

## CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – TBD  
4-Way Test—*next week* – TBD  
Program—Jane Page Thompson  
Feb. Invocation—Regena Brackett  
Feb. Greeters — Sandra Jordan and Molly Jones  
Feb. Student Hosts—Clifton Jones and Joe Spencer  
Feb. Student Guests—Morgan Keating and Michelle Koval

## GUESTS

David Stoner	Student guest
Morgan Keating	Student guest
Kevin Stoner	Student parent
Karen Stoner	Student parent

## MAKE-UPS

Catie Rabun	Club Service 1/5
Alan Bateman	eClubOne 12/15
Alan Bateman	eClubOne 1/5

## JANUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

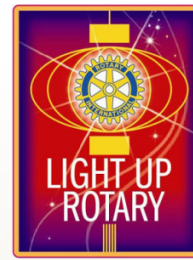


Last week, student host, Rakesh Jasani, introduced South Aiken High School student, David Stoner, a final time before

David addressed the club. David is first in his class with a 5.46 GPA. David recently spent six weeks at MIT for a math research internship. He spent also spent a weekend in Texas presenting his research. He plans to attend MIT in the fall. David thanked Rotary for inspiring him even further.

Last week, Clifton Jones introduced Aiken High School Student, Morgan Keating. Morgan has a 4.93 GPA, she is sixth in her class, she studies AP coursework, and she plans to attend USC Honor College to obtain a Nursing degree.

Joe Spencer introduced South Aiken High School Student, Michelle Koval last week. Michelle is third in her class, she has a 5.23 GPA and plans to attend Clemson, Auburn, or USC.



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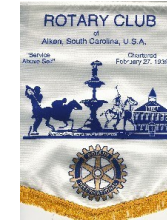
Henry Krippner	(2015)
Chuck Munns	(2015)
Van Smith	(2015)
Collette Ball	(2016)
Liz Neal	(2016)
Will Williams	(2016)
Beth Everitt	(2017)
Ron Parker	(2017)
Grant Wiseman	(2017)

**Sergeants-at-Arms**  
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Robert Stack  
Richard Herring  
Tom Calhoun  
John McMichael

# THE GEAR

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## PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Catie Rabun



Last week, Dr. Susan Winsor introduced our speaker, Molly Cooper. Molly has 14 years of tower industry experience and is now heading up the new credit program that trains students on tower industry skills. The program is the only one of its kind in the United States.

Molly believes the tower industry provides great opportunities for work for graduates because currently there are labor shortages for this type of worker and there aren't many qualified training programs from which to recruit employees. Molly told Rotarians that there was a need for a cohesive educational program because properly trained climbers are aging, those with 3-5 years of experience are improperly trained, there were only short-term training programs, and there was no single training location for tower industry workers to learn what is needed for the first two years. Aiken Technical College has accreditation for the Technician I classes and are working on receiving accreditation on several more programs related to towers.

## PROGRAM TODAY

# JANE PAGE THOMPSON

AIKEN COUNTY HONOR PARK:  
A TRIBUTE TO OUR PEACEKEEPERS

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

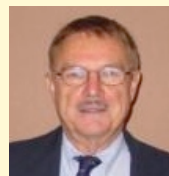
- FEB 16 **NO MEETING:** President's Day  
FEB 23 Sandra Langley, Special Projects  
Coordinator/A-A-H Coordinator  
Aiken County Solid Waste  
Division  
MAR 2 Pat Keating: Return to Learn—  
Adult Education

## BIRTHDAYS

- 2/9 Fred Kelsven  
2/14 Bill Rodgers  
2/15 Robby Bowles  
2/15 Owen Clary  
2/18 Bob Stubbs  
2/18 Molly Jones  
2/19 Doug Gregorie  
2/21 Fred Andrea  
2/22 Philip Merry

## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/12 Chuck Maxwell (2001)  
2/14 John Girardeau (2005)  
2/15 Richard Pearce (1989)  
2/18 Beth Everitt (2008)  
2/19 Elliott Levy (2007)



## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

### TEN YEARS AGO - FEB. 2005

Sheriff Mike Hunt (who was a member of our Club at that time) in February of 2004 introduced our guest speaker for the day--Lt. Governor Andre Bauer (anyone recall him and his address and what he is doing now)? Andre told us that SC ranks fourth in the nation in retirees moving in (we in Aiken know that)!! The Lt. Governor's office is in charge of the agency on aging in our state. Also at that meeting, our own, Fred Kelsven gave us a spirited classification talk regarding financial services and the need to employ a responsible, independent, and trustworthy financial manager (as opposed to a future and a former disgraced one).

### OUR PAST - FROM "THE GEAR" FEB. 1995

In looking over the 1995 issues of "The Gear" we find that each issue was printed on various colored paper--from yellow, to green, to blue, to pink, to buff, to orange, and even white. But none of the issues contained any photos as do our current issues of "The Gear." However, some did include some clip-art depicting our Rotary "Gear" symbol and under the "Historical Perspective" part of "The Gear" some cartoon like characters of a couple in an antique auto. Also looking back on the February issues of 1995 we find a program included that listed our Annual Banquet at the Aiken Conference Center in the Alley with catering by Westside Bowery. District Governor Bill Monroe was guest speaker and we recognized Local Unsung Heroes. President Bud Coward presided and music was provided by "The Uncool" (remember them-my, how "tempus fugit")!

### HISTORICAL NOTES AND FACTS

From the thirty year old "Gear" of 1995 we find our Club was getting ready and planning to host the annual District Rotary Conference to be held here in Aiken in March at the modern, up to date "Ramada Inn" (anyone remember that)? Also the City of Aiken was planning for the upcoming sesqui-centennial celebration for which many of our Rotarians were growing beards for. Rotarian Wade Brodie had a striking beard the he was helping to promote not only the centennial but was promoting our hosting of the District Conference.

## ROTARY SHIRTS FOR SALE

Rotary tee shirts are now for sale. Several versions of the Rotary shirts are available including men's golf shirts, women's golf shirts, and regular tee shirts. These shirts will help Rotarians be easily identifiable at events outside of our regular Monday meetings. Suggested times to wear Rotary shirts: Rotary Readers, map painting days, Pancake Breakfast fundraisers, trash pick-up, during the Guatemala trip, and even at non-Rotary events in an effort to bring awareness to our club.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Rotary Club of Aiken Scholarship application will go online this week. If any Rotarians know of a high school senior who qualifies please notify that student of our \$2,500 scholarship and encourage them to apply through our website: [www.aikenrotary.org](http://www.aikenrotary.org).

## CLASSIFICATION: CHRIS DICKSON



Rotarian Chris Dickson gave the classification talk last week. Chris is the founder of the George Group's

Aiken branch. Chris decided to use his classification talk to discuss his involvement in SCORE. SCORE stands for Service Corps of Retired Executives and it has been around for about 50 years. Chris said SCORE is for more than just retirees though, regardless of its name. SCORE provides free business services for current or hopeful business owners. SCORE is currently working with the Young Entrepreneurs Academy as well. Chris said working with small business owners is important because 50% of GDP is driven by companies of 500 employees or less and 70% of new jobs created are created by small business owners.