

## CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Ron Parker  
 4-Way Test—*July 8* –Mike Willis  
 Program—Jennifer Hart

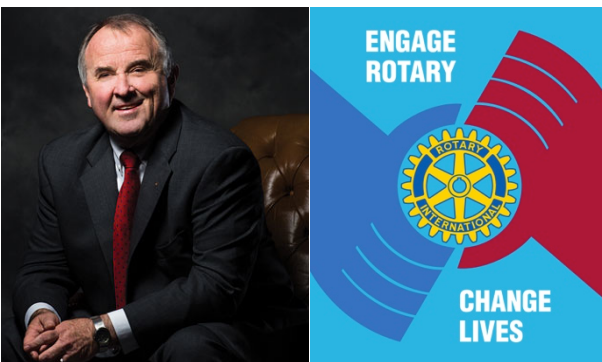
## GUESTS

Barbara Smith guest of **Stan Smith**  
 Gail Shields guest of **Joe Shields**  
 Karen Poteat guest of **Jeff Howell**  
 Monica Key guest of **Barry Adams**

## MAKE-UPS

Elliot Levy Aiken Sunrise 6/13  
 Scott Hunter eClubOne 6/14

*We will join President Ron Burton,  
 2013-2014 Rotary International  
 President, in achieving this year's theme  
 to "Engage Rotary, Change Lives"*



Aiken's Children's Place Choir entertained Rotarians at this installation meeting of new President, Executive Officers and Board. The group, led by Rotarian **Andrew Siders** sang "Let There be Peace on Earth," which coincides with Rotary's theme for the past year "Peace Through Service."



**Liz Neal** named Aiken Rotarian of the Year.



Aiken Rotary Club Past Presidents



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**Monday, 12:30 PM**  
**Newberry Hall**  
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**R.I. President**  
 Ron Burton  
**District Governor**  
 Lorraine Angelino  
**Club President**  
 Joe Shields  
**President Elect**  
 Barbara Morgan  
**Vice President**  
 Joe Lewis  
**Past President**  
 Peggy Ford  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
 Stanley Smith  
**Sergeant-at-Arms**  
 Richard Holley  
**Assistant Governor**  
 Liz Stewart  
**Board of Directors**  
 Vicki Bukovitz (2014)  
 Jason Stewart (2014)  
 John McMichael (2014)  
 Henry Krippner (2015)  
 Chuck Munns (2015)  
 Van Smith (2015)  
 Collette Ball (2016)  
 Liz Neal (2016)  
 Will Williams (2016)  
**Sergeants-at-Arms**  
 Chair: Richard Holley  
 Robert Stack  
 Ross Culligan  
 Richard Herring  
 Tom Calhoun  
 Wayland Lamar  
 John McMichael

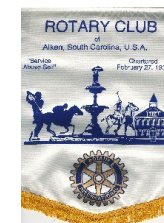
# THE GEAR



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## PAST PRESIDENT PEGGY FORD THANKS THE CLUB

By: Catie Rabun



President Peggy began the meeting by thanking all the children in the Children's Place Choir, Meisha Gary, their Choir Director, Terry Sherbert, Kelly Findley, all from Children's Place and Rotary's own Andrew Siders for their help in sharing such a beautiful and fitting song, "Let There Be Peace on Earth." She said the song symbolizes why the purpose of Rotary means so much to her. She

wants peace to not just mean the absence of war but the state of being for each child and family worldwide. So, this year's theme ----Peace through Service was a perfect fit for her.

President Peggy then thanked several club members by name for their service during her term. Those Rotarians included:

All of the Board of Directors, President-Elect Joe Shields, Vice President Barbara Morgan, Jason Stewart, recording secretary Stan Smith, Vicki Bukovitz, John McMichael, Henry Krippner, Chuck Munns, Van Smith, Karen Bowles, Josh Stewart, Past President David Jameson, Bill Taylor, Bill Tucker, Jane Paige Thompson, Henry Krippner, Joe Lewis, Beth Everett, Van Smith, Chad and Chrissa Matthews, Mallory Holley, Richard Holley and Sargent-at-Arms team, David Tavernier, Catie Rabun and the Gear team, Owen Clary, Stan Jackson, Kitty Windham, Melody Rick, Tami Burke, Sara Wood, Lyn Kenney, Geoffrey MacGrath, Sharon Rogers, Ralph Courtney, Liz Stewart, Fred Kelsven, Regina Brackett, Colette Ball and the Scholarship Committee, Karen Bowles, Mike Hertzberg, Doug Rabold, Natalie Fox, Thomas Smith, Dean Sackett, Barbara Morgan, Barbara Strack, Beth Everett, all of our club's Veterans, Chuck Munns, and The Rotary Club of Aiken's Rotarian of 2012-2013, Liz Neal.

Her final thank you was to her husband Rick, who embraces her causes.

*Thank you for a great year, Past President Peggy Ford!*

## PROGRAM TODAY

# NORMAN DUNAGAN DUMPSTER DEPOT/GREEN WORKS

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

JUL 15	Lorraine Angelino; District Governor
JUL 22	Lisa Fallaw; Principal, East Aiken Elementary
JUL 29	Mac Burdetter; Executive Director "Patriots Point" Naval & Maritime Museum

## BIRTHDAYS

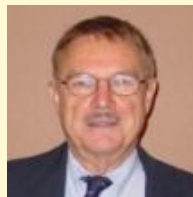
7/13	Beth Everitt
7/13	Jeff Howell

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

7/11	Tony & Sandy Harris
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## CLUB MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

7/9	Collette Ball (2007)
7/9	Robby Bowles (1997)



## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

### INCOMING NEW OFFICERS JULY OF LAST 40 YEARS

(Listed below are the incoming officers for the Aiken Rotary Club for the last four decades for the years ending in 3-4). These are listed in the "Gear" at the first meeting of each New Year. (Well, one may ask why this is done and one may also say that not many folks remember individuals of some years past: and a response might be that this shows the continuity of the Aiken Rotary Club over the years and that perhaps a few listed names might bring a smile and a good memory of those caring Rotarians).

### TEN YEARS AGO - JULY 2003

President-Barbara Strack; President Elect-Buzz Rich;  
Vice President-William Price; Secretary/Treasurer-Raymond Mizell

### TWENTY YEARS AGO - JULY 1993

President-William Tucker; President Elect-Sid Ballentine; Vice President-Bud Coward;  
Secretary/Treasurer-Raymond Mizell

### THIRTY YEARS AGO - JULY 1983

President-Cecil McFerrin; Vice-President-Jack Livingston; Secretary/Treasurer-Jim Sprawls

### FORTY YEARS AGO - JULY 1973

President-Albert Peters; President Elect-Allen Bayles;  
Vice President-Lowman Tyler; Secretary/Treasurer-Jim Sprawls

## 2013-2014 AIKEN ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT JOE SHIELDS ADDRESSES THE CLUB



Before President Joe Shields spoke about plans for this coming year, he first congratulated Immediate Past President Peggy on a job well done. He then thanked the club for giving him the honor and privilege of leading this important organization. He pledged to try his very best to measure up to that high standard.

Rotary International President Ron Burton's theme for this year is "Engage Rotary, Change Lives." "Engage," reminded President Shields that the Rotary symbol, and the title of our weekly newsletter, *The Gear*, symbolizes what we as Rotarians are called on to do. That is to "engage" by transferring our energy and good intentions into motion and action much like a gear transfers its motion and energy so that good work gets done.

Joe gave the example of his father who was in the automobile business. Shields quickly learned that unless automobile gears were "engaged" nothing good happened. Some gears are large and some gears are smaller. Some rotate slowly, some rotate at high speed. But one gear in a series cannot remain idle if the work is to be done. He said we are the gears of Rotary.

Recognizing that this is an action-oriented club, the Officers, Directors and Committees have established the following goals:

1. Growth is one of the marks of a successful and vibrant Rotary club that attracts the best and brightest in any community. A stagnant club is a dying club. So we will increase our total membership to 175 by reducing the number of unnecessary resignations and continuing our recruiting efforts.
2. We will continue this club's generous financial support of Rotary's worldwide.
3. We will work to send 3 members to Rotary Leadership Institute seminars to begin to train future club leaders and we will become an Every Rotarian Every Year club by encouraging every member to begin contributing at least \$20 dollars this year to the Foundation.
4. In addition to those quantifiable goals, Director Vicki Bukovitz and Public Relations Committee Chair Dave Tavernier will increase our efforts to gain public recognition of the good we as Rotarians do in our community and around the world.

President Shields stated that he has focused his attention on planning for this next year on community improvement efforts. Director Chuck Munns and World Community Services Committee Chair Lyn Kenney will continue their work to identify exciting other-country projects and we will apply for District Grant funding assistance as necessary. There may also be opportunities there for some of us to practice "hands-on" service to needy citizens in one of those other countries.

He also made note of what he calls a "signature project" for the year, which will be a significant expansion of our Literacy Program under Director Collette Ball and Committee Chair Sharon Rodgers. They have been working hard with members of Dr. Everett's School District administration staff and Principal Fallaw at East Aiken School of the Arts to ready a program that will enlist our help by "engaging" us in efforts to improve childhood literacy. He used a statement he recently learned that "In a child's early education they learn to read; then they begin to read to learn." Reading well and the ability to learn from it are absolutely essential to a successful life by any definition.