

## CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – John Girardeau  
4-Way Test—*next week* – Regena Brackett  
Program—Jane Page Thompson  
August Greeters—Lyn Kenney and John Lindsay  
August Invocation—Cindy Meares

## GUESTS

Beth Fadeley      Guest of **Betty Ryberg**  
Ashlyn Jackson    Guest of **Stan Jackson**  
Rob Novit          Visiting Sunrise Rotary Club

## MAKE-UPS

Betty Ryberg          eClubOne 7/8, 7/15, 7/29  
Robert Pistole        eClubOne 8/12  
Scott Hunter          eClubOne 8/12  
Barbara Morgan      Rotary Club of Pisgah Forest 8/19

## ROTARY READERS

Rotary Readers training began last week. If you haven't done so already, please sign up for one training session.

Available dates are:  
Tuesday, August 27 or  
Wednesday, August 28. If you haven't already indicated your preferences on the sign up sheets, please do so at today's meeting. Don't forget to complete and turn in your background check form at the training session you attend. The forms will be available at the training sessions also.



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Monday, 12:30 PM  
Newberry Hall  
117 Newberry Street, SW  
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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)

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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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## PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Meredith Cook



Introduced by **Liz Stewart**, our friend and fellow Rotarian **Jeff Howell** inspired us last week with the work of Public Education Partners.

After working for years as general manager for Houndslake Country Club, Jeff decided he wanted to work for an impactful community organization and reduce his work week to a mere 50

hours. At the time, Public Education Partners was in need of a new executive director and Jeff was the right man for the job. PEP is a local nonprofit dedicated to increasing community involvement in public schools, providing funding through projects of the month, and supporting educators. We watched a series of short videos that showed first hand the impact PEP is having in our community through reading programs, Synergistic Modules labs, and a Summer Institute program.

You can support Public Education Partners by participating in Aiken to Ride on September 8<sup>th</sup> and by purchasing a PEP Cookbook from Jeff Howell this fall.

**CART**



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COUNTS!**

## PROGRAM TODAY

**MIKE GIBBONS**  
GOLDEN HARVEST FOOD BANK

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

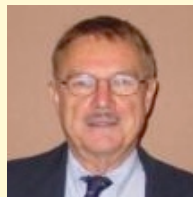
SEP 2      **NO MEETING**  
SEP 9      Ben Osborne, Principal, and King  
              Laurence, Assoc. Superintendent  
              for Instruction  
SEP 16     SC Attorney General Alan Wilson;  
              Human Trafficking

## BIRTHDAYS

8/26      Dean Sackett  
9/1        Warren Koehl  
9/7        Christopher Davies

## CLUB MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

8/28      Tom Hallman (2000)  
8/30      Laurie Hollick (2004)  
8/30      Paul Dusenbury (2010)  
9/1        Van Smith (1995)  
9/1        Cot Campbell (1975)  
9/1        William Price (1990)



## **HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**

By Owen Clary

### TEN YEAR AGO - AUGUST 2003

In August 2003, at our second meeting, our guest speaker was our local SC State Senator, Tommy Moore. (Remember him? We think he ran for Governor shortly afterwards on that other party ticket). He reported that two pieces of legislation passed. One was campaign reform that required reporting "soft" money contributions-- (by the way, Rotarians Taylor and Young, what are "soft contributions"?). The other legislation was lowering the threshold for driving under the influence from .10 to .08 (MADD was happy about that)!

### AN INTERESTING ARTICLE IN "THE GEAR" FROM AUGUST 1993

The article told about the "Real Thing"--of the Rotary Club of Waverley, Australia, reeling in empty Coca Cola bottles thrown overboard by sailors from ships in the Pacific area during WWII in 1943. The fifty-year old Coke bottles, both clear glass and rarer green, were packaged in black and gold boxes and sold as a fund raising project. (Wonder how they will package and sell today's Coke containers--those paper thin aluminum cans--fifty years from now?)

### SOME HISTORICAL ROTARY FACTS AND TIDBITS

- The Rotary emblem was first printed on a commemorative stamp in 1931
- The first head of state to address a Rotary convention was US President Warren G. Harding in 1923 in St. Louis
- Rotary first established the Paul Harris Fellows recognition in 1957

## **MENTORING, TOUCH A LIFE**



**Rotary Club of Aiken**

Last week Aiken Rotary Club members received a special issue of The Gear that serves as a handbook for the "Touch a Life" program that has set out to promote mentoring.

Successful education of Aiken County's children is crucial to the future vitality, economy, and overall well-being of our community. Unfortunately, many of our students drop out before graduating. In today's world, the lack of a high school diploma is a handicap that can be ill afforded. A key approach to improving

this situation is through volunteer mentors. A mentor meets with a student once a week for at least an hour for one-on-one conversation.

What does it take to be a mentor? Dependability, patience, flexibility, and desire to contribute to a young person's success in life—a young person you may never ever meet otherwise. (This is truly "Service above Self.") You don't need special training or skills. You don't send money. You simply share your experiences in life and you listen. Every member of our club can be a mentor. There is no cost, there are no meetings to go to, there is simply an hour of your time each week spent with a young person.

If you didn't receive a guide last week, check in with **Fred Kelsven** for a copy. The guide provides information on existing programs as well as schools who recognize the need for mentors.