

## CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Joe Shields  
4-Way Test—*next week* – TBA  
Program— Tom Young  
Sep. Invocation— Teresa Haas  
Sep. Greeters — Leighton McClendon and Liz Stewart  
Sep. Students – Catherin Pullan (AHS) and Joseph Anthony (SAHS)  
Sep. Student Hosts – TBA

## GUESTS

Cynthia South guest of Karen Poteet  
Mary Katherine Philipp guest of Barbara Morgan  
Mike Fekula guest of Sandra Jordan

## MAKE-UPS

Brenda Stein Club Service 8/24  
Bill Howell eClubOne 8/3  
Ruth Alexander Mount Pleasant Rotary 8/11

## **NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED**

By: Catie Rabun



Sean Alfred and Thomas Herlong were inducted as new members last week. Sean's sponsor is Joe Lewis and Thomas's sponsor is Karen Poteet.

Sean is Aiken County's new Public School Administrator. He has two decades of administration experience and his professional career has always been in the education field. He attended the Citadel, the University of Wisconsin and the University of South Carolina.

Thomas is an investment counselor. He graduated from Clemson University in 2013. He has a farm in Aiken County. He is married to a former Miss SC and they have two children.

**Welcome to Rotary Sean!**  
**Welcome to Rotary Thomas!**



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**Monday, 12:30 PM**  
**Newberry Hall**

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K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran  
**District Governor**

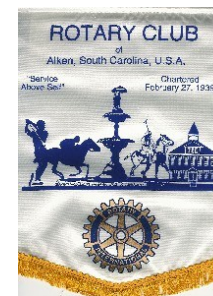
Terry Weaver  
**Club President**  
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**Secretary/Treasurer**

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Chair: Brenda Stein  
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## **PROGRAM LAST WEEK**

By: Dave Tavernier

Rotarians Karen Guevara and Chuck Munns teamed up to present an overview of the Savannah River Site. Karen is a former senior executive with the Department of Energy and Chuck is a former president of SRNS, in addition to having achieved the rank of Vice Admiral in the U.S. Navy.

Drawing on her 20 years of experience with the DOE, Karen provided the back story of the SRS from its beginning in 1950 following the Manhattan Project, its status today, and the fact that it will continue to provide economic vitality and jobs here for years to come. She said that it is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest site dedicated to nuclear weapons, and is staffed by approximately 300 federal employees and 8,000 contractor employees. She explained the "canyons" and described the process in producing Tritium and Plutonium. A point of note in her presentation was the fact that the neutrino, the smallest known particle, was discovered by SRS scientists in 1956. She noted that while segments of the site are being decommissioned, producing tritium continues as it is necessary to maintain the nation's nuclear stockpile.

Chuck noted 3 points concerning the site's value to the 1) Nation, as a source of clean energy, high environmental standards, and national defense; 2) State as a source of cheap electricity and jobs; and 3) Locally as an economic force providing directly approximately 25% of the jobs and homes, and indirectly an economic output of 23,000 jobs with connections to the site. He also said that the site has a safety record that is much safer than many industries.

## PROGRAM TODAY

**RICK REAMES**  
**DIRECTOR OF SC**  
**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

### FUTURE PROGRAMS

- SEP 21 Japanese Consul General Kazuo Sunaga; Japanese Partnership with South Carolina and Aiken
- SEP 28 Joy Shealy, Academic Officer for Middle Schools; ACPS STEM Magnet Schools
- OCT 5 **FIELD TRIP: Location TBA**

### BIRTHDAYS

- 9/17 Wade Brodie
- 9/17 John McMichael

### CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/15 Sarah Griffis (2014)
- 9/16 Marshall Cain (1961)
- 9/17 Sandra Jordan (2012)
- 9/20 Carolyn Emanuel-McClain (2010)



## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

### WARSZAWA ZOLIBORZ ROTARY CLUB

On a recently returned 925 mile bus trip through Estonia, Latvia, Lithuanian, and Poland, one can reflect on the tenacity and determination of the people of those areas to be free after 1000 years of gruesome occupation and history. For example, Germany, Russia, and Austria for the last 240 years, with little exception (1919-1939 and beginning in the 1990's) held sway and dictated to the citizens of those countries. It was refreshing to feel and see the great progress in the area since the 1990's. Even Rotary was banned and dissolved from 1939-1992. However, now there are nine very active clubs in the Warsaw, Poland, area alone. It was a good experience to attend the meeting of Warszawa-Zoliborz Club on Tuesday night, 1 September 2015. One, most of the time, was lost in the proceedings as they were conducted in Polish, but one could read between the lines and the translations, that it was a business meeting and committee and project assignments were being made. The President, Wojciech Wendrych, along with the other 10 members present, made me feel right at home in a Rotary Club meeting. One member even gave me a ride back to the Mercure Centrum Warsaw Hotel, some distance away after the meeting. Other notable venues of the Baltic area included tours of the art nouveau buildings of Riga, Latvia; old Krakow; a Chopin concert in Warsaw; and man's inhumanity to man at Auschwitz.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by: Catie Rabun

Last week, Doug Rabold gave a membership report to the club. He gave us the current snapshot of our membership numbers and discussed the two committees that fall under the Membership Committee: Red Badge Program Committee and the Retention Committee. The Membership Committee has also worked closely with the Social Committee.

This year, our club has set a goal for 10 net new members. Last year we added 25 new members but we lost 21 so we only had a net of 4 new members. This year we have already had nine additions but lost seven members, for a net of two members. We are currently at 180 members now. We have 10 to go to reach the goal of 190.

If any Rotarians would like to propose a new member, the Sargent at Arms table has membership forms. Several things the committee is focused on currently are diversity, as well as adding more young professionals. Twenty-five percent of our members are women. Seventy-five percent of our members are over 50 year of age. A final initiative of the committee is attendance. We are almost at all time high for membership but at five year low for attendance so the committee would like to see those numbers improve.

## ROTARY READER UPDATE

All slots for Rotary Readers have been filled! Thank you Rotarians for your continued support of the program. It is making a difference in children's lives!

If you couldn't make one of the scheduled orientations, please call Melanie Starks at 641-2450.