

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Bill Tucker

4-Way Test—*next week* – TBD

Program—Jason Rabun

June Invocation— Billy Benton

June Greeters — Liz Neal and Mallory Holley

GUESTS

Dr. Donald Portnoy	Speaker
Em Ligon	guest of Dave Tavernier
Dick Smith	guest of Dave Tavernier
Sally Hofstetter	guest of Tom Hofstetter
Doris Begley	guest of Tom Hofstetter
Amy Hane	guest of Karen Bowles
Sonya Mazell	guest of Camille Furgiuele
Alex Osbourne	guest of Camille Furgiuele
Sarah Osbourne	guest of Camille Furgiuele
Rachel Davenport	guest of Camille Furgiuele
Ellen Luton	guest of Sharon Rogers
Lillian Hardaway	guest of Meredith Cook

MAKE-UPS

Robert Stack	MA Club 6/8
John McMichael	Club Service 6/8
Diana Riddick	Club Service 6/15

MEMBER BENEFITS PROGRAM UNVEILED AS CONVENTION DRAWS TO A CLOSE

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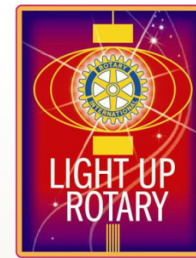
RI President-elect K.R. Ravindran introduced a member benefits program at the 9 June closing session of the 2015 Rotary International Convention, saying that many more hands are needed to continue Rotary's work around the world.

The program, Rotary Global Rewards, aims to boost membership and enhance member satisfaction. It will debut on 1 July.

"This innovative new program will allow Rotary members to connect with hundreds of businesses and service providers from around the world -- and that number is growing," said Ravindran. "These establishments will offer Rotarians discounts and concessions on the everyday business that you do. And, in many cases, not only will you benefit, but our Foundation will as well, by receiving a contribution with each transaction."

The program will include discounts on car rentals, hotels, dining, and entertainment. Discounts on more products and services from companies worldwide are expected to be added throughout the year.

"It will be another way to benefit from being a Rotarian and being part of the Rotary network," said Ravindran, whose presidential theme for 2015-16 is *Be a Gift to the World*. "I urge all of you to become a part of that scheme."



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PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Meredith Cook



Maestro Donald Portnoy is a builder of orchestras. He is a graduate of the Julliard School, a recipient of the Ditson's Conductor Award at Columbia University, and holds the Ira Mckissick Koger endowed chair for the fine arts for the University of South Carolina. Last Monday, Portnoy

was introduced to our club as the musical director and conductor of the new Aiken Symphony Orchestra. The orchestra will kick off its fall season on September 17th with *Paremski Plays Tchaikovsky*. Portnoy recommends purchasing your season pass to the orchestra early to ensure your seat at this season's performances. He also stressed the positive impact orchestras have on their communities by attracting civic-minded people, improving quality of life, and contributing to the development of children. We are incredibly lucky to have Portnoy investing his time and talents in the Aiken Symphony Orchestra and our community.

PROGRAM TODAY

**MATT DUNBAR, PAUL CLARK &
CHARLIE BANKS**
ANGEL INVESTORS

FUTURE PROGRAMS

JUN 29 End of Year Assembly
JUL 6 TBD
JUL 13 TBD

BIRTHDAYS

6/25 Leighton McLendon
6/26 David Phelps

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

6/23 Sharon Rogers (2008)
6/24 Clay Killian (2002)



HISTORICAL
PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

TEN YEARS AGO - JUNE 2005

In June of 2005 at the close of our Rotary year, Ron Henderson, the editor of our "Gear" bulletin retired after producing our "Gear" for two years. Under Ron's leadership the "Gear" was brought to the high level, informative bulletin it is today. The attractive format, the color, the inclusion of pictures, and the highlights on members and club activities were Ron's innovations. About that time we started winning awards from the District for our great bulletin. It is a formable task to edit the weekly newsletter and whoever the editor is, that editor should be compensated in some way. Back when this was an all male club in the 50's and 60's, we hired a female secretary to produce our "Gear" and paid her.

20 YEARS AGO-"THE GEAR" JUNE 1995

We inducted an new member into the Club in June of 1995--Ron Parker. Ron has been a faithful attendee for these 20 years and now is on the Board. Ron's classification is Security Services. He graduated from Aiken High and attended the Citadel. Congratulations, Ron, on twenty years of service to our Club.

ROTARY'S PAST & ROTARY'S PROGRESS

In June of 1985 our Club secretary, Jim Sprawls, made an emotional appeal for support of R. I.'s project to immunize all the world's children by Rotary's 100th birthday in 2005. He urged our Club's support to help have a polio-free world by 2005. We have, as a club, responded through the years and R.I. has just about eliminated polio worldwide. We've been contributing for 30 years to polio plus!!!

**ROTARY CLUB OF AIKEN
WELCOMES NEW MEMBER**



Richard Owen was inducted as a new member

of the Rotary Club of Aiken last week. Richard retired to Aiken after a career as a Navy Officer and 33 years with IBM. Dan Zaloudek sponsored Richard.

**RED BADGE PROGRAM
GRADUATE**

Bill Inman graduated from the Red Badge Program last week and received his permanent blue badge.



**ROTARY CLUB OF AIKEN
PRESENTS ANNUAL SERVICE
GRANTS**

By: Catie Rabun



Last week, Liz Stewart presented checks to three recipients of the Rotary Club of Aiken Service Grant. The first check was for

\$500 and was awarded to United Way and accepted by Ellen Luton. The money will go towards the United Way Tools for Schools Program. The second check was in the amount of \$1200.00 and was awarded to Stepping Stones and accepted by Camille Furgieule. Those funds will be used for promoting education and employment classes and seminars. The final grant was for \$2800.00 and was awarded to Camp Gravatt and accepted by Meredith Cook. The funds will sponsor eight children, who have one or more incarcerated parents, to attend the Reach Out Summer Camp.