CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—this week — John Lindsey
4-Way Test—next week — TBD
Program— Lyn Kenney & Joe Shields
April Invocation— Billy Benton
April Greeters — McDonald Law and Collette Ball
April Students—Lindsay Brill
April Student Hosts—Jason Price

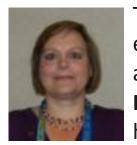
GUESTS

Holly Woltz
Lindsay Brill
Bob Nicholson
Kay Brohl
John Forney
Speaker
Student guest
guest of Joel Cote
Speaker guest
visiting Altoona, PA

MAKE-UPS

Dean Sackett eClubOne 3/31
Dean Sackett Rotary Readers 3/26
Lynn Sheppard Rotary Readers 3/31
Sandra Jordan eClubOne 3/31
Leighton McLendon Club Service 4/14

THE GEAR GAINS A NEW WRITER



The Club is excited to announce that **Karen Guevara** has joined *The*

Gear staff and will contribute as a regular writer. Karen, we are so happy to have you on board!

If you are interested in working on this weekly newsletter, please contact Catie Rabun at catie.rabun@gmail.com or 803.215.4731.

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PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Karen Guevara



After an introduction from Betty Ryberg last week, Holly Woltz spoke about the Guide, Encourage, Mentor (GEM) Program that was started in September 2013 by a diverse group of local women to engage "at risk" Aiken High School teenage girls and make a difference in their lives.

She started the program after noting today's society can send contradictory messages to young women. "You can become President

of the United States," yet "You shouldn't stand out" because you aren't the prettiest, or because being smart isn't cool.

GEM consists of 24 mentors and 22 students, covering topics from resume writing and interview skills, to how to shake hands and look someone in the eye.

Mentors share personal stories of struggle, persistence, and ultimate success. They guide teenage girls to believe in themselves and make healthy, informed decisions. The students are exposed to women from a variety of professions, including technical fields. Rotarians are encouraged to volunteer as a mentor or provide funding for scholarships for young women.

PROGRAM TODAY

LYN KENNEY & JOE SHIELDS

ROTARY GRANT FAIR IN GUATEMALA AND INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS UPDATE

FUTURE PROGRAMS

APR 21 Clifton Jones and Erika Wizdom;

Leadership Aiken County

APR 28 Joe Waters, Institute for Child

Success; Early Education School

Readiness

MAY 5 Jennifer Hart; Goodwill Industries,

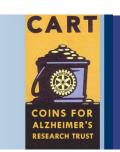
Community Update

BIRTHDAYS

4/15 Buzz Rich

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

4/14 Richard Church (2003) 4/19 Henry Krippner (1999)



EVERY COIN COUNTS



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE By Owen Clary

APRIL 2004 - TEN YEAR AGO

We had a most unusual and entertaining speaker and presentation in April of 2004 by the folk painter, Jim Harrison. He said in high school he displayed no particular artistic talent but was hired by Coco-cola sign painter, J. J. Cornforth, to paint those large signs on buildings related to Coco-cola. Jim still has an active studio in Denmark, SC, right at the main street intersection with 78. It may be that one of our own Rotarians, Raymond Mizell, has one of his original prints.

OUR PAST - APRIL 1994

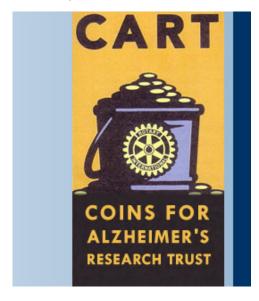
Interesting board action of the Board in April 1994. We approved \$150 for the sponsorship of one student for Camp Hope. The Board also elected as President-Elect, Richard Pearce and elected Tim Simmons as Vice President for the FY 1994-1995. Incoming President Bud Coward selected Jane Boston, Scott Hunter, Sara Wood and Harry Busbee as Directors of the Four Avenues of Service. The District Assembly was held at Clinton with Bill Tucker, Bud Coward, and Ramond Mizell attending from our Club.

HISTORICAL NOTES AND FACTS

A quote from "The Gear" of 1984 for the month of April: "Well, the Masters is behind us. Now the Aiken entrepreneurs are busy lugging the tourists' money to the bank. And on the 25 of June, Ron Wheeler, will be installed by District Governor King Dixon, as the District's new District Governor." (And after talking with some individuals whom we met at the Masters this past Thursday, we can understand Aiken entrepreneurs lugging tourist money to the bank. One couple related being charged \$300 per night at one of Aiken's lowest level motels and the room was never cleaned and the room had to be rented for seven days).

CART FUND UPDATE

Last year, between January 1, 2013 and April 1, 2013, the club collected \$1,260.00 for the CART fund. This year, between January 1, 2014 and April 1, 2014, the club collected \$1,394.00 for the CART fund.



The purpose of the CART Fund (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) is to collect and provide dollars for leading edge research for the cure/prevention of Alzheimer's disease (AD). It started in 1996 with Rotarians voluntarily empting their pockets and purses of change at weekly meetings.

One hundred percent (100%) of donated funds go to cutting edge AD research as required by the by-laws of the Fund.

Through 2013 the Fund had awarded over four million dollars in 22 grants to recognized research institutions.

Find out more at www.cartfund.org.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW ANNOUNCEMENT



It's a Great Time to Become a Paul Harris Fellow!

The Rotary Board has approved matching club points for members wanting to become a Paul Harris Fellow. This is the same generous opportunity that was available last year and resulted in many new Paul Harris Fellows. There is a 30-day window to take advantage of this special offer. Don't delay; spring is a wonderful time to show your support and commitment to Rotary.

Contact Beth Everitt for more information.