

## CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Mike Willis  
4-Way Test—*next week* – Bill Webb  
Program— Joe Lewis  
Aug. Invocation— Teresa Haas  
Aug. Greeters — TBA

## GUESTS

Scott Stephens	Speaker
Charlotte Holley	guest of Ellen Priest
Lynn McDonald	guest of Ellen Priest
Avery Spears-Mahoney	guest of Jason Rabun
Katy Harmett	guest of Jason Rabun
Kathy Cunningham	guest of Karen Guevara
Dr. Sean Alford	guest of David Jameson
Mike Fekula	guest of Collette Ball

## MAKE-UPS

Chuck Leopold	Service 8/6
Chuck Leopold	Member committee 8/5
Clay Killian	eClubOne

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Goodwill's Pony Parade will be held on September 20 at halftime at this year's opening day polo match at the Whitney Polo field. The event is for 5-12 year olds who will make horses out of mops and "race" them. For more information, contact Jennifer Hart.

Please give any necessary corrections to the directory to Karen Guevara.

There are still a couple time slots available for Rotary Readers. Please sign up today!

Directories are in and at the Sargent at Arms table

Oct 19 will be District Governor, Terry Weaver's official visit

August is membership and extension month (we are expecting 8 new members in the month of August)



***Keyatta Priester--graduated from the Red Badge program and received her red badge***



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**Newberry Hall**  
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**www.aikenrotary.org**

### **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



## The Rotary Club of Aiken

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## PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Catie Rabun



Introduced by Chris Dickson, Scott Stephens, fellow Rotarian and member of the Rotary Club of Greenville and Director of Development for Water of Life, founded in 2003, spoke to our club last week about his organization's mission to deliver the gospel and fresh water to Africa.

Scott spoke about the importance of fresh water even though it is so easy for us to take water for granted between daily showers, brewing coffee, pouring fresh glasses of water without a second thought, and letting water run as we brush our teeth or wash the dishes.

Scott showed samples of water from several sources in developing countries, all which appeared dirty and cloudy. He works every day to make a difference in other countries through providing fresh water.

There are 783 million people who do without fresh water on a daily basis. It is typically the task of women and children to fetch water, typically in 5 gallon buckets. They walk an average of 3 to 5 miles there and back to get the water. Other needs, like education, have to come second to water. Making fresh water accessible to these families allows them to refocus their energies on those other needs.

## PROGRAM TODAY

### **BRAD MAJORS** INCREASING & IMPROVING ROTARY'S IMAGE IN THE COMMUNITY

#### FUTURE PROGRAMS

- AUG 31 Karen Guevara & Chuck Munns; SRS History  
SEP 7 **NO MEETING: LABOR DAY**  
SEP 14 Rick Reames, Director of SC Dept of Revenue

#### BIRTHDAYS

- 8/26 Dean Sackett  
8/30 Diana Riddick

#### CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/26 Peter McCormick (2013)  
8/28 Tom Hallman (2000)  
8/30 Paul Dusenbury (2010)



## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

### TEN YEARS AGO - AUGUST 2005

Eaten at McDonalds lately?? Well, in 2005 in mid August our program was on McDonalds. We had Christine and Dee Crawford of Aiken tell about their life changing experiences as McDonald's franchisees operators. They made the decision to sell their McDonalds in Beaufort and buy the ones in Aiken. As a black female, Dee had some difficulty in getting financing but she credited the "old South Carolina National" in Aiken and Tom Clark for her start. They were introduced by Rotarian Deborah Brooks who gave them encouragement.

### OUR PAST - "THE GEAR" AUGUST 1995

We had just had a delightful Rotary social in August of 1995. We met at the Outing Club for our outing. Cooks President Pearce and Secretary Mizell grilled and smoked chicken breasts. Rick Osbon, head organizer, made three churns of peach ice cream. A good time was had by all even though rain and sharp lightening was about. (Perhaps Rick would make some ice cream again and hand it out at his campaign rallies and Bill Price would counter and do the same and give it out at his wife's rallies).

### NOTES & FACTS: CLASSIFICATION

The following slots on our Classification list are open and outstanding leaders of our community in each category could be nominated for membership in our Club: Scouting; Retailing-Tires; Retailing-Sports Equipment; Sanitation; Resorts; Relocation Services; Religion-Judaism; Religion-Catholicism; and Refrigeration/Freezing.

## A ROTARY MOMENT

By Kris Nordstrom McBride  
(<http://www.yourhoustonnews.com>)

"End A Disease Forever." That is a pretty powerful statement, not one to be taken lightly, but that is exactly what is happening a world way in Nigeria, right now, today. Goodbye Polio! Thank you World Health Organization, thank you Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and thank you Rotary!

July 2015 marks one full year since Nigeria reported a case of polio, which is caused by the wild poliovirus. After decades of work, setbacks, and victories, the country is on the threshold of eradicating the paralyzing disease in that nation for the first time in its history. If no new cases are reported in the fall, The World Health Organization will remove Nigeria from the list of countries where polio is endemic, and if no new cases are reported in the next two years, Nigeria, along with the entire Africa region, will be certified polio-free. That will leave just two countries — Afghanistan and Pakistan — where the wild virus is still active.

"Every Rotarian in the world should be proud of this achievement," says Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran. "We made history. We have set Africa on course for a polio-free future. But we have not yet reached our goal of a polio-free world. " This battle has been long, expensive and arduous. The Nigerian victory came only after garnishing strong financial support from the Nigerian government and the international community. Additionally, a new vaccination plan was put in place to reach children in the far flung northern states of the country, where there are grave security risks. [...]

## NEW MEMBER INDUCTED

By: Catie Rabun



Last week, Avery Spears Mahoney was inducted into the club with "Marketing" as her classification. Her sponsor, Jason Rabun, introduced her. Avery is the executive director of Aiken Downtown Development Association. She attended Lander University and graduated from USCA with a degree in Early Childhood Education. Avery has won several awards including: NBC 26 Women to Watch, the Aiken Young Professionals Rising Star award and the Aiken Young Professional MVP award. She is married to her husband Michael. Jason pinned Avery with the Rotary emblem.