

## CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Tom Hallman  
4-Way Test—*next week* – Scott Neely  
Program— Carla Cloud  
July Invocation— Rev. Robert Byrne  
July Greeters — Keyatta Priestler

## GUESTS

Tony Venetz	Speaker
Susan Selden	guest of Sharon Rodgers
Bruce Cousins	guest of Joe Lewis
Jack Cornell	guest of Dean Sackett
Sharon Johnson	visiting: Aiken Sunrise
Carmen Landy	visiting: Aiken Sunrise

## MAKE-UPS

Dean Sackett	eClubOne 6/22
John McMichael	Club Service 7/13

## MEET THE NEW PRESIDENT OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)



K.R. Ravindran wants to spend his term as Rotary's president paying it forward. "One of the reasons I work so much for Rotary is that I have been helped by so many people, and often you never have a chance to reciprocate. The only way you can is by helping others." Ravindran extends the ideals of Rotary into his packaging business. His employees benefit from company-matched grants for community projects with a focus on water and sanitation for area schools. "I can personally vouch for the ability of our organization to blend commerce with cause, friendship with service, and know firsthand that each of us is lifted even as we lift others." Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka, is Rotary president in 2015-16.



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### **R.I. President**

K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran

### **District Governor**

Terry Weaver

### **Club President**

Joe Lewis

### **President Elect**

Jason Stewart

### **Vice President**

Jason Stewart

### **Past President**

Barbara Morgan

### **Secretary/Treasurer**

Stanley Smith

### **Sergeant-at-Arms**

Brenda Stein

### **Assistant Governor**

Dan Rickabaugh

### **Board of Directors**

Collette Ball	(2016)
Liz Neal	(2016)
Will Williams	(2016)
Beth Everitt	(2017)
Ron Parker	(2017)
Grant Wiseman	(2017)
John Lindsay	(2018)
Rick McLeod	(2018)
Catie Rabun	(2018)

### **Sergeants-at-Arms**

Chair: Brenda Stein  
Robert Stack  
Richard Herring  
John McMichael

# THE GEAR



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## PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Sarah Griffis



Rotarian Carla Cloud introduced our guest speaker Tony Venetz last week. Tony provided an insightful presentation on the wonderful nonprofit organization Wreaths Across America. This organization was formed as an extension of the Arlington Wreath Project. The Arlington Wreath Project was started in 1992 with the donation and laying of 500 remembrance wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery. This is now a national event and will be hosted on December 12, 2015 of this year also known as, National Wreath Day. Tony explained that he became involved with this worthy cause after losing his son that was in the military in Afghanistan. He explained that this outreach effort allows for individuals like him to remember and honor those like his son when laying wreaths on the graves of Veterans. Wreaths Across America has provided wreaths on over 2,000 graves in over 900 cemeteries. With 65 veterans living in this area this is a cause that Tony is asking for community support to continue in the CSRA. Southlawn Cemetery has agreed to allow wreaths to be placed on Veterans graves and Tony is actively looking for any other cemeteries that would like to be involved with Wreaths Across America locally. This cause is made possible by donations, volunteers, and community support. If you would like more information, contact Tony at (803) 648-5885 or [tonyv033@atlanticbb.net](mailto:tonyv033@atlanticbb.net).

PROGRAM TODAY

**COREY FERALDI**

**DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICES,  
USCA LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE  
PROGRAM**

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- JUL 27 Jenny Burghardt; City of Aiken Tourism Supervisor
- AUG 3 Glenn Parker; City of Aiken Capital Project Sales Tax Manager
- AUG 10 Gayle Lofgren and Ashley Hammett; Child Advocacy Center

BIRTHDAYS

- 7/20 Marshall Cain
- 7/20 Carla Cloud
- 7/20 Wade Brodie
- 7/21 Joel Cote
- 7/24 Dan Zaloudek
- 7/26 Clayton Quattlebaum

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/21 Robert Stack (2003)



**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

**NEW MEMBER INDUCTED**



President Joe Lewis inducted new member Jeff Baumgardner, sponsored by Bob Forrest. Jeff is the owner and operator of Comfort Keepers. Comfort Keepers provides in-home senior care in the CSRA. Jeff is originally from Ohio. He is a Michigan Tech graduate and spent part of his career with the US Army's military police. In 1986, he came to Aiken as a constable at SRS. In 1999, his work took him to Belize where he was the owner/operator of a resort. He returned to the US in 2001 when he opened Comfort Keepers.

**TRASH PICK-UP**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

The next trash pick up is scheduled for August 1, 2015. Contact Rick McLeod with any questions and stay tuned for sign-up and additional information.

