

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—this week – Liz Neal
4-Way Test—next week — Karen Poteat
Program— Jennifer Hart
July Invocation— George Dickson
July Greeter — Mallory Holley and Liz Stewart

GUEST

Leah Lewis	guest of Joe Lewis
Barbara Smith	guest of Joe Lewis
Kevin Smith	guest of Joe Lewis
Ann Cousins	guest of Bruce Cousins
Kim Abney	guest of Bruce Cousins
Richard Abney	guest of Bruce Cousins
Karla Holley	guest of Bruce Cousins
John Holley	guest of Bruce Cousins
Sean Alford, Jr	guest of Sean Alford
Jamie Mothkovich	guest of Mallory Holley
Wylie Haislip	guest of Rick Osbon

MAKE -UPS

Dean Sackett	e-Club 6/27
Catie Rabun	Club Service 6/13 & 6/20
Cindy Mears	Club Service 6/13



Thank you to our fellow Rotarians Karen Guevara, Scott Hunter, Jeff Baumgardner, Rachel d'Entremont, John Lindsay, Keyatta Priester and David Tavernier for their willingness to serve as writers and photographers for The Gear for the upcoming year!



Karen Guevara was awarded the year's Outstanding Rotarian Award.



Stan Smith received the Be a Gift to the World Award. A \$250 contribution in Stan's name was made to the Rotary Foundation.



The new Board members, Karen C. Guevara, Secretary & Treasurer, Ellen Priest, Membership Chair and John C. McMichael, President-Elect & Vice President were sworn in and Fred Andrea gave a blessing to the Board.



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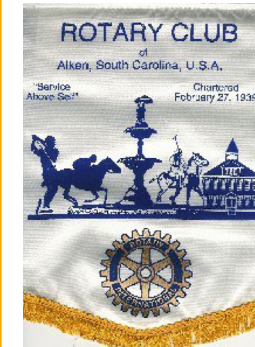
R.I. President
John Germ
District Governor
Lance Young
Club President
Jason Stewart
President Elect
John McMichael
Vice President
John McMichael
Past President
Joe Lewis
Secretary/Treasurer
Karen C. Guevara
Sergeant-at-Arms
Brenda Stein
Assistant Governor
Dan Rickabaugh

Board of Directors
Collette Ball (2016)
Liz Neal (2016)
Will Williams (2016)
Paul Dusenbury (2017)
Ellen Priest (2017)
Grant Wiseman (2017)
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
John McMichael
Julia Walker

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End of Year Assembly by Rachel L. d'Entremont



Outgoing President, Joe Lewis, Club of the Year—named for Harriet Skinner

Outgoing President Joe Lewis began and ended his portion of the June 27 Rotary program by saying "thank you" which was his theme throughout. He thanked his wife who critiqued his weekly agendas; Natalie and Patrick, owners of Newberry Hall, and the staff for all they do provide the meeting place and meals; Dan Brown for the excellent coverage he give Rotary in the Aiken Standard; and Karen Guevara for putting together the slide show of the year's

accomplishments. Joe recapped his year as President saying that we had been given the challenge "to be a gift to the World" with an emphasis to support large goals. One goal was to increase membership by a net gain of 10 members. He said that retention had been a major issue and even though we had gained 26 new Rotarians, the club started the year with 176 and ended with 180. The good news was that 9 of the past 10 years, Aiken Rotary could claim a net growth. He praised Doug Rabold and the Membership Committee. Aiken Rotary members have been generous with their time. The Rotary Reader program, started 3 years ago, has grown to 67 "readers" and 100 students. Karen Guevara and Sharon Rodgers were complimented on their leadership. The club purchased, boxed, and delivered

PROGRAM TODAY

**Peggy Ford
Summer Institute**

FUTURE PROGRAMS

**JULY MONTHLY THEME:
Engage Rotary Change Lives**

July 18 District Governor

July 25 Bradley Owens
Augusta Film Office

BIRTHDAYS

7/13 Avery Spears-Mahoney

7/15 Sharon Rodgers

7/16 Josh Stewart

7/16 Bill Taylor

7/16 Gil Allensworth

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

7/15 Monica Key (2013)

7/15 Barbara Nelson (2013)

7/16 Regena Brackett (2001)

7/16 Teresa Haas (2012)

7/19 Will Williams (2010)



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

Today we say hello to our incoming 2016-2017 officers. We have noted for several years in this column, the incoming officers of the Aiken Rotary Club for the new years, and sticking with history, we here list those entering the offices for the last 40 years that ended in 6-7.

Ten years ago-July 2006-2007-Entering

President-Robert Newburn
President Elect-Elizabeth Stewart
Vice President-Christopher Davies
Secretary/Treasurer-Raymond Mizell

Twenty years ago-July 1996-1997

President-Jane Boston
President Elect-Dean Sackett
Vice President-Bill Sheppard
Secretary/Treasurer-Raymond Mizell

Thirty years ago-July 1986-1987

President-McDonald Law
President Elect-Buddy Coleman
Vice President-Tommy Wessinger
Secretary/Treasurer-Jim Sprawls

Forty years ago-July 1976-1977

President-Jerry Johnson
Vice President-Herb Gladden
Secretary /Treasurer-Jim Sprawls

dictionaries for all third graders in area schools. Geoff Magrath and David Tavernier were thanked for organizing the project.

The club has been generous with its financial resources. Joe noted that the club has 36 Paul Harris Fellows and that he believed that the

29 recognized at a single meeting was a club record. The \$33,874 given by members for the Annual Fund and Polio Plus was the highest in the past three years. Joe expressed his appreciation for the work of Jon Notestein and his committee. Eight high-school seniors were rewarded for their efforts by the awarding of \$20,000 in scholarships. Betty Ryberg and her committee were thanked for their work. Nine local charities benefitted from the \$10,000 in Community Service Grants that Liz Stewart and her committee awarded. The club contributed \$10,000 to Community Flood Hub to assist with the needs of people who suffered losses from the October 2015 flood in SC.

Joe also thanked Joe Shield for his leadership with the International District Grant which contributed \$2100 to a youth center in Guatemala and Barbara Morgan and Interact for the \$1500 raised to improve the Helping Hands teen room. He stated that over \$102,000 had been spent by the club in gifts to others. Several people were recognized for service to the club including Catie Rabun, retiring from “the Gear”, Jennifer Hart for coordinating the programs,



Pass-through ceremony

and the Board of Directors. He acknowledged the retiring Board members: Colette Ball, Liz Neal, Stan Smith, and Herb Mattocks. All committee chairs and committee members were praised for their work. Joe said that the club was widely recognized at the District Banquet

including 3rd place in Cart Giving, 3rd place in Foundation Giving, the President’s Citation from Rotary International, the Club of Excellence Award, and of the 53 clubs in the 7750 district, we received Club of the Year—named for Harriet Skinner formerly of the Sunrise Rotary.

Joe ended his remarks by saying that it was an honor to serve as the President and he thanked everyone for their contributions to Rotary. Ron Wheeler, former District Governor asked all past Presidents—about 20 were present—to stand in a row for the installation of the new President. Jason Stewart thanked Joe for his passion for Rotary and said that a \$250 donation had been made to the Rotary Foundation in honor of Joe’s service and he awarded Joe a plaque commemorating his year as President. Ron presented Joe with a Past-President pin. Joe participated in a “pass-through ceremony” where he went down the row and was greeted by each of the past presidents in attendance.



*Jason Stewart, Aiken Rotary’s
2016-17 President*

Jason was sworn in as the new President. He said that his focus would be local-- in our own club. He stated some statistics on club demographics and said that younger members are the future of Rotary and that it was important that new members get involved early so that they feel a part of the club. He said one goal was to “be a gift to humanity” and thanked the club for the opportunity to serve as its President. Owen Clary presented Joe and Jason each with a bottle of Scuppernog wine.