

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Van Smith

4-Way Test—*next meeting* – TBA

Program— Liz Neal

Jan. Invocation— Judy Chun

Jan. Greeters — Ahmed Samaha, John Girardeau

Jan. Students – Reid DeMass (AHS), Morgan Jones (SABCS), Avery Ofoje (SAHS)

Jan. Student Hosts – Ahmed Samaha, Rakesh Jasani, Jeremy O'Donnell

GUESTS

Cassia Larson	Student guest
Chelsea Reed-Brooks	Student guest
Julie Scott	Student guest
Jane Monroe	Club guest
Seth Kantz	Club guest
Dawson Hutto	Club guest
Miles Lloyd	Club guest
Kristen Hurst	Club guest
Shauna Lloyd	Club guest
Nat Green	guest of Paul Dusenbury
Sara Young	visiting Sunrise Rotary
John Carrick	visiting Belfast, Maine

MAKE-UPS

Owen Clary	Gear Article 11/23
Jeff Baumgardner	Trash Pick-up 11/23
Bill Howell	eClubOne 11/23
Tara Reeder	eClubOne 11/23

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PHOTOS



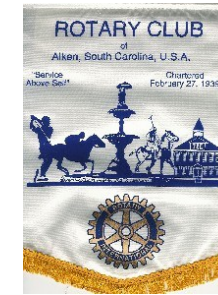
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Beth Everitt (2017)
Grant Wiseman (2017)
John Lindsay (2018)
Rick McLeod (2018)
Catie Rabun (2018)

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Chair: Brenda Stein
Robert Stack
Richard Herring
Richard Holley
John McMichael
Diana Riddick

THE GEAR

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

By: Sarah Griffis

The last meeting of the Rotary Club of Aiken proved to be one of a wonderful holiday lunch, festive singing and fun for all! Brooke Lundy Pittman and John Vaughn brought a little Hollywood Christmas to Rotary Club of Aiken. Our wonderful Mayor and Rotarian Rick Osbon even led us all in Sing-Along Carols. Rotarians were joined by a special guest, Santa (Thank you- Joe Harrison) for a surprise visit!



PROGRAM TODAY

LIZ NEAL & LINDA LUCAS LIFE ON PLANET ALZHEIMER'S

FUTURE PROGRAMS

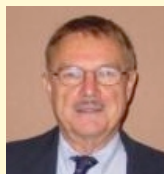
- JAN 11 Bill Taylor & Tom Young: Annual Legislative Update
JAN 18 **NO MEETING**
JAN 25 Mark Vanderslice: Pacer Basketball

BIRTHDAYS

- 1/6 Richard Owen
1/6 Jeremy O'Donnell
1/10 Stephen Surasky
1/10 Will Williams

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- 1/8 Ross Culligan (2007)



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

NEW YEAR AND NEW ROTARIAN 1/2 YEAR

As we enter the new calendar year and the last half of our Rotary year, we look back on some of the events of the past and what we did and were doing. Ten years ago (2006) we pictured our December 2005 bell-ringing activities with our own Joe Lewis on the front page of "The Gear" braving the cold weather (that year) and ringing the Salvation Army bell. It was pointed out in the article on the front of our bulletin that the Salvation Army was one of the US's lowest overhead charities as the Army's Commissioner receiving a salary of only \$13,000 per year compared to CEO of Red Cross receiving \$631,000 a year and CEO of United Way receiving \$375,000 base plus numerous expense benefits.

THIRTY YEARS AGO-1986

From the January 1986 "Gear": "Roland didn't take any chances last week. With Martha at the keyboard of the Baldwin studio grand we belted out 'America the Beautiful'. On December 30 Roland led us into uncharted waters with 'Auld Lang Syne'."

AND LOOKING BACK ONTO ANTICS OVER THE YEARS OF THE GRIM REAPER (40 YEARS AGO)

JANUARY 1976 "Gear" had an interesting listing of Rotarians who had just been named to the District Conference Committee for the District conference to be held here in Aiken and hosted by our Club. They were Herb Gladden, Jim Sprawls, Ed Braddy, Norman Younts, Gus Lehman, Gary Hunter, John Beckum Jack Livingston, Carroll Williamson, Owen Clary, Gif Schull, and Si Knight. (We have seen a few drawings or cartoons at this season of that old man Reaper with his black scythe going out {and taking a few with him} before yielding to the new year baby)!

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Rotarian Chrissa Matthews re-introduced South Aiken's Julie Scott. Julie is active in DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America), which prepares youth for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. She recently returned from DECA's trip to New York City and has qualified for the State competition. She is active in volunteer work with Grace Kids group and also plays volley ball.

Rotarian Sara Wood re-introduced Aiken High's Cassia Larson. She will be performing in this year's production of The Nutcracker, and is very active as a tutor, Beta Club and National Honor Society member, cross country/track athlete, and volunteer for the Out of the Dark walk to support suicide prevention. Cassia has completed her first Congressional interview toward admission to the US Naval Academy. Otherwise, she is interested in attending Yale or Vanderbilt.

Rotarian Keyatta Priester re-introduced Chelsea Reed-Brooks from Aiken Performing Arts Academy. Chelsea is interested in pursuing a career in the medical field, possibly nursing. She has already taken classes at Aiken Tech, and is interested in pursuing studies either there, USCA, Lander, or Clemson.

At the last meeting, Julie Scott (accompanied by her mother- Michelle), Cassia Larson (accompanied by her mother- Dr. Janet Larson), and Chelsea Reed-Brooks (accompanied by her mother & father/Shondra & Willie Brooks) thanked the club for allowing them to visit.