

## CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Bill Taylor  
4-Way Test—*next week* – TBD  
Program—Chris Verenes  
Apr. Invocation— Liz Neal  
Apr. Greeters — Barbara Nelson and Chrissa Matthews  
Apr. Student Hosts— Ahmed Samaha, Ruth Alexander, and Will Williams  
Apr. Student Guests— James Carver, Kyle Neira, and Casey Narrows

## GUESTS

Lisa Tindal	Speaker
Casey Narrows	Student guest
Mary Ethel Stack	guest of Robert Stack
Bill Fonvielle	guest of Robert Stack
Tony Distefano	guest of Robert Stack
Richard Owen	guest of Dan Zaloudek
Brian Newman	guest of Rob Wheeler
Ashley Moore	guest of Sandra Jordan
Sonya Chandler	guest of Liz Neal
Dan Ridout	guest of Liz Neal
Brian Tucker	guest of Rick McLeod
Emily Scotten	guest of Sharon Rogers
Carloe Sharoff	visiting Gloucester Mass
Hayward Barnes	visiting West Metro
Sharon Johnson	visiting Aiken Sunrise
Rob Novit	visiting Aiken Sunrise

## MAKE-UPS

Jason Rabun	eClubOne 3/30
Dean Sackett	Club Service 3/23
Karen Guevara	Aiken Sunrise 3/30

## APRIL'S STUDENTS-OF-THE-MONTH

This month, the Rotary Club of Aiken is hosting three students from local high schools.

Regena Brackett, standing in for Ahmed Samaha, introduced James Carver from Aiken High School.

Ruth Alexander introduced student guest, Kyle Neira, from South Aiken High School.

Will Williams introduced Casey Narrows from South Aiken Baptist.

We look forward to getting to know more about these students next week.

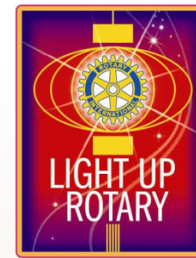
## RED BADGE PROGRAM GRADUATE



Last week, Rotarian, Chris Dickson, received his permanent Blue Badge. Chris has completed all of the required criteria for completing the Red Badge program. A few things he accomplished through the course of the red badge

program included: joining multiple past presidents for lunch during Rotary meetings, sitting in on a Rotary board meeting, giving a Classification Talk to the club, and participating in several club service capacities, amongst other things.

Congratulations Chris on your efforts and thank you for your commitment to the Rotary Club of Aiken.



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**Monday, 12:30 PM**  
**Newberry Hall**  
**117 Newberry Street, SW**  
**www.aikenrotary.org**

### **R.I. President**

Gary C.K. Huang

### **District Governor**

Tom Faulkner

### **Club President**

Barbara Morgan

### **President Elect**

Joe Lewis

### **Vice President**

Jason Stewart

### **Past President**

Joe Shields

### **Secretary/Treasurer**

Stanley Smith

### **Sergeant-at-Arms**

Richard Holley

### **Assistant Governor**

Richard A. Waugh

### **Board of Directors**

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**

Chair: Richard Holley

Robert Stack

Richard Herring

Tom Calhoun

John McMichael

# THE GEAR



## The Rotary Club of Aiken

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## PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By Sarah Griffis



Rotarian Owen Clary introduced speaker Jason Goings from the Aiken County Treasurer's Office. Mr. Goings lives in this hometown of Belvedere, SC with his wife Michelle and two boys. Jason is a vital part of our community and held past positions as an Aiken County Educator and Librarian. He currently holds the title of Treasurer with Aiken County, a position he obtained by winning the election as a write-in candidate.

Mr. Goings explained the duties of the Treasurer which include: receipt of property taxes, State shared revenues, federal funds, court fees and fines, County user fees and other funds collected by County agencies. Rotarians learned that since Mr. Goings took office this year he has made great strides to modernize the Treasury office. He spoke about a new partnership with the DMV office to accept payments that would eliminate the need for the consumer to visit the DMV. Jason also discussed reassignment of duties by his staff to provide better customer service when you visit the Treasury office. Mr. Goings explained that he currently works with local banks to manage state and federal monies and then distribute them to local entities such as the school district. Jason expressed his love and broad knowledge of history of our community with a fascinating story highlighting the monument of Berry Benson located in Augusta, GA.

## PROGRAM TODAY

# VANCE REYNOLDS

MEET AIKEN REGIONAL'S NEW CEO

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

- APR 27 Janice Hoffman; Aiken County Helpline 2-1-1
- MAY 4 Mike Hitchcock; Executive Director of the SC Retirement System
- MAY 11 Tom Lex; Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

## BIRTHDAYS

- 4/15 Buzz Rich

## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/23 Tom Young, Jr. (2007)
- 4/23 Del Hickey (2001)
- 4/25 Greg Roberts (2011)



## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

### "THE ROTARIAN" MAGAZINE & FLASHBACKS

The current May issue of "The Rotarian" magazine brought back some memories and it also may call our attention as Rotarians to some goings on in the world of Rotary. The magazine each month is a great "read" and is worth a few moments of each Rotarian's time to peruse and reflect on our great international organization. The magazine jarred my attention to several personal connections with some of the content. (So pardon the personals).

The May issue encourages Rotarians to attend the convention of RI in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Attending a RI convention is exhilarating. As President elect in 1976 I had the opportunity to attend the RI convention in San Francisco and got quoted in an article on the RI Convention in the "San Francisco Examiner" newspaper. Another connection with Brazil is, that one week after I was inducted into Rotary in 1974, I left on a year-delayed honeymoon trip around the world in the Southern Hemisphere for eight weeks. During that time as a new Rotarian, I made up seven times at Rotary Clubs--the first being at the Rio Brazil Club and brought back seven banners. On that trip I also photographed the covered bus stops in Sao Paulo that were provided and signed by the Sao Paulo Rotary clubs.

On page 38 of the May "Rotarian" the International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians is photographed at Independence Pass, Colorado. I have a photo of myself and my VW Bug in front of that sign in 1963. (I wonder if our Motorcycling Rotarian, Tony Harris, of our Club, is in that group)?

And lastly, RI President, Gary Huang, is photographed on page 67 in front of the Bernardo O'Higgins monument in Santiago, Chile. I've stood before and photographed that monument and learned the fascinating story of an Irishman, O'Higgins, and his fight for Chilean independence.

## ROTARY WINS PRESTIGIOUS SILVER TELLY FOR AIDS DOCUMENTARY

By: Adam Ross  
Rotary News  
16-Mar-2015

A documentary film produced by Rotary's broadcast media department that features Rotary member Marion Bunch and her work to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in underprivileged African communities won two 2015 Telly Awards.

The prestigious awards are given annually to the finest film and video productions. Rotary's documentary, "Rotary Family Health Days" received a Silver Telly, the highest honor, in the online video-documentary category, and a Bronze Telly in the online video-branded content and entertainment category. The documentary was shown by the South African Broadcasting Corporation and throughout Africa.

"What we tried to accomplish with the film was to get the good news and the good deeds out there so that the non-Rotary world can see it," says producer Andrew Chudzinski. "It was a great collaborative project."

The film documents the tremendous burden HIV/AIDS places on African families and communities. It covers the journeys of two women: South African grandmother Me Maria, who is raising her two grandsons whose parents died of AIDS, and Bunch, from Atlanta, Georgia, USA, who became a global advocate for AIDS prevention and the inspiration for Rotary Family Health Days after she lost her son to the disease.

"Because of that one single tragedy, my life's journey changed dramatically, from a very engaged businesswoman to a warrior on AIDS and advocate of human rights," Bunch told senior White House staff in October, when she was honored as one of 10 Rotary Women of Action for 2014. A member of the Rotary Club of Dunwoody, Bunch is the founder and CEO of Rotarians for Family Health and AIDS Prevention, a group of members that collaborates with Rotary clubs and districts on health-related projects.

[...] read more at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

To see the documentary online, visit <https://vimeo.com/87311787>



Marion Bunch (left), a Rotary member from Georgia, USA, whose son died of AIDS, sits with Me Maria, a South African grandmother who is raising her two grandsons after their parents died of AIDS.