

## CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Rick Osbon  
4-Way Test—*next meeting* – Rev. Tim McClendon  
Program— Bill Taylor  
Program Introduction – Leighton McLendon  
Jan. Invocation— Susan Winsor  
Jan. Greeters —  
Jan. Student Hosts—Leighton McLendon and Rakesh Jasani  
Jan. Student Guests—Muhammad Ali Rizvi and David Stoner

## GUESTS

Lydia Gerstenberger	Student guest
Daneshka Padro Perez	Student guest
Destiny Dye	Student guest
Gary Sullivan	guest of John McMichael
Hal Shreck	guest of Bill Shreck
Eva Mueller	guest of Stephen Mueller
Jenny Roacle	guest of Richard Garcia
Brenda Zaloudek	guest of Dan Zaloudek
Camille Furguele	guest of Collette Ball
Emily Goodman	guest of James Goodman
Jim Bukovitz	guest of Vicki Bukovitz
Christa Wayland	guest of Lamar Wayland
Lisa Tharp-Bernard	guest of Brian Bernard
Lauren Grimm	guest of Karen Bowles
Paul Gerstenberger	Student parent
Susan Gerstenberger	Student parent
Sonya Chandler	guest of Liz Neal
Terrie Lindsay	guest of John Lindsay

## MAKE-UPS

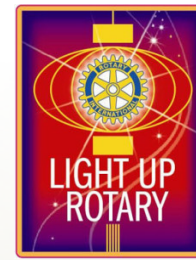
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## DEC. STUDENTS-OF-THE-MONTH ADDRESS THE CLUB

Karen Bowles introduced our student guest, Lydia Gerstenberger, who is third in her class at Aiken High School for her final visit during our last meeting. Lydia addressed the club. Lydia told us that she has had the opportunity to meet Rotarians as the Vice President of Interact. She is impressed by the amount of time Rotarians put into the community. She has received \$80,000 for four years and \$70,000 for four years to attend two different schools. She hopes to be a Rotarian once she is established in her career.

Brian Bernard introduced Daneshka Padro Perez, our student guest from South Aiken High School for her final visit last during our last meeting. Daneshka addressed the club. She said she learned a lot about Rotary and what we do. She learned that Rotarians work together to better the community. Daneshka thanked the club for the opportunity.

Mallory Holley introduced Destiny Dye, our student guest from Lloyd Kennedy Performing Arts Charter School. Destiny is interested in majoring in zoology or studying the environment after participating in several SRS Ecology Lab visits though school. She has applied to USC, USC Aiken, and the University of Colorado.



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## **HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

By: Catie Rabun

Our last meeting was held on December 15, 2014 where we celebrated the upcoming Christmas holiday. Before the program, Rotarians enjoyed seasonal solos from members of the Aiken Area Akademie Homeschool Band and South Aiken Baptist Christian School Band, directed by Barb Rollins, wife of Aiken Rotary Club member Roger Rollins.

Betty Ryberg formally introduced the program that included the band leading the Aiken Rotary Club in song to Christmas classics like *Joy to the World*, *We Wish you a Merry Christmas*, *Silent Night*, *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*, and others, as well as a Hanukkah favorite, *The Hanukkah Song*. Rotarian Tom Calhoun led the club in song alongside the band.

Other highlights from the day included Bill Tucker delivering only good news during his regular news report and Camille Furguele joining the club as a new member.

PROGRAM TODAY

**BILL TAYLOR, TOM YOUNG,  
DON WELLS**

ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- JAN 12 Coach Vince Alexander, USC Aiken
- JAN 19 **NO MEETING**
- JAN 26 Owen Clary & Robert Stack, Historic Aiken Awards

BIRTHDAYS

- 1/6 Jeremy O'Donnell
- 1/10 Will Williams
- 1/10 Stephen Surasky

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- 1/8 Lyn Kenney (2007)
- 1/8 Ross Culligan (2007)



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**HISTORICAL  
PERSPECTIVE**

By Owen Clary

CHEESE + ROTARIANS = TOUR

In late November coming to us to sell cheese (by the way the cheese was great!) was the Batesburg-Leesville Rotary Club in the personage of Rotarian Andy Shumpert of that Club. In conversation with Andy he stated he lived within a stone's throw of the North Edisto River and the nearby historic abandoned Edisto Academy (1915-1935, 121 students, co-ed boarding high school and one year college). That perked the interest of a historian in our Club and a tour was organized recently to tour eastern Aiken County. Four of our Rotarians (Newburn, Shields, Zaloudek, and Selfie) and two wives, took off on a six hour, 103 mile circuit of eastern Aiken County to hit many of the natural and historic spots. Among some interesting sites seen and visited were Pascalinia, Sheik Mo's horse property, Gopher Tortoise Preserve, South Edisto River, Revolutionary War Dean Swamp Battle site, chittlin' Salley, Brodie's Heritage Preserve, Perry Hotel, Wagener's wagons, abandoned Seivern town area, North Edisto River, Edisto Academy site, New Holland, Chinquapin Falls (a natural 30 foot waterfall in our county), Janet Harrison Carolina Bay, George Washington slept here site, and the original ridge spring. The tour lunched at Juniper (build it they will come!) and took in the Nut House, both in Ridge Spring. The tour returned to Aiken via way of Mt. Calvary (1828), headwaters of the South Edisto, old mill pond, and the Seigler house in Eureka. Rotarians absorbed an interesting part of Aiken County that is somewhat little known and often overlooked. Rotarians on the tour also learned that the peach town of Monetta is half in Aiken County and half in Saluda County. It was a good day had by some Rotarians.

**2014 SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING**

By: Ralph Courtney

The Salvation Army bells, kettles, and aprons have been put away for another year. This was, however, only after over 100 Rotarians, joined by a few spouses and children, several Interact members, and special friends, took advantage of our Club's annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing opportunity. Once again, our membership demonstrated our commitment to Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self."

We were fortunate to have beautiful weather for this activity which took place on December 19<sup>th</sup> at nine kettle stations set up at the two local Wal-Marts, Roses, Hobby Lobby, Sam's Club, Kroger, and Aiken Mall. Those who gave of their time to ring the bells were the recipients of many friendly smiles offered by busy shoppers. A number of donors expressed their appreciation for our efforts to benefit individuals in our community who are less fortunate. One Rotarian commented that, this year, more individuals appeared to be depositing bills in the kettle - a sign of an improving economy and increasing optimism in our area.

We look forward to learning from the Salvation Army the amount raised through this year's project. Regardless of that total, and the number of individuals who can be helped through our efforts, the lives of those who participated were enriched. In the words of the 19<sup>th</sup> century English author, Albert Pine, "What we have done for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal. "

