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick-Up**
WHEN: 8 a.m., **This Saturday, April 30 at 8:00 AM.** Anticipated end time is 10 a.m. Those wanting to gather for breakfast will be meeting at 7:00 AM at the Gold Plate Restaurant.
WHERE: Meet at South Georgia Pecan (formerly Levi Strauss) on US 84 E
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

District Conference



Augusta
GEORGIA



MAY 13-15, 2011

*Marriott Augusta Hotel and Suites
Augusta, Georgia*

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND

The planning committee has lined up several great speakers, as well as a band for entertainment on Friday night, club awards, silent auction, house of friendship, speech contest winners, introductions and greetings from GRSP students and GSE team members. This is going to be a fun filled weekend for the whole family. To register online go to: www.rotarydistrict6920.net

Last Week's Meeting



Georgia Plant & Wildlife Rescue



One year ago on April 20, 2010, our country experienced the largest oil spill in our nation's history. The Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico not only released close to five million barrels of oil, it also claimed the lives of 11 workers, injured many more and had a major economic impact on the region.

The former manager of Reed Bingham State Park, Chet Powell was one of a select group of Georgians chosen to go to the Gulf and assist with the disaster recovery efforts. Chet was on hand last week to talk about his experience and to tell us about the Georgia Plant and Wildlife Rescue Association.

The Georgia Plant and Wildlife Rescue Association was formed in response to the catastrophic oil spill that began with an oil-rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico on April 20, 2010. It includes wildlife specialists who have the expertise to assist in the rescue of the thousands of birds, reptiles and mammals that were at risk of being ensnared and killed by the ever-growing oil slick that had the potential to eclipse the Exxon Valdez environmental disaster. The group is now poised to respond to future threats to the planet's wildlife.

Attendance & Donations



Attendance: 50 of 107
Happy Dollars: \$ 28.00
Literacy Fund: \$ 32.15

Proposed New Member

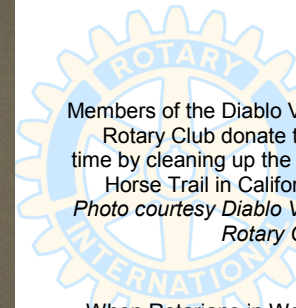
**This is Published Notice No. 2 for the proposed membership of:
Lauren Brawn**

Lauren Brawn is the international student advisor at Valdosta State University. She has visited our meetings a number of times. Lauren has been proposed for membership in the Rotary Club of Valdosta by Rotarian **Joyce Aigen**.

Rotary International



Rotary Clubs Making Changes



Members of the Diablo View Rotary Club donate their time by cleaning up the Iron Horse Trail in California. Photo courtesy Diablo View Rotary Club



When Rotarians in Walnut Creek, California, USA, found it difficult to attract young professionals to the area's morning and afternoon clubs, they set out to establish a new club that would accommodate busy, on-the-go schedules.

The Rotary Club of Diablo View (Walnut Creek), chartered in 2009, meets in a local brewery at 5:30 p.m. every Thursday. Club president Jennifer Beeman says the club sets aside time each week for socializing before turning to club business, and that the relaxed atmosphere appeals to younger members.

Beeman was only 24 years old when she became a charter member of the club, and she's now one of the youngest female club presidents in Rotary. The club has 26 members, 90 percent of them between the ages of 25 and 40.

"Because we have younger members, our attitude is different. People have told us how refreshing it is to have young faces behind Rotary," Beeman says. She says the club carries out many projects in the community so that members have an opportunity to do hands-on service. Every month, for instance, it plans an outdoor project, such as cleaning up nature trails. Younger Rotarians usually have more time than cash at their disposal, she says, so they tend to contribute by volunteering.

The club recruits new members through social media like Twitter and Facebook, and it has a mentoring program to help with retention. All new members are assigned a mentor, who spends extra time with them outside regular meetings.

"The modifications we've made have helped our club appeal to younger professionals and retain them," Beeman says. "They've created a high-energy club." Beeman says clubs must be willing to make a few changes to attract younger members. Here are some examples of what other clubs are doing:

- Through a student membership initiative, the Rotary Club of Hope Island, Queensland, Australia, invites college-age students to meetings and subsidizes the cost to bring a youthful perspective to the club.
- The Rotary Club of Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, has created the 25 Club, a club-within-a-club. The members hold additional meetings, sponsor regular social gatherings, and carry out a number of service projects. The inductees are generally younger, and after a year, they transition into the parent Rotary club.
- The Rotary Club of Crawley, Western Australia, Australia, started a mentoring program that helps new members transition into the club. The club's average age is now in the 30s.
- The Rotary Club of Bricktown Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA, meets in a tavern. First-time guests are treated to two free beverages, compliments of the club.
- The Rotary Club of South Metro Minneapolis Evenings, Minnesota, USA, meets in the evenings and lowers costs by not having meals. The third meeting of the month is a happy hour/networking event at different locations in the city. The fourth meeting is a volunteering opportunity.

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