

## CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Bud Coward  
4-Way Test—*next week* – Mike McNeill  
Program—Jennifer Hart  
December Invocation—Liz Neal  
December Greeters —Rick Osbon & Leighton McLendon  
December Student Hosts — Doug Rabold & Buzz Rich  
December Students — Madeline Diaz & Ian DeMass

## GUESTS

Lisa Fallaw	Speaker Guest
Mrs. Truitt	Speaker Guest
Syann Ortega	Rotary Reader Student
Tyler Hackman	Rotary Reader Student
Skyler Dougherty	Rotary Reader Student
Ian DeMass	Student Guest
Madeline Diaz	Student Guest
Judy Chun	guest of Catie Rabun
John Danley	guest of Jerry Hughson

## MAKE-UPS

Leighton McLendon eClubOne 11/25

## ROTARY READERS: MID-YEAR UPDATE

President Joe Shields interviewed three students at last week's meeting to find out what they thought about Rotary Readers. All three students gave positive remarks about their experience in Rotary Readers. East Aiken Principal, Lisa Fallaw, also thanked Rotarians for their contributions and said she was thrilled to see all the students reading hours go up exponentially since last year.

Thank you to all Rotarians participating in this program. It is making a difference!



*Three Rotary Readers students from  
East Aiken School for the Arts*



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**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

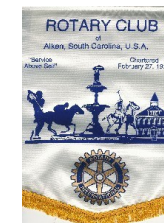


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## PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Dave Tavernier



Our mid-year assembly took place last week during which, members were asked to cast their ballots for 2014 - 2015 officers and board members. The candidates presented by the nominating committee, which was chaired by President Elect, Barbara Morgan, consisted of the following: Jason Stewart, Vice-President; Secretary-Treasurer, Stan Smith; Sergeant-at-Arms, Richard Holley for executive officers, each to serve a one year term. Board members consisted of the following candidates: Beth Everitt, Ron Parker, Grant Wiseman, each to serve a three year term.

President Joe presented a slide show, created by Catie Rabun, which summarized achievements and activities of the first half of this Rotary year. The presentation covered such categories as Classification Talks, New Members, Programs and Events, Grants and Paul Harris Fellows. It also presented our signature program of the year, Rotary Readers. On hand for the meeting were Principal of Aiken School of the Arts, Ms. Fallaw, a teacher, and three students participating in the Rotary Readers program. Ms. Fallaw gave a very positive summary of the effects of the program thus far.

IN THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR, DECEMBER 2013 IS...  
**FAMILY MONTH**

PROGRAM TODAY

BILL TAYLOR, TOM YOUNG, &  
DON WELLS  
ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

FUTURE PROGRAMS

DEC 16 Christmas Luncheon Social  
DEC 23 NO MEETING  
DEC 30 NO MEETING

BIRTHDAYS

12/11 Wayland Lamar  
12/12 Laurie Hollick

CLUB MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/11 Warren Koehl (2006)  
12/15 John McMichael (2008)



NOV CART FUND:  
**\$442.00**



**HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**

By Owen Clary

BELL RINGING THROUGH THE AGES

Now that most of us are signed up for bell ringing for the Salvation Army on Friday 20 December, 2013, here is some information on past ringings. In December 1973 we were ringing at the two (and only two) busiest locations in town: In front of McCrorys Five & Dime on Laurens St. (where the Antique Mall is today) and at Roses (then the only mall in town). That was before Wal-Mart and southside Aiken. What a difference years make as we look where we are today with bell ringing locations. And in 1983 we rang on a Tuesday in very freezing cold, windy weather and did not win the bell ringer award that year. And prior to 1973 we have no record of bell ringing as we didn't publish "The Gear" prior to 1970. Does anyone remember bell ringing prior to that time? Well some of us "ole timer bell ringers" remember very cold days in the shade and in the wind, so that is why some of us reserve our spot a year in advance with Ralph Courtney (and don't any of you reserve a year in advance for Roses at 12:00 noon, in advance, for that time is "etched in stone" for two Rotarians who have had that spot and time in the sheltered sunshine for 13 years)!

CLASSIFICATION LISTING CONTINUED

Continuing our practice of listing vacant classifications in our Club, the following vacant classifications are listed: Events Coordinator; Equine-Trainer; Equine-Supplier; Equine-Polo (A ten-goal man would be great); Environmental; Entertainment-Theatre; Entertainment-Professional; and Entertainment-Catering. Know any good community leaders in those categories who would make a good Rotarian?

FROM THE 1983 "GEAR"

Mark Twain advised, "The difference between the right word and almost the right word is the difference between lightening and the lightening bug." (But Cot Campbell knows the difference as he has "Lightening in a Jar")!

**MEET DECEMBER'S STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

**Doug Rabold** introduced the Club to December student-of-the-month, **Ian DeMass**, an Aiken High School student. We learned that Ian previously went to Saint Mary's, he was a Student Council Senator in 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades and now serves as the Treasurer. He is involved in the American Red Cross, Special Olympics Buddy Program, he runs Cross Country as an All-Region Runner, and plays soccer.

**Buzz Rich** introduced the Club to our South Aiken High School student-of-the-month, **Madeline (Maddie) Diaz** for the first time this month. Maddie has lived in Nevada and New Mexico and she is fluent in German and Spanish.

**ELECTION RESULTS**

Of the 112 ballots returned after last week's meeting, the following will be our Officers and Directors beginning July 1, 2014:

PRESIDENT  
Barbara Morgan

PRESIDENT ELECT  
Joe Lewis

VICE PRESIDENT  
Jason Stewart

SECRETARY/TREASURER  
Stan Smith

DIRECTORS  
Beth Everitt, Ron Parker & Grant Wiseman

**CLASSIFICATION: BENNETT BOWERS**



Bennett Bowers, whose classification is Investment Banking, addressed the Club. Bennett was born and raised in

Augusta. He is a graduate of Spring Hill College where he attended on a golf scholarship, and now makes his home in Hammonds Ferry. He has been in financial services for fourteen years, and is presently employed by First Citizens Bank.

Bennett is active in community service and is a volunteer with Salvation Army, and Historic Augusta. He strongly believes in community volunteering which is important in his life. In addition to his community volunteer work he enjoys spending time with his wife and daughter, and playing golf. He and his wife are expecting another child in February.