

## CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Susan Winsor  
4-Way Test—*next week* – Tom Young, Jr.  
Program— Phillip Merry  
Aug. Invocation— Teresa Haas  
Aug. Greeters — TBA

## GUESTS

Jenny Berghardt	Speaker
Noah Cato	guest of Keyatta Priester
Hannah Cato	guest fo Keyatta Priester
Bobbie Youmans	guest of Keyatta Priester
West Holbrook	guest of Keyatta Priester
Dr. Mick Fekula	guest of Tom Hallman
Avery Spears-Mahoney	guest of Jason Rabun
David Stoner	guest of Rakesh Jasani
Karen Stoner	guest of Rakesh Jasani
Naomi Torfin	guest of Sharon Rodgers
Bruce Cousins	visiting Valdosta

## MAKE-UPS

Chuck Leopold	Cruise Ship 7/20
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Dean Sackett	eClubOne 7/20
Ellen Priest	eClubOne 7/20

## TRASH PICK-UP REPORT

By Rick McLeod

We picked up 15 bags of trash, which equals 225 pounds on Saturday (08/01/15). We had 25 total volunteers with 13 from Rotary and 12 volunteer guests. We are scheduled for our next pick up again on **November 14, 2015**.

Rotary Member Participation on 08/01/15 (let Stan know if you need to use your participation for a makeup):

1. Phillip Merry
2. Joe Lewis
3. Bob Byrne
4. Will Williams
5. Jerry Hughson
6. Chuck Munns
7. Tom Cofer
8. Bill Taylor
9. Gil Allensworth
10. Karen Poteat
11. John Lindsey
12. Joe Shields
13. Rick McLeod

Volunteer Guests Participation on 05/09/15:

Jason Lewis  
Luke Williams  
Logan Scott

Plus 9 volunteers from Grace Covenant Church



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**Newberry Hall**  
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### **R.I. President**

K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran

### **District Governor**

Terry Weaver

### **Club President**

Joe Lewis

### **President Elect**

Jason Stewart

### **Vice President**

John McMichael

### **Past President**

Barbara Morgan

### **Secretary/Treasurer**

Stanley Smith

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

Brenda Stein

### **Assistant Governor**

Dan Rickabaugh

### **Board of Directors**

Collette Ball (2016)

Liz Neal (2016)

Will Williams (2016)

Beth Everitt (2017)

Grant Wiseman (2017)

John Lindsay (2018)

Rick McLeod (2018)

Catie Rabun (2018)

### **Sergeants-at-Arms**

Chair: Brenda Stein

Robert Stack

Richard Herring

Richard Holley

John McMichael

Diana Riddick

# THE GEAR



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## PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Catie Rabun



Last week, Mallory Holley introduced the club to our program speaker, Jenny Burghardt, the City of Aiken's Tourism Services Supervisor. Jenny spoke to the Club about the Aiken Farmer's Market. The Aiken Farmer's Market falls under the Tourism department within the City because of its role in providing people, both local and visitors, with an experience that is unique to Aiken. Aiken originally had two farmers markets—one on Williamsburg Street and one of Newberry Street. The money raised from the markets helped fund beautification projects in the early years. By the 1950s though, the markets were struggling to stay afloat and the Newberry market closed but the Williamsburg market stayed open and the pavilion and tables that are still used today were built at that time. In 2003 the market was designated as a historic landmark. Now the market is run by the City of Aiken and its purpose is to promote the wellbeing of local farmers, support agritourism, and to provide the community with access to local produce. Recently, the market has successfully expanded to include a Thursday night market in the Alley that offers a new atmosphere and a new market of customers for the local farmers.

## PROGRAM TODAY

# GLENN PARKER CITY OF AIKEN CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX MANAGER

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

AUG 10	Gayle Lofgren and Ashley Hammett; Child Advocacy Center
AUG 17	Scott Stephens; Water of Life
AUG 24	Brad Majors; Increasing Awareness & Improving Rotary's Image in the Community

## BIRTHDAYS

8/3	Paul Durban
8/3	Chad Matthews
8/8	Rachel Ryan
8/9	William Shreck

## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

8/7	Joel Cote (2006)
8/8	Jennifer Hart (2011)



## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

### CART FUND - 10 YEARS AGO

In August 2005 Dick Witter, our Cart fund manager, reported that for the Rotary Year ending in 2005, we had contributed \$1,500 to the Cart fund. (Back then we note that members were donating a lot of change from their pockets--now it seems that most members are dropping bills into the bucket). He also reported that our total since its inception had been \$18,429. (It is good that President Joe notes now at each meeting, an Alzheimer thought).

### 1995 - TWENTY YEARS AGO

We had a Rotary work day at Hitchcock Rehab in which we help renovated their newly acquired building--the Hitchcock Building on Richland Ave. West. Over 50 Rotarians and their relatives and friends turned out to paint, remodel, and clean to get the vacant building ready for use. Some Rotarians who helped on that work day were Jane Boston, Wade Brodie, Tony Harris, Raymond Mizell, Rick Osbon, Ron Parker, Richard Pearce, Phil Richardson, and Bill Tucker and Bill Turcker's son.

### MEMBERSHIP AND CLASSIFICATION

Last week in our "Gear" Doug Rabold, our Membership Chair, reported on our gains and losses for the year. Also President Joe said that a lot of our 377 classifications were unfilled and suggested that new members could be proposed for vacant classifications. Some current classifications not filled include: Welding, Water, Veterinarian, Travel Agent, TV-Production, TV-Sales and Services, University-Professor, and University-Development. (Outstanding community leaders in those fields could be proposed for membership).

## ROTARY READER PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **How many Rotary Reader teams will there be this year?** There will be 18 groups at East Aiken School of the Arts, on Tuesdays and Thursdays (this avoids many conflicts with scheduled school holidays).
2. **How big are the reading groups?** Typically there are 4 Rotarians and 3-5 students, but some Rotary Reader teams have only two Rotarians – you can choose how large a team you want.
3. **What are the ages of students?** Ages include 4-yr olds (4K), Kindergarteners, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, 4<sup>th</sup> graders, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
4. **Do I sign up as an individual or as a team?** It is up to you. Several Rotarians have decided they'd like to keep their teams together; if so, just coordinate with one another and sign up as a group when the Club signs up teams for this coming school year.
5. **When will the sign up be?** It will start Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
6. **Can I sign up for more than one session?** Yes, you can sign up for more than one reading group/team if your schedule permits.
7. **Does my Rotary Reader team have to consist of 4 Rotarians?** No, some choose to read as a team of two. This is up to you.
8. **Does the Rotary Reader team have to be limited to just Rotarians, or can others participate?** Others can participate, and you are encouraged to solicit participation from others whom you believe represent Service Above Self values.
9. **When are the Rotary Reader Orientation sessions?** They will be held the week of August 24<sup>th</sup>, in the morning, midday, and afternoon.
10. **What are the beginning and ending dates of the Rotary Reader program?** The program begins September 8, 2015 and ends May 12, 2016.
11. **Do I have to read every week?** Not necessarily; this is a decision your individual Rotary Reader team will make. Some teams decide each Rotarian will read only once a month (but some say this prevents them from developing a relationship with their students). Some Rotarians read every week (but this can be a challenge if conflicts arise). Some teams decide to rotate Rotarians, so they read two weeks in a row, once as an observer and once as a lead.
12. **What do I do each week?** Students are organized into reading groups based on their performance on standardized tests. There are typically three types of groups: one that focuses on improving vocabulary, one that focuses on improving understanding of informational text (like in text books), and one that focuses on reading and understanding longer chapter books. The school's orientation will describe the differences in what Rotarians do in each of these different types of groups. For the younger ages, you will serve as a classroom helper.
13. **What is the focus of the reading program?** Its focus is to improve the student's reading skills as well as to give them access to positive adult role models.
14. **What is involved in being the Leader of a Rotary Reader team?** Typically, this entails setting up the initial schedule of when each Rotarian is expected to read, and resolving any schedule conflicts that may arise.
15. **What do I do if I develop a conflict?** Contact your Rotary Reader Team Leader to find a replacement for the particular week.
16. **How will I know what the students did on the week(s) I'm not there?** There is a journal you may use to document what was covered and what the students discussed. Some teams rely on emails or phone calls to each other to provide this information and give some continuity to the students' reading.
17. **I heard a lot of complaints last year about trying to read while students were eating lunch; will that be the same this coming year?** No, there will not be any reading sessions scheduled during lunch time.
18. **What about school and religious holidays?** There is no Rotary Reader program if the school is having a holiday; this includes specific days when the schools might be holding required testing. You'll be notified about the schedule at the beginning of the school year, and reminded just before these days.
19. **Are we allowed to bring treats to share with our students?** You may only bring pre-packaged snacks (not home-made).
20. **Are we expected to give our students Christmas/Hanukkah gifts?** You are welcome to provide gifts to your students for Christmas/Hanukkah and at the last session before summer break. Many groups provide books or Books-a-Million gift cards. One group gives them children's Almanacs, to encourage an interest in researching fun facts.