

### CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—Richard Garcia

4-Way Test Next Week - Paul Durban

Program—

March Greeters - Lee Boylston, William Price

March Invocation- Tom Herlong

### GUESTS

Reese Berry

Emily Chafin

Audrey Wiseman

Tina Blackwell

Stephen Gaskill

Sandy Talbott

Bob Erikson

Matt Merrifield

student guest AHS

student guest SAHS

Mead Hall

APS

Richard Holley

Cindy Mears

Ahmed Samaha

Kitty Yundt

Vance Reynolds

### VISITING ROTARIAN

Ralph Marrinson

Karl Steen

Ft. Lauderdale

Vero Beach



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Al Sorensen (2017)

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Grant Wiseman (2017)

John Lindsay (2018)

Rick McLeod (2018)

Jennifer Hart (2018)

Chrissa Matthews (2019)

Betty Ryberg (2019)

Jeff Baumgardner (2019)

Mallory Holley (2019)

Sergeants-at-Arms

Chair: Richard Holley

Robert Stack

Rachel d' Entremont

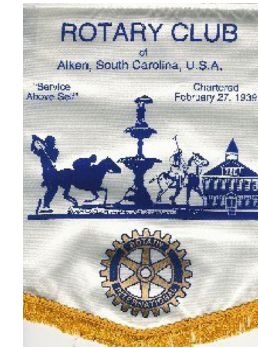
Richard Herring

Jeff Baumgardner

Josh Booth

# THE GEAR

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### PROGRAM LAST WEEK by Jeff Baumgardner



Last week's speakers were Richard Holley and Cindy Mears with Cherry Bekaert. Cherry Bekaert specializes in tax, audit and advisory services. Both Richard and Cindy are CPAs. Their topic of discussion was "What You Need to Know Now". Richard let us know that we/they are now dealing with the largest tax overhaul since 1986. Richard focused on the effects of the tax code changes on the individual side while Cindy highlighted some of the business changes that are going into effect. Cindy mentioned that the new tax code is over 1000 pages long and that further clarification is coming as to how all of this is to be interpreted and applied going forward. On the

individual side Richard pointed out that in general there were "Winners and Losers". Richard listed under the Loser category "Dinks" (Double Income No Kids) and possibly the Upper Middle Class. Winners with the tax code changes may be considered the "Married With Children" filing status. On the business side Cindy stated that the changes should be good for small businesses. Both speakers touched on a number of changes that most likely will affect the vast majority of us Rotarians. My take away was you have to be proactive, it is virtually impossible to know how all of this will affect you and most importantly you need to have a knowledgeable and trusted CPA to lead you through all of these changes. Nothing is more expensive than ignorance.

Rotary unites more  
than a million people

1.2 million members  
over 35,000 clubs

### Weekly Witticism

I never learned anything  
from a match that I won.

Bobby Jones

## Margarita Make-Ups

Main House Bar at Rose Hill

5:15 pm - 6:15pm

Last Wednesday of each month

April 25th

May 30th • June 27th

Remember to turn-in your Make-up  
to the Sergeant-at-Arms You don't need a make-up!!  
Just come spend time with fellow Rotarians

## PROGRAM TODAY

Bill Reynolds -  
Friends of Hopelands &  
Rye Patch Inc.

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

April Theme:

Maternal and Child Health Month

April 9 Dr. Sean Alford

April 16 Peggy Ford "High Risk to High Hope"

## BIRTHDAYS

Rhonda Overbey	04 April
Mike Willis	05 April

## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Bart Blackwell	04/03/17
Bud Coward	04/04/11

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

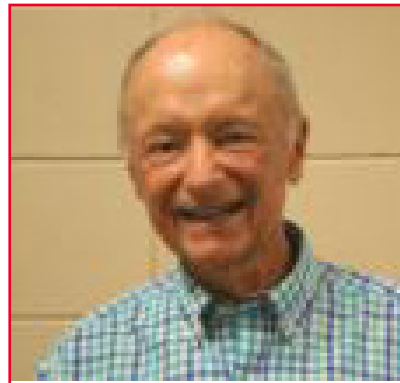


**KIM ABNEY**

City of Aiken

Director of Finance

Date of Induction: 7/21/17



**JOHN "COACH" ABSHIRE**

Classification:

Retailing- Gasoline

Date of Induction: 4/17/17



**Saturday, April 28**

The purpose of  
RUN UNITED is to  
promote health and  
wellness while raising  
funds to benefit  
United Way of Aiken



## *Margarita Make-Ups*



Karl Skeen Denis Brosnan, Phil Cincotta, Jane Page Thompson  
Russ Richardson, Dan Zaloudek