

Club Information



Upcoming Programs/Meetings

- **June 1 - Anniversary Celebration - Membership**
- **June 8 - French Exchange - Nathalie Faure**
- **June 15 - Pro's & Con's of CUEE - Sam Allen**
- **June 22 - Will Watt Fellowship - Richard Stalvey**

Upcoming Greeter Schedule

Date	Greeter 1	Greeter 2
May 25	Jennifer Powell	Malcolm Rainey
June 1	Patsy Reaves	Chris Roan
June 8	Bert Rutland	Randy Sauls
June 15	Wes Sewell	Jimmy Shiver

Area Rotary Meetings

Nashville - Tuesday - Noon
Cadillac Ranch

Madison, FL - Wednesday - Noon
St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church

Valdosta North - Tuesday - 12:15 p.m.
Rainwater Conference Center

Tifton - Tuesday - Noon
Harpers at the Myron Hotel

Tifton - Wednesday - 12:15 p.m.
Georgia Agrirama Museum Dining

Quitman - Thursday - Noon
Presbyterian Homes of Georgia

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

h - Paul Harris Fellow w - Will Watt Fellow p - Club President pp - Past President ★ Lead Dinner Supporter 84 Adopt-A-Highway



"Service Above Self"

Rota - Reel

The Rotary Club of Valdosta

"A 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club"

Today's Program

May 25, 2011

THOMPSON KURRIE, JR.
CUEE



Officers

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- Kerry Morris
- Bob Moon
- Greg Reid
- Wes Sewell
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- Rich Yokeley

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District 6920 Dir.

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District 6920 A. G.

Bob Harrison

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Benjamin Ikaal

Our program today is being brought to us by Thompson "Tom" Kurrie, Jr. Mr. Kurrie will be speaking on the proposed referendum for the Community Unification for Education Excellence (CUEE). More information on CUEE can be found inside of the Rota-Reel. Welcome Tom!



Rotary District 6920 - Club 4220 - Established 1919

Today's Program



CUEE

Education is at the forefront of nearly every political debate these days and it's no different in South Georgia. Community Unification for Educational Excellence, Inc. (CUEE) was founded in 2009 by a group of local business leaders committed to improving education in order to improve our economy. Students must know how to compete on a global level to achieve success, but low graduation rates and standardized test scores are keeping them behind.



Georgia ranks 46th out of 50 states when it comes to how well our students are learning. The fact that schools in Valdosta and Lowndes County are "average" in a state ranked in the bottom tier doesn't provide a very good outlook for our children.

CUEE Believes Our Students Deserve Better

To begin, CUEE, Inc. will form a committee of teachers, administrators, parents, and concerned citizens to create a plan of what reform will look like for our community. This plan will be presented in a public forum in Spring 2011 and will serve as a suggested vision of the ideal school system in Valdosta and Lowndes County.

CUEE has also begun efforts to get a referendum on the ballot for the November 2011 Valdosta City election to unify our two existing school systems. As one school system, it will be simpler to adapt curriculum and more productive policies, and work as one community toward providing our children with a world-class learning environment.

CUEE's mission as a non-profit organization is to support our local schools, improve the quality of education, and provide businesses and corporations with a talented workforce.

The Referendum to Unify Our School Systems



The referendum to unify the Valdosta and Lowndes County school systems is CUEE's primary project at this time. Within CUEE is the Committee for a Referendum on School System Unification. This committee is charged with getting school system unification on the ballot in Valdosta's City Election in November 2011.

Getting on the ballot will be no small feat. They must first get a petition signed by 25% of registered Valdosta City voters - roughly 7,500 signatures. They will only have a 60-day window in which to collect the signatures. The committee is currently working to educate our community on the advantages of a unified school system. They are offering to speak to any civic organization, community group, or church congregation who is willing to listen. The more they reach, the more signatures they hope to collect.

With citizen support to bring school system unification to a vote, the referendum will appear on the ballot. Valdostans will then cast their vote based on the following question: "Shall the City of Valdosta public school system and the Lowndes County public school system be consolidated by amending the City of Valdosta charter to abolish the City of Valdosta's public school system and making the City of Valdosta public school system a part of the Lowndes County public school system?"

By a majority vote of YES, the Valdosta City School System will no longer have a charter. According to Georgia law, the county public school system will then be responsible for educating the children who live here. However, CUEE's intent is to assist in creating a new school system that will include leadership from Valdosta and other communities within our county. Not only will we have a unified school system, we'll be a unified community and have a unified vision of providing the best possible education for our children.

Last Week's Meeting



Interact & Rotaract Update



Rotarians **Harriett Messcher** and past president Dr. **Dennis Marks** were greeted by new member **Matt Jansen**. Although new to our club, Jansen has been an active member of the Rotary Club of Nashville, Georgia where he served as president-elect before his job brought him to Valdosta. Past president Dr. **Suzannah Patterson** also served as a greeter last week. Greeters play an important role in our weekly meeting and we want to thank Matt and Dr. Patterson for their willingness to serve. New members wanting to earn their blue badge can volunteer to greet at any meeting. Greeters should arrive at the conference center by noon.



District AG **Bob Harrison** was on hand last week to present a few awards. Our club received the **Gold Club Award** at this month's district conference. Presidential citations were received by the Rotaract Club and Valwood and VHS Interact clubs.



Bill Kent served double duty last week while bringing our **Sunshine Report** and introducing our program. In his report, Bill offered some insight to what it takes to become an engineer in Alabama. Bill has also served as the contact for our Interact and Rotaract clubs this year and introduced our students.

Attendance & Donations



Attendance: 54 of 107
Happy Dollars: \$ 13.00
Literacy Cups: \$ 36.00



Club News



Membership

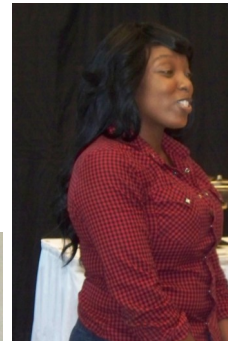
Proposed New Member

This is **Published Notice No. 2** for the proposed membership of: **Charles "Chuck" Ennis**

Chuck Ennis is currently Program Manager for the Integrated Logistics and Modernization Division's United Kingdom Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft modification program. Chuck has been proposed for membership in the Rotary Club of Valdosta by past president **John Page**.

Last Week's Meeting Continued

In the Spring of each year we look forward to hearing from our Interact and Rotaract Clubs. In addition to the many academic and extracurricular activities they are involved with, these students stay extremely busy in service to their schools and the surrounding community. Last week we heard from the VSU Rotaract and the Interact Clubs of Valwood School, Lowndes High and Valdosta High. We are proud of our affiliation with these fine students and were amazed to hear of the many service projects they have completed this year. One impressive observation is that each of our Interact Clubs and the Rotaract Club participated in at least one international activity this past year.



Oprah Zeon (l), president of the VSU Rotaract Club was one of just a few Rotaractors still on campus following graduation. Oprah is the club's second president and one of the organization's founding members. The club has been extremely busy on the Valdosta State campus and is looking forward to another busy year next fall. **Brenda Kelley** (r) gave a report on behalf of Valdosta High's Interact Club. Like GCS, VHS was testing last week and students were unable to attend the meeting.



Lowndes High School (l) and Valwood School (r) Interactors have also had a very busy year. Some of the many service projects reported by the schools included blood drives, clothing drives, tutoring on campus and in the community, dances for special needs students, the international shoe box project, and much, much more.