

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Betty Ryberg
4-Way Test—*next meeting* – Liz Neal
Program— Barbara Morgan
July Invocation— Jane Page Thompson
July Greeters — Van Smith and Mike Willis

GUESTS

Gail Shields	guest of Joe Shields
Sissy Brodie	guest of Wade Brodie
Madison Gregory	guest of Wade Brodie
John Foroe	guest of Van Smith
Sarah Griffis	guest of Karen Bowles
Reagan Burke	guest of Tami Burke
Steve Bassett	visiting Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Ralph Marrinson	visiting Ft. Lauderdale, FL

MAKE-UPS

Joel Cote	eClubOne 6/23
Clay Killian	eClubOne 6/23
Rachel Ryan	eClubOne 4/14 – 6/23

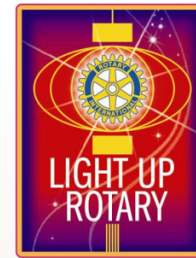
ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR FOR 2013-2014

Past President Joe Shields presented Catie Rabun with the 2013-2014 Rotarian of the Year award for her service to The Gear, efforts to reduce club costs on its production, and other “behind-the-scenes” work she completed for the Club and for him during his term.



I would like to thank Joe Shields and the Rotary Club of Aiken for choosing me to receive this award. It is an honor to be recognized as the Rotarian of the Year. I have enjoyed my service to the Club but I cannot go without thanking my committee of writers, photographers, and other contributors for their efforts on The Gear, as I certainly cannot take all the credit for the work that is completed for it each week. I look forward to many more years of service to our club.

-Catie Rabun, Editor of The Gear



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INSTALLATION CEREMONY FOR 2014 2015

By: Catie Rabun



At our last meeting, Past President Joe Shields kicked off the installation ceremony by thanking all the board members for their support of the Rotary Club of Aiken during his term. John McMichael, Peggy Ford, and Jason Stewart completed their terms on the board this year. Past President Shields reviewed the list of goals that were set at the beginning of the 2013-2014 year and gave an update on where we stood in accomplishing them by the end of the year. Some goals that we met or exceeded included, but weren't limited to, filling three new classifications, strengthening new member indoctrinations, obtaining 10 new Paul Harris fellows (we had 23), expanding our literacy programs, and offering more scholarships and grants. Goals that we fell short of were our membership goal of 175 (we are at 174) and finding three new benefactors (we had one).

Under Joe Shields leadership, the Rotary Club of Aiken received several awards. We received a RI Presidential Citation, the District Rotary Leadership Award, the Strategic Goal Award, 2nd place CART fund, and the Bronze District Governor's Awards for Club Excellence.

Thank you Joe for your years of service to the Rotary Club of Aiken, and especially for all the time and energies you put towards moving our club forward in the past year.

PROGRAM TODAY

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR
TOM FAULKNER**

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- JUL 14 District Governor Tom Faulkner
- JUL 21 Will Williams, Business and Economic Development
- JUL 28 Tami Burke, A Look at 25 Years of Engagement

BIRTHDAYS

- 7/15 Sharon Rodgers
- 7/16 Josh Stewart
- 7/16 Bill Taylor
- 7/20 Marshall Cain
- 7/20 Carla Cloud
- 7/20 Allen Brodie

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/15 Monica Key (2013)
- 7/15 Barbara Nelson (2013)
- 7/16 Regena Brackett (2001)
- 7/16 Teresa Haas (2012)
- 7/19 Will Williams (2010)

**HISTORICAL
PERSPECTIVE**

By Owen Clary



TEN YEAR AGO - JULY 2004

We were delighted along with the Sunrise Club about the District nominee from Aiken. Rich Waugh, fellow Rotarian with the Sunrise Club had become District 7750's nominee for Governor for the 2006-2007 year. Rich made us a great District Governor and had a great speech when he made it around to all the Clubs in District 7750.

OUR PAST - "THE GEAR" JULY 1994

We inducted a new member into our Club during the first meeting of the new Rotary Year in July of 1994. Ron Parker joined us with the classification of Security Services. Ron has attended regularly these twenty years and has volunteered in many area. Congratulations, Ron, on twenty years of service to the Aiken Rotary Club.

HISTORICAL NOTES AND FACTS

In July of 1984 (30 years ago) we choose to meet on July 2nd and July 9th and did not have a holiday off for the 4th. However our luncheon on July 2nd at the dining room of the old Ramada Inn (Now Knights Inn on Richland West) was a treat to kick off the new Rotary year. The Perkins brothers, who had the restaurant in the Ramada, provided us with Hors d'oeuvres, roast goose with apple dressing, yams in orange syrup, mashed yellow turnips, creamed white onions, green peas with mushrooms, and mince pie with brandied hard sauce.

**INSTALLATION OF NEW BOARD
MEMBERS**



Past District Governor Ron Wheeler led the installation of the 2014-2015 Board Members at the last meeting. He invited all of the Past Presidents to stand at the front during the ceremony. He



asked Past President Peggy Ford to present Joe Shields with the Past Presidents' pin before he joined the standing line of Past Presidents of the Rotary Club of Aiken.

The incoming board-of-directors were invited to the front to receive a blessing from Fred Andrea.

Barbara Morgan was then sworn in, repeating the oaths of office as the incoming president of the Rotary Club of Aiken.



**PRESIDENT BARBARA MORGAN
ADDRESSES THE CLUB**



After President Barbara Morgan was sworn in as the 2014-2015 President of the Rotary Club of Aiken, she thanked Joe Shields for taking last year's theme of "Engage Rotary,

Change Lives" to heart and making a real difference.

President Morgan will be leading this year under the theme of "Light up Rotary." She plans to do that by building upon what we have already worked on, as well as adding new elements to our routines. She wants to continue the good works of the Rotary Reader program and announced that we will be expanding reading groups into Aiken Elementary in addition to last year's school, East Aiken School for the Arts. We will keep diligently working on supporting Habitat for Humanity, the dictionary project, community service grants, and more but will also focus more time on being visible online and communicating internally and externally, creating a new PR/Marketing committee that will be chaired by John Lindsay, providing a new "Rotary Moment" at the beginning of each meeting, and planning to have an off-site visit to Bridgestone during Rotary's Vocational Month of October.

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