

## CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—this week – Jeremy O'Donnell

4-Way Test—next meeting – TBA

Program— Ahmed Samaha

June Invocation— Richard Holley

June Greeters — Paul Durban and Monica Key

## GUEST

Lisa Fallaw	Speaker
Melanie Starks	Speaker
Rita Hughson	guest of Jerry Hughson
Marcy Riley	guest of Jerry Hughson
Patrick Pratt	guest of Jerry Hughson
Gaill Pratt	guest of Jerry Hughson
Marcia Birk	guest of Jerry Hughson
Steve Behnke	guest of Bill Tucker
Susan Behnke	guest of Bill Tucker
Joanne Saunders	guest of Collette Ball
Dr. Teresa Pope	guest of William Price
Craig Schenck	guest of Henry Kripner
John Boggs	guest of Bill Taylor

## MAKE -UPS

Owen Clary	Penzance, Cornwell, England (5/16) Machynlleth Wales (5/23)
Russell Richardson	e-Club (5/16) Celebrity Chef (5/23)
Vicki Buckovitz	Club Service Parade



## **Rotary Directory Updates for 2016-2017:**

Updated 2016-17 Directories will be coming in July. Please provide any changes to your contact information by **June 20th** to Karen Guevara (email [guevara.karen@ymail.com](mailto:guevara.karen@ymail.com)).

## **Rotary Member Interest Survey**

You should have received an email directing you to a quick, on-line survey about what Club meeting activities, committees, and projects interest you. Please respond by June 20th, so we can let incoming Committee Chairs know of your interests and get you involved in Club activities that are most meaningful to you.



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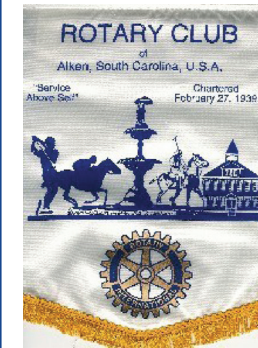
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John Lindsay (2018)  
Rick McLeod (2018)  
Catie Rabun (2018)

**Sergeants-at-Arms**  
Chair: Brenda Stein  
Robert Stack  
Rachel d' Entremont  
Nat Green  
Richard Herring  
Richard Holley  
Julia Walker

# THE GEAR

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## Rotary Club of Aiken



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## PROGRAM LAST WEEK

Rotary Reader Program Success!

Fellow Rotarian Sharon Rodgers, director of our Club's Rotary



*Lisa Fallaw, Principal and Melanie Starks, Media Specialist of East Aiken School of the Arts*

Reader Committee, introduced our speakers from East Aiken School of the Arts. Melanie Starks, the school's Media Specialist, reported there were 67 Rotary Readers engaging 101 students in five age ranges: 4-year-old kindergarteners, 5-year old kindergarteners, 3rd graders, 4th graders, and 5th graders. Readers came from the Rotary Club of Aiken, Sunrise Rotary Club, and interested others, including several from St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Principal Lisa Fallaw presented some amazing statistics about the program's success. At the beginning of the school year, none of the 4-year-olds met expectations for school "readiness." By the end of the year, however, all of them met those expectations, and 31% exceeded those standards. When we began the Rotary Reader program three years ago, only

## PROGRAM TODAY

### DR. SEAN ALFORD THEMATIC PROGRAMS

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

### JUNE MONTHLY THEME: Rotary Fellowship Month

Jun 20	Elise Bidwell; Charcot Marie Tooth Disease, Thriving with Passion and Hope
June 27	Joe Lewis End of Year Assembly

## BIRTHDAYS

6/13	Richard McLeod
6/13	Christopher Dickson
6/13	Allen Bateman
6/14	Chuck Munns
6/18	Ron Wheeler

## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

6/15	Fred Humes (1998) 18 years
6/15	Richard Owen (2015) 1 year
6/16	Brian Coulter (2014) 2 years
6/17	Jerry Hughson (2013) 3 years



## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

Last week in this portion of “The Gear” we talked about the community service awards that were to be presented by our Club. We also mentioned some of the community service awards of the two clubs that I had recently visited in England and Wales. There were many interesting projects or grants that the Rotary Club of Penzance, Cornwall, England, was involved in besides their bra bank. It is interesting to note some of the other community endeavours that they support: “the 50th anniversary celebration of their boating pool for model sail and radio controlled miniature boats that they built in 1955; St. Petroc’s Society-150 pounds towards a Christmas Party for the homeless; Royal British Legion Poppy Day Appeal-200 pounds; Penwith College’s Art Competition-50 pounds; Penzance Community Flora Group, the work of which smartens and brightens many of the floral displays around Penzance-500 pounds; and Penzamba-A local community Samba Band who’s uplifting rhythms bring excitement to many local events-250 pounds.”

So several of their community projects and grants went to the arts and cultural community. It is good to note that some of our grants also go to community art and cultural groups that “smartens and brightens” our Aiken area.

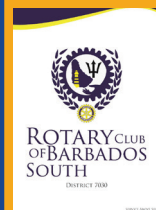
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19% of 5th graders met their reading goals (a specified number of books to be read); now, 68% of 5th graders meet their reading goals. The school beat its 2015-16 goal of reading 30,301 books – reading over 1,000 books beyond the goal! Even more important the statistics, however, are the relationships and the confidence inspired by positive adult role models.

We will begin signups for next year’s Rotary Reader program in early August. We ask that you commit to read with students – in the morning or early afternoon – for ½ hour approximately once a month. Even if you cannot routinely commit to reading, we’d like you to consider filling in as needed.



**Rotarian Owen Clary** presented the Club with two banners from overseas Rotary Clubs he visited while on vacation – one from Wales, and one from Penzance. If you are planning travel and would like to exchange banners with a Rotary Club at your destination, request a Rotary Club of Aiken banner to take with you from the Sergeant-at-Arms table.



**President Joe** read a special letter received from the Rotary Club of Barbados South. Each week, members of the Barbados South Club select another Rotary Club to honor with a toast to that Club’s President and members. Each of the Barbados South Rotarians signed the letter, wishing our Club well in our Service above Self mission.



## Rotary International Convention June 10-14, 2017 Atlanta, Georgia

We have an extraordinary opportunity coming our way next summer: the Rotary International Convention will be held in Atlanta – the closest we are likely ever to get to having the international conference in our backyard. Rotary members from more than 130 countries meet at the convention every year. This is your unique opportunity to connect with others about Rotary service. We will be soliciting interest in chartering a bus for a one-day trip to the convention.