

## CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Mallory Holley  
4-Way Test—*next meeting* – Rick Osbon  
Program— Barbara Morgan  
Dec. Invocation— Liz Stewart  
Dec. Greeters — Rick McLeod, Leighton McLendon  
Dec. Student Hosts—Brian Bernard, Mallory Holley,  
Karen Bowles  
Dec. Student Guests—Daneshka M. Padro Perez, Lydia  
Gerstenberger, Destiny Dye

## GUESTS

Lydia Gerstenberger Student guest  
Daneshka Padro Perez Student guest  
Destiny Dye Student guest  
Keyatta Priester guest of Gary Stooksbury  
Dr. Vinogrado guest of Matt Musolf  
Rebecca Roebuck guest of Molly Jones

## MAKE-UPS

Ellen Priest eClubOne 11/24

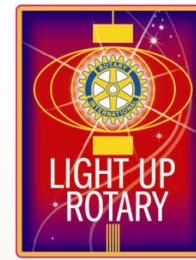
## SIGN UP TODAY

### BELL-RINGING

**December 19**  
**10am – 5pm**  
**1-hour shifts**

#### Locations:

Sam's Club  
Walmart Richland - Main Entrance  
Walmart Richland - Grocery Entrance  
Roses  
Kroger  
Walmart Whiskey Road – Main Entrance  
Walmart Whiskey Road - Grocery Entrance  
Aiken Mall ((Food Court Entrance  
Hobby Lobby  
  
Point of Contact: Ralph Courtney



**Rotary Club of Aiken**  
**PO Box 685**  
**Aiken, SC 29802**  
**(803) 648-5676**  
**Monday, 12:30 PM**  
**Newberry Hall**  
**117 Newberry Street, SW**  
**www.aikenrotary.org**

#### **R.I. President**

Gary C.K. Huang

#### **District Governor**

Tom Faulkner

#### **Club President**

Barbara Morgan

#### **President Elect**

Joe Lewis

#### **Vice President**

Jason Stewart

#### **Past President**

Joe Shields

#### **Secretary/Treasurer**

Stanley Smith

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

Richard Holley

#### **Assistant Governor**

Liz Stewart

#### **Board of Directors**

Henry Krippner (2015)

Chuck Munns (2015)

Van Smith (2015)

Collette Ball (2016)

Liz Neal (2016)

Will Williams (2016)

Beth Everitt (2017)

Ron Parker (2017)

Grant Wiseman (2017)

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

Chair: Richard Holley

Robert Stack

Richard Herring

Tom Calhoun

John McMichael

# THE GEAR

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## **PROGRAM LAST WEEK**

By: Jason Price

During last week's Mid-Year Assembly, Club President Barbara Morgan reminded us that the Assembly's purpose is to share what we are doing as a Club and what we need to improve on in the next 6 months to make our Club successful, thriving, and enjoyable. She highlighted Foundation, Club Service and Administration, and Membership as our Club's focus areas.

Barbara praised our continued support of the Cart Bucket, which raises funds for Alzheimer's research, and she gave special thanks to Stan Smith and his wife for keeping our Club database up to date with DACdb. Barbara also remarked that in the past six months our Club has helped in the organization of a Rotaract Club at USCA, assisted with Aiken High's Interact Club efforts in the community, and stood head and shoulders above other clubs in the area with our Rotary Reader program at East Aiken.

In addition, Barbara gave special recognition to the many who led our various projects and programs, and reminded us to look forward to our first social of the new year, which will be a basketball event on January 15, 2015, at USCA. As our Club President, she is excited about what the future holds for our Club in the next 6 months, and she appreciates our continuing efforts in making of the powerful collective force that we are.

PROGRAM TODAY

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Tom Calhoun: Christmas Carols  
Barb Rollins & the Home School Band

FUTURE PROGRAMS

DEC 22      **NO MEETING**  
DEC 29      **NO MEETING**  
JAN 5        TBA

BIRTHDAYS

12/19      Kay Benitez  
12/23      Ernie Allen  
12/26      Lee Boylston  
1/1         Karen Poteat  
1/2         Ross Culligan  
1/4         Dorothy Ridley

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

12/15      John McMichael (2008)  
12/19      Doug Rabold (2005)  
1/1         Doug Gregorie (1984)



**HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**

By Owen Clary

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

For at least 40 years our last meeting in December has generally centered around music and mirth. During the '70s our pianist Mrs. Blanche Ardrey always produced and directed a traditional Christmas program. The programs generally ended with all Rotarians standing and singing "Jingle Bells" and all Rotarians making clicking sounds by tapping their spoons on the glasses. For years, Mrs. Ardrey played the piano for our Club as we sang at each meeting. Christmas music during the '80s was often provided by the Blenders: sopranos Mignon Beard and Mary Hunter, alto Abby Montenyohl, and pianist, Barbara Scott. The Blenders lasted for several years even into the '90s with sopranos Mary Hunt and Pat Bisschop, alto Abbey Montenyohl, and again, pianist Barbara Scott. Barbara Scott then also played for our Christmas socials at Rye Patch in recent years. In the mid decade of the '00s, we were treated often by The Heart Throbs, a musical group that was a spin off from one of the Aiken Heart Association's benefit performances. Members of that group who treated us were Ken Fallaw, Betsy Mahoney, Diane Miniard, Jim Shaw, Robbie Purvis, Jack Benjamin, and Steve Peterson. Lately our own second master of the vocals, Tom Calhoun, (who often substitutes for our master vocalist --Mr. Siders) has rounded up groups or has lead us in sing-alongs. This last meeting in December is to put us in the Christmas mood with music and mirth. (That mirth is sometimes enhanced with a sometimes home-made libation sometimes shared at a sometimes table).

**MEET DECEMBER'S STUDENTS-OF-THE-MONTH**



Karen Bowles introduced our student guest, Lydia Gerstenberger, who is third in her class at Aiken High School. She has a 5.003 GPA and would like to student International Business and Modern Language at Whittenburg College in Ohio, Florida Southern, or the College of Charleston.



Brian Bernard introduced Daneshka Padro Perez, our student guest from South Aiken High School last week. Daneshka likes running and photography. She would like to study pediatric medicine. She is a commanding officer in the JROTC. She has a 4.18GPA.



Carla Cloud introduced Destiny Dye, our student guest from Lloyd Kennedy Performing Arts Charter School. Destiny has a 4.06 GPA and studies Visual Arts.

**CART**



**EVERY COIN COUNTS**

