

## CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—this week – Grant Wiseman  
4-Way Test—next week — Chris Dickson  
Program— Sandra Jordan  
August Invocation— Chuck Munns  
August Greeter — Jerry Hughson & Lee Boylston

## GUEST

Derek Herron guest of Jeff Baumgardner  
Bruce Leinster guest of Greg Roberts  
Jamie Mothkovich guest of Mallory Holley  
Dr. Forest Mahan guest of Joe Lewis  
Josh Booth guest of John McMichael

## MAKE-UPS

Pat Moore - July 18 & 25, August 1  
Highlands, NC Rotary Club  
Richard Church - July 25 and August 1: e-Club  
Clay Killian August 1: e-Club

## MAKE-UPS OR RED BADGE REQUIREMENTS

Members can Make-up a meeting various ways: attend another Club's meeting, attend a Board or Committee meeting, Volunteer for a Club project like Trash Pick-up or Rotary Readers or by attending our Margarita Make-up night. The 2016-2017 dates for Margarita Make-ups are: 8/31, 9/28, 10/26, 11/30, 1/25, 2/22, 3/29, 4/26, 5/31 & 6/28/2017 - check-out The Gear each month for the location. Remember to urn-in your Make-up to the Sergeant-at-Arms and if you need a membership application ask Karen Guevara or JanePage Thompson.

# Sign up today

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL

SEPTEMBER 8TH

AT THE WILLCOX

5-7:00PM

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME, BUT  
YOU MUST BRING ONE POTENTIAL  
NEW MEMBER BETWEEN THE AGES OF  
22 AND 40.

LIGHT HORS D'OEUVRES PROVIDED.



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

R.I. President  
John Germ  
District Governor  
Lance Young  
Club President  
Jason Stewart  
President Elect  
John McMichael  
Vice President  
Will Williams  
Past President  
Joe Lewis

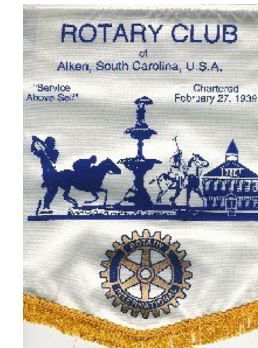
Secretary/Treasurer  
Karen C. Guevara  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
Brenda Stein  
Assistant Governor  
Dan Rickabaugh

Board of Directors  
Paul Dusenbury (2017)  
Ellen Priest (2017)  
Grant Wiseman (2017)  
John Lindsay (2018)  
Rick McLeod (2018)  
Catie Rabun (2018)  
Chrissa Matthews (2019)  
Betty Ryberg (2019)  
David Tavernier (2019)

Sergeants-at-Arms  
Chair: Brenda Stein  
Robert Stack  
Rachel d' Entremont  
Nat Green  
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Richard Holley  
John McMichael  
Julia Walker

# THE GEAR

AUGUST 15, 2016



## Rotary Club of Aiken



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PROGRAM LAST WEEK by Scott Hunter



Jane Page Thompson  
Membership Coordinator

Our Rotary club is goaled to grow by at least five members this year. Membership coordinator Jane Page Thompson gave an overview of changes and initiatives that will help get us to that goal. Jane Page noted that one challenge for our club is that we have a lot of "experienced" members, to put it politely. Our club needs new younger

members, more women — right now males outnumber females by 3 to 1 — and also needs greater racial and religious diversity.

While Jane Page noted that we have some classifications that need filling, including veterinary workers and nurses, there are no longer any restrictions on the number of members allowed in any classification.

To help boost membership and attendance:

- August 29 will be Bring A Friend To Rotary day.
- The last Wednesday of each month will be Marguerita Makeup Day. The location will rotate, and the time and place will be listed in The Gear. The first event will be from 5:15 -6:30 p.m. at the Willcox.
- Reserved seating placards are available for visitors and new members.

## PROGRAM TODAY

Coach Vanderslice and Coach Miller  
USCA Basketball

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

**August** MONTHLY THEME:  
Membership and Extension

August 22 Sabina Jokulis  
Aiken Gymnastics

August 29 Kay Benitez  
Megiddo Dream Station

**September** Monthly Theme:  
New Generations

September 5 No Meeting Labor Day

## BIRTHDAYS

8/13 Corey Feraldi

8/15 Regena Brackett

8/19 Brian Bernard

8/19 Ronnie Young

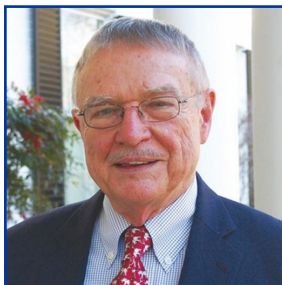
## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

8/14 Rakesh Jasani

8/15 Bob Byrne

8/16 Dave Tavernier

8/17 Avery Spears-Mahoney



## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

## MEMBERSHIP AND STAYING MEMBERSHIP

Last week we emphasized membership in our Club lead by Jane Page Thompson. We recall also that recently we were awarded “Best Club” in the District by our District Governor. The award was partly based on our increased membership that we have had over the years. And speaking of increased membership, twenty years ago in August

1996 we were awarded the Calgary Challenge Award from Rotary International for the greatest gain in membership from a Club in District 7750. Membership gain is great but much greater, and also to be lauded more, is the staying power of Rotarians who believe and practice the idea that Rotary is a lifetime commitment!

And speaking of staying power, we are happy to congratulate some Rotarians who joined in month of August and are still with us. Some of these are Joel Cote and Rakesh Jasani who joined in August of 2006 and have been faithful for ten years. But wait, Tom Cofer joined us in August of 1976 and is still with us after forty years. A good example of staying membership. However, four of our current Rotarians believe in Rotary as a lifetime commitment, as Ron Wheeler has been in for 50 years; Leonard Browder for 51 years, and Wade Brodie and Marshall Cain for 55 years. Great going, gentlemen, for your faithfulness.



## *Margarita Make-up Night.*

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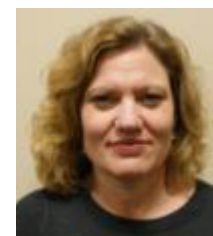
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Kitty Yundt



Susan Selden

Congratulations to  
Kitty Yundt and Susan Selden  
on their graduation from the  
Red Badge program.

## BRING a FRIEND

August 29 is bring a friend to Rotary day so please remember our demographic challenges or invite that friend that you've always thought should be a member. Our club has very few retail, small business manufacturing, veterinary services and medical practitioners so from a classification standpoint we have some areas to expand there, as well. August 29 it's a great opportunity to introduce a friend to Rotary. Keep in mind, above all else, the core values of Rotary are community leadership and service above self.

## *Welcome!*

There are “Welcome to Rotary” place cards at the sergeant-at-arms desk for red badge members to use to reserve a place at a table so they can achieve their blue badge graduation. Also “Reserved” place cards for tables that tend to fill up quickly are available so a guest or new member won't bump into a full table. So, grab a reserved sign if your table is full, or if you are having a committee meeting, you expect to have a Student of the month and their family, etc. filling those seats.