

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Chrissa Matthews
4-Way Test—*next week* – Tom Hallman
Program— Carla Cloud
July Invocation— Rev. Robert Byrne
July Greeters — TBA

GUESTS

Leah Lewis	wife of Joe Lewis
Jason Lewis	son of Joe Lewis
Thomas Herlong	guest of Karen Poteet
Kitty Youndt	guest of Joe Shields
Harrison Wood	guest of Joe Lewis
Maryan Ackley	daughter of Chuck Maxwell
Jeff Spears	visiting Augusta
Phil Wahl	visiting Augusta
Dan Rickabaugh	visiting North Augusta

MAKE-UPS

Dean Sackett	eClubOne 6/15
Chuck Munns	Aiken Sunrise 7/13

ROTARY DISTRICT ASSISTANT GOVERNOR

By: Karen Guevara

New Rotary District Assistant Governor Dan Rickabaugh presented Barbara with the Governor's Gold Award for the Aiken Rotary Club, acknowledging the Club's membership growth, CART Foundation giving, and Polio Plus contributions. Dan mentioned several upcoming Rotary events that Rotarians should consider attending: November 6, 2015 Foundation Conference, January 30, 2016 Mid-Year Conference, and April 22-24 District Conference – all in Greenville, SC. The Rotary International Conference will be held in Seoul, Korea from May 29-June 1, 2016.

AIKEN ROTARY CLUB'S NEW SERGEANT AT ARMS

Brenda Stein was acknowledged as the Club's new Sergeant at Arms. Barbara returned to the Aiken Rotary Club this year and is assuming the Sergeant at Arms duties from Richard Holley.



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Jason Stewart
Past President
Barbara Morgan
Secretary/Treasurer
Stanley Smith
Sergeant-at-Arms
Brenda Stein
Assistant Governor
Richard A. Waugh
Board of Directors
Collette Ball (2016)
Liz Neal (2016)
Will Williams (2016)
Beth Everitt (2017)
Ron Parker (2017)
Grant Wiseman (2017)
John Lindsay (2018)
Rich McNeil (2018)
Catie Rabun (2018)
Sergeants-at-Arms
Chair: Brenda Stein
Robert Stack
Richard Herring
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PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Karen Guevara



Farewell to outgoing President Barbara Morgan, and Welcome President Joe Lewis!

President Barbara Morgan addressed the Club, summarizing the highlights of her year as President. She sought to bring more of a business-focus to Club programs, including a well-attended field trip to Aiken's MTU America manufacturing facility. She acknowledged Karen Bowles for achieving the Club's long-sought goal of establishing a Roteract Club at USC Aiken. She noted the international support the Club provided to Guatemala, both in terms of bucks and backs – noting the on-the-ground trip that Club members made to support a local school recovering from volcanic damage and supporting development of clean-burning stoves to reduce health effects of cooking smoke in young children. Barbara received a standing ovation, and her husband and fellow Rotarian Fred Andrea presented her new Rotary member badge, acknowledging her as a Past President. She was then acknowledged by all Club Past Presidents in attendance.

PROGRAM TODAY

**TONY VENETZ
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- JUL 20 Corey Feraldi, the Director of Career Services; USCA Leadership Certificate Program
- JUL 27 Jenny Burghardt; City of Aiken Tourism Supervisor
- AUG 3 Glenn Parker; City of Aiken Capital Project Sales Tax Manager

BIRTHDAYS

- 7/13 Beth Everitt
- 7/15 Sharon Rodgers
- 7/16 Josh Stewart
- 7/16 Bill Taylor
- 7/16 Gil Allensworth

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

As we do the new Rotary year with a new group of officers we review some of the past officers over the years.

TEN YEARS AGO - JULY 2005-2006

President-William Price; President Elect-Robert Newburn; Vice President-Liz Stewart; Secretary-Treasurer- Raymond Mizell.

TWENTY YEARS AGO-JULY 1995-1996

President-Richard Pearce; President Elect-Jane Boston; Vice President-Dean Sackett; Secretary-Treasurer- Raymond Mizell.

THIRTY YEARS AGO - JULY 1985-1986

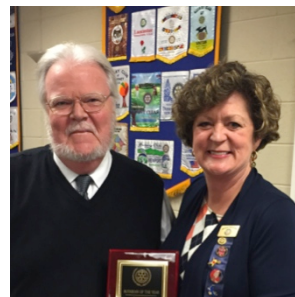
President-Lowman Tyler; President Elect-McDonald Law; Vice President-Buddy Coleman; Secretary-Treasurer-Jim Sprawls

FORTY YEARS AGO - JULY 1975-1976

President-Ash Little; Vice President-Jerry Johnson; Secretary-Treasurer-Jim Sprawls

ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

By: Karen Guevara



Herb Mattocks was recognized as Club Member of the Year for his outstanding service and commitment to the Rotary Club of Aiken. Herb joined Rotary in 1996. He served as president in 2010 -2011 and has continued to shoulder the responsibility for maintaining our Club Administration Policy and Procedure Manual. He monitors Rotary International's Council and any policy changes that may affect our club and insures that our Constitution and Bylaws are current. Every three years, Herb helps the club leadership develop, maintain, and update its Strategic Plan. This year in particular, he worked with various committee chairs and club leadership to guarantee the policy and procedure manual accurately reflects the dynamic nature of our club.

**JOE LEWIS SWORN IN AS
AIKEN ROTARY CLUB
PRESIDENT**

By: Karen Guevara



Rotarian Ron Wheeler swore in Joe Lewis as the new Club President. Joe acknowledged his wife Leah and son Jason, who attended the meeting as guests. Joe introduced the 2015-16 Rotary Theme, "Be a Gift to the World." He outlined five areas on which he will focus during his presidency. First, he will continue to focus on Club membership, as the lifeblood of the Club, focusing on younger professionals who could benefit from the wealth of skills and business knowledge of our Club members. He noted that Kitty Windham sponsored his membership in the Club, and what a gift to the world she was. Second, he hopes to achieve Every Rotarian, Every Year status for the club with our Rotary Foundation, with a goal of giving the gift of eradicating polio in the world and maybe Alzheimers next. Third, he will continue our Rotary Reader efforts, recruiting more readers and expanding to additional schools, to give the gift of support to at-risk kids in ensuring they can read to learn. Fourth, he will support our Rotoract and Interact Clubs, giving the gift of introducing young people to community service. Finally, he will focus on creating a new service project, to build Club funding and try something bolder, making this Aiken's premier civic club in the area. President Joe closed with the invitation to Be a Gift – what will yours be?