

Gary Wisenbaker, a licensed REALTOR® and Alternative Dispute Resolution mediator, has been a professional in the real estate profession and real estate-related industry for nearly 30 years, first as an attorney and now as an agent with Real Living Realty Advisors. A native Valdostan and VSU graduate, Gary spent 25 years in Savannah, Georgia before returning in 2013.

“It’s easy to like Valdosta/Lowndes County,” Gary says, “Since it has something for almost everyone which makes it a perfect spot to retire or raise a family. We boast a regional university (Valdosta State University), a top notch military facility (Moody Air Force Base), a regional medical complex (South Georgia Medical Center), and South Georgia's premier technical college, Wiregrass Tech. Our proximity to I-75, I-10, and US 84 makes travel easy and convenient to both the Gulf and Atlantic shores and more cosmopolitan areas such as Atlanta, Jacksonville, Orlando, and Savannah. And if you don't like driving, the Valdosta Regional Airport, served by Delta Airlines, has multiple flights to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport daily. Our region is also known for its fishing, hunting, golf, and family entertainment (Wild Adventures Water Park) venues.”

Gary’s dad, former County Commissioner Tally M. Wisenbaker, Sr., deceased, introduced him to the political world. Gary learned from him that the more government helped businesses start and grow by staying out of the way, prosperity and jobs would follow.

The trade-off is that citizens and businesses have to be more engaged in addressing their needs instead of relying on government, whether local, state, or national. They need to be proactive and let the elected leaders know what they need, and see to it that these leaders deliver. It’s not surprising, then, that aside from his dad, Gary’s “influential person’s list” includes former President Ronald Reagan and current President Donald Trump.

And the best way a person or business can be proactive is by being active in a chamber of commerce, especially one like the highly and professionally run Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce, since it has an active and influential Government Affairs Council composed of various policy committees.

Gary currently chairs the Transportation Policy Committee which has taken an active role in several local transportation decisions, including the exciting prospect of re-routing US 84 to pull the heavy truck traffic out of Valdosta’s Downtown District. Making this area a leader in surface, air, and public transportation delivery drew Gary to the Chamber and the TPC.

As a member of the Valdosta Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization, a Trustee of the South Georgia Regional Library Board, a member of the Valdosta Lowndes County Board of Realtors PAC, a director and former chairman of the South Georgia Red Cross Board, and an active member of our local Chamber of Commerce, Gary is well integrated in our community affording him an effective and broad reach in our area to help it realize continued growth and prosperity.