

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Rev. Tim McClendon
4-Way Test—*next meeting* – Molly Jones
Program—John Lindsay
Jan. Invocation— Susan Winsor
Jan. Greeters — Jennifer Hart and Karen Guevara
Jan. Student Hosts—Leighton McLendon and Rakesh Jasani
Jan. Student Guests—Muhammad Ali Rizvi and David Stoner

GUESTS

Ali Risvi	Student guest
David Stoner	Student guest
Destiny Dye	Student guest (December)
Brandan Nabois	guest of Chris Dickson
Gill Allensworth	guest of Will Williams
Ann Bellamy	visiting Rotary Club of Nashua

MAKE-UPS

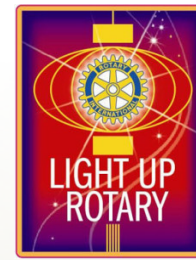
Russ Richardson	Club Service 12/18
Robert Stack	Gloucester, MA 12/18
Richard Herring	West Ottawa, Canada 12/18

ROTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS

The Rotary Club of Aiken received thank you notes from three entities that received Community Service Grant in 2014, including Guide Encourage Mentor (GEM), Children's Place, and ACTS.

GEM received \$500.00 to be applied towards scholarships, \$1000.00 went to Children's Place to support the Summer Institute for teachers in Aiken County, and ACTS received \$500.00 to help purchase heaters for those in need this winter.

If anyone would like to read the notes, please contact Stan Smith.



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Chair: Richard Holley

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THE GEAR

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HOLIDAY PROGRAM

By: Karen Guevara

Rotarian David Jameson introduced Senator Tom Young and Representative Bill Taylor, who overviewed the SC legislative session. Rep Taylor highlighted passage of: a ban on texting while driving, Emma's law re: an ignition lock/photo/breathalyzer system to prevent drunk driving, 1¢ sales tax for school construction, new common core for scholastic assessment, "Read to Succeed" program for early intervention in reading proficiency, expansion of 4K programs and school choice program for disabled, restaurant concealed carry law, grandparents' court rights, legalized raffles, and several laws supporting veterans. Sen Young overviewed the state budget. The state lottery provided \$277M to higher education scholarships and \$68M to K-12 public education. Medicaid expenditures in the state exceeded incoming funding for the first time. To fund road/bridge needs, legislators may increase the wholesale fuel tax for suppliers (with an offset in the SC motor fuel tax, to keep pump prices level). Twenty-nine states are currently working on "Constitutional Convention of States" bills allowing 34 agreeing states to change national laws.

PROGRAM TODAY

COACH VINCE ALEXANDER

USC Aiken

FUTURE PROGRAMS

JAN 19	NO MEETING
JAN 26	Owen Clary & Robert Stack, Historic Aiken Awards
FEB 2	Molly Cooper, Aiken Technical College; Cell Tower Installation

BIRTHDAYS

1/12	Herb Mattocks
1/15	Jane Page Thompson
1/16	Geoffrey Magrath
1/17	Elliott Levy
1/19	Jon Notestein
1/19	Henry Krippner
1/20	Andrew Siders
1/22	William Price
1/22	Rick Osbon
1/23	Van Smith

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

1/23	Tommy McCullough (2012)
1/24	Tom Calhoun (2011)

CART



EVERY COIN
COUNTS



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

TEN YEARS AGO - JANUARY 2005

It was law enforcement month for us in January of 2005. We were informed (or better still, kept on our toes and P's and Q's) as we had "the Law" talking to us. We had Jeff Moore, Executive Director of SC Sheriff's Association followed by our own Rotarian and Sheriff, Mike Hunt, to address our Club. Then for the fourth Monday, Chief Robert Stewart, SLED, spoke, followed on the fifth Monday (Yep, there were five Mondays in that month) by LT. Gov. Andre Bauer (remember him and "the Law"?).

NEW YEAR

Our Club ushered in the New Year last week with a kickoff by two politicians who are in the state legislature and who are members of our Club. We also had in attendance last week, our two newest members, James Goodman and Camille Furguele. These two (the politician and the retired auto agency man) have already met over coffee and as Rotarians, and the newly elected County Council member, Camille, may elect to give James a task or two to serve on one of the County Commissions. (Both are good persons to get the job done!!)

COUNTY TOURS

At the end of last week's meeting some Club members responded to the piece "Cheese + Rotarians = Tours," in last week's "Gear," with questions and interest on the report of four Rotarians who toured eastern Aiken County. They expressed interest in such a tour. Since many of our Rotarians are not "natives" of Aiken County (and only 24% of all Aikenites are!), some Rotarians and others may have an interest in such tours or other "get acquainted" venues. There are three basic tours available: Eastern Aiken County, Horse Creek Valley, and west Aiken County to include Beech Island and North Augusta. All one has to do is shout "I'd like to go" and the tour guide will listen.

QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP REPORT (OCTOBER - DECEMBER)

The Club is enjoying seven new members, but also saw the attrition of four members during the same period, for a net gain of three members. Also during the quarter, three additional persons were approved and processed through the initial orientation, but were unable to be inducted due to the holidays. They will be inducted soon!

New Members (and Sponsors)

Please help us welcome:

Jonathan Bourman (Doug Rabold)
George "Chris" Dickson (Joe Lewis)
Camille Furguele (Collette Ball)
James Goodman (Dean Sackett)
Matt Musolf (Bob Bigger)
David Phelps (Joe Shields)
Dorothy Ridley (Sara Wood)

Resigned Members

Please acknowledge these transitions:

Michael Hertzberg (2006) – Health concerns
Jeff Howell (2010) – Accepted a position out of state
Jason Price (2012) – Conflict with work schedule
Kathryn "Kitty" Windham (2004) – Deceased