

## CLUB SERVICE

### 4-Way Test— December

12/17 Bob Byrne

### 4-Way Test— January

1/7 Karen Poteat

1/14 Bob Byrne

1/28 Karen Poteat

### December Greeters-

Tom Hallman

John Lindsay

### January Greeters-

Lexie Milford

Pat Moore

### Guest-

Miles Kellems

Ethan Arnold

Jade Abney

Joe O'Connor

Brian Herbert

Tom Canazano

Tim O'Briant

Arie Murphy

Sam Erb

Will Buchanan

SAHS

SAHS

USCA

APS

Jane Page Thompson

Jane Page Thompson

Jason Rabun

Yolanda Archuletta

Tim Simmons

Rachel d'Etremont

## Margarita Make-Ups

The Willcox

5:15 pm - 6:15pm

Last Wednesday of each month

2018-2019

12/19, 1/30, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24,

5/29, 6/26

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



**Cart fund update**  
**\$92.50 collected**  
**12/10/18**



**A night of 1000 lights Rotary members passed out cookies and hot chocolate. Mallory Holley baked 480 cookies to hand out!**



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Barry Rassin

District Governor

Carol Burdette

Club President

Will Williams

President Elect

John Lindsay

Vice President

Ellen Priest

Past President

John McMichael

Secretary/Treasurer

Rachel L. d'Entremont

Sergeant-at-Arms

Richard Holley

Board of Directors

Rick McLeod (RY 18-19)

Jennifer Hart (RY 18-19)

Betty Ryberg (RY 19-20)

Chrissa Matthews (RY 19-20)

Jeff Baumgardner (RY 19-20)

Mallory Holley (RY 19-20)

Al Sorensen (RY 20-21)

Karen Poteat (RY 20-21)

John Dangler (RY 20-21)

Sergeants-at-Arms

Chair: Richard Holley

Robert Stack

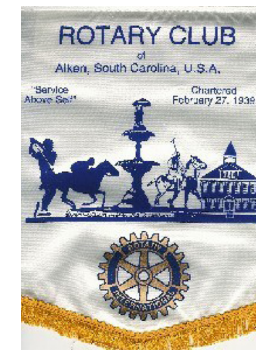
Rachel d'Entremont

Richard Herring

Jeff Baumgardner

Josh Booth

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## PROGRAM LAST WEEK by John Lindsay



Focused on the future with roots in the past, South Carolina State Agriculture Commissioner Hugh Weathers addressed Aiken Rotarians on the broad range of agency responsibilities and accomplishments as well as challenges for Palmetto agriculture. There are 2500 farms in the Palmetto State covering some 4.9 million acres.

Weathers, who assumed his current role in 2004, says his agency through various programs such as assuring Food Safety and other initiatives seeks to make agriculture a \$50 billion dollar business in South Carolina by 2020.

At the forefront of the growth initiative is the recently developed " Certified

Grown in South Carolina" marketing program. Weathers says the key to growing agribusiness in South Carolina is recruiting millennials and younger generation members to consider and become farmers, ranchers and growers. His agency is working with Clemson University to introduce students to the wide range of agribusiness opportunities. Growing Industrial hemp, for example, is a rapidly expanding growth sector. Weathers, who is a University of South Carolina finance and accounting graduate, was born in Bowman, SC and has been partner in an 80 year-old dairy, row crop and bulk milk delivery business.

As for the future, the Commissioner says there is a significant need for a new comprehensive water use and access policy and process in the state to address the availability of the state's rivers and water as well as the needs of agribusiness, economic development, industry, environmental interests and the public.

## PROGRAM TODAY

Merry  
Christmas

### FUTURE PROGRAMS

#### December Theme

#### Disease Prevention and Treatment

Dec 24 NO MEETING

Dec 31 NO MEETING

#### January Theme

Vocational Service Month

Jan 7 Tom Young

Jan 14 MLK Holiday

Jan 21 Bryan Riley

Jan 28 Robert Stack

### BIRTHDAYS

Jenifer Granade 11 December

John Dangler 12 December

Ernie Allen 23 December

Melinda Woodell 23 December

Lee Boylston 26 December

Cindy Rudisill 28 December

Bill Molnar 31 December

Karen Poteat 01 January

### CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

John McMichael 12/15/08

Chuck Munns 12/15/09

Ronnie Young 01/04/16

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



**STANLEY JACKSON**

Classification:

Law-Civil

Date of Induction: 06/12/2000



**SUZANNE JACKSON**

Classification:

Social Agency-Food and  
Clothing

Date of Induction: 08/20/2018

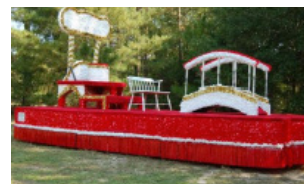
## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

### 10 Years Ago - December 2008

Al Sorensen was inducted into our club, sponsored by [Billy Benton](#). He and his wife, Philly, had recently retired to live in Aiken. [Chuck Leopold](#) was also inducted in December of this year. Thank you both for your 10 years of service!

### 5 Years Ago - 2013

Fellow Rotarians [Senator Tom Young](#), [Representative Bill Taylor](#), and Rep. Don Wells presented a Legislative update. [Ellen Priest](#) was inducted into the Aiken Rotary Club sponsored by Scott Hunter as she succeeded him as President and Publisher of Aiken Communications. The Rotary Club of Aiken was recognized for our participation in the Jaycees Christmas Parade. President [Joe Shields](#), [Betty Ryberg](#) and [David Tavernier](#) accepted two trophies for "Best Christmas Spirit" and 'Overall Best Float!'



The Mike Frost Band serenaded the club with Christmas classics and led the club in singing. In a skit, [Carla Cloud](#), reporter for "The Aiken Standard", set out to find out whether or not President [Joe Shields](#) had been naughty or nice using the Four-Way Test.

### Christmas Program History

Music has always been a tradition in our club during the month of December. As far back as 1968 our pianist, [Blanch Audrey](#), played for our singing at each meeting. She played for a group of four ladies singing in December of that year. In 1978, a trio called "The Blenders" rendered our Christmas music. In 1998, [Betsy Wilson-Mahoney](#) was our musical program. In 2008, our own Rotary Band comprised of [Rick Osbon](#), [Clay Killian](#), [Tim Simmons](#), [Chad Matthews](#), [Andrew Siders](#), and [Henry "Mr. Accordion" Kripner](#) delighted the crowd. In 2008, "Dr. Diva, [Maureen Simpson](#) sang Christmas carols to get us in the holiday spirit. May the Holiday tradition continue!

### Bell Ringing History

In 1973 we were ringing at the two busiest locations in town: in front of [McCrorry's Five and Dime](#) on [Laurens St.](#) (where the [Antique Mall](#) is today) and at [Roses](#) (then the only mall in town). Some of our "ole timer" bell ringers remember very cold days in the shade and wind, so that is why some of us reserve our spot a year in advance with [Ralph Courtney](#). Two of those "ole timers" have reserved the 12:00 noon spot at [Roses](#) now for over 18 years. Do you know who they are? We currently have over 100 bell ringers at 8 locations.