

## CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Ahmed Samaha  
 4-Way Test—*next week* – TBA  
 Program— Joe Lewis  
 Sep. Invocation— Teresa Haas  
 Sep. Greeters — Leighton McClendon and Liz Stewart  
 Sep. Students – Catherine Pullan (AHS) and Joseph Anthony (SAHS)  
 Sep. Student Hosts – TBA

## GUESTS

Rick Reames	Speaker
Joseph Hayward	Student guest
Catherine Pullan	Student guest
Ashley Harris	guest of Mallory Holley
Anne Fulcher	guest of Carolyn McClain
Stacey San Pedro	guest of Karen Poteet
Rachel d'Entremant	guest of Philip Merry
Danny Wilson	guest of Jennifer Hart
Courtney Clyburn-Pope	guest of Keyatta Priester
Lessie Price	guets of William Price
Mick Fekula	guest of Dr. Sandra Jordan

## MAKE-UPS

Liz Stewart	Rotary Reader
Sara Wood	Bozeman, MT 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25
Dean Sackett	Rotary Reader 8/24, 8/31
Richard Church	eClubOne 8/31

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Last week the club recognized those members who had perfect attendance for the 2014-2015 Rotary year.

Included in the presentations was the award of a plaque to Ron Wheeler for reaching 50 years. Wade Brodie continues to have the most years of perfect attendance and was recognized for his 54 years.

NAME	YEARS AWARDED FOR FY 14-15
Rabun, Catie	1
Morgan, Barbara	1
Priest, Ellen	1
Lewis, Joe	3
McMichael, John	5
Neal, Liz	5
Richardson, Russ	5
Cote, Joel	6
Garcia, Richard	6
Shields, Joe	6
Tucker, Bill	6
Coward, Bud	8
Sackett, Dean	9
McLendon, Leighton	10
Killian, Clay	11
Mattocks, Herb	11
Stewart, Liz	11
Andrea, Fred	12
Church, Richard	12
Webb, Bill	16
Smith, Stan	17
Browder, Leonard	20
Clary, Owen	41
Wheeler, Ron	50
Brodie, Wade	54



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 K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran  
**District Governor**  
 Terry Weaver  
**Club President**  
 Joe Lewis  
**President Elect**  
 Jason Stewart  
**Vice President**  
 John McMichael  
**Past President**  
 Barbara Morgan  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
 Stanley Smith  
**Sergeant-at-Arms**  
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**Assistant Governor**  
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 Liz Neal (2016)  
 Will Williams (2016)  
 Beth Everitt (2017)  
 Grant Wiseman (2017)  
 John Lindsay (2018)  
 Rick McLeod (2018)  
 Catie Rabun (2018)  
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 Chair: Brenda Stein  
 Robert Stack  
 Richard Herring  
 Richard Holley  
 John McMichael  
 Diana Riddick

# THE GEAR

SEPTEMBER 21, 2015



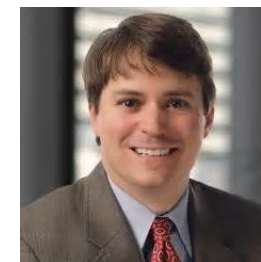
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## PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Jason Rabun



Rotarian and Senator Tom Young, Jr. introduced speaker Rick Reames, Director of the South Carolina Department of Revenue (SCDOR). Prior to being appointed by Governor Nikki Haley in July of 2014, Rick had been a successful private sector tax attorney. Rick's primary focus is to ensure the state taxation and collection system is fair to all, and that no

one carries the burden for others. The SCDOR biggest task is to collect the revenue on which the state operates on, where a majority of these funds are held in the general fund or funds paid to the state but allocated to local governments, such as 1-cent sales tax.

With the recent data breach, which occurred in August of 2012, Mr. Reames has made security of the agency's documents and our tax records a priority. Protecting against identity theft, fraud and other breaches are woven into the fabric of the agency. Public service, responsiveness and efficiency have been the other hallmark of his term. This includes measuring all core functions to identify how long processes take and identify areas for improvement. Noting the national problem of fraudulent claims via electronic filing, Mr. Reames stated, "That \$125 billion in questionable returns were paid by the IRS in 2014. South Carolina's focus this year is not just getting a return processed as quickly as possible, but on being sure it's going to the right person."

## PROGRAM TODAY

# JAPANESE CONSUL GENERAL KAZUO SUNAGA JAPANESE PARTNERSHIP WITH SOUTH CAROLINA AND AIKEN

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

SEP 28 Joy Shealy, Academic Officer for  
Middle Schools; ACPS STEM  
Magnet Schools

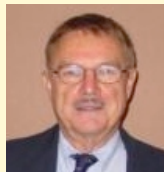
OCT 5 **FIELD TRIP: Location TBA**  
OCT 12 **NO MEETING: COLUMBUS DAY**

## BIRTHDAYS

9/21 Bob Pistole  
9/23 Billy Benton  
9/24 Chuck Leopold  
9/27 Sarah Griffis  
9/27 Cot Campbell  
9/27 Teresa Haas

## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

9/22 Chuck Martin (1997)  
9/24 John Lindsay (2012)



## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

### 'LET'S NOT REPEAT HISTORY!'

In last week's notes in this column, we related a visit to a Rotary Club (Klub Rotary, Warszawa-Zoliborz) in Poland. It was interesting to learn there, and in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, of the apprehension in Poland, and in those three Baltic states, of looming Russia on their borders. Warsaw can never forget its 85% destruction in WWII by the Germans and the subsequent take over by Russia at the end of the War via a flawed Yalta Agreement between the US and Russia. In conversations with citizens, all want the US to have more influence there-even military bases. All those four countries are prospering as never before since their liberation in the early 90's from Russia. Tall buildings and cranes loom up-and signs in English abound. But they, along with the US, should never forget the Warsaw Uprising in 1944 when over 200,000 Poles lost their lives fighting the Germans, while Russian just waited on the eastern bank of the Vistula River in the destroyed city, and marched in after the Germans left and stayed for 50 years of terrible rule.

## AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB

This is our 3rd year of sponsoring Interact at Aiken High School. The club sponsors are Art Lader and Lisa Lader. This year has already started as a banner year, a record 54 students have already signed up to join Interact! They will start the year with a Kick off Spaghetti Dinner and induction ceremony this Thursday September 24th. This year's AHS Interact president is Sophia Gerstenberger, her Co-Vice Presidents are Isabella Hill and Loughlin Anderson.

The following was a letter sent to this year's students:

*Dear Aiken High School Interact Hero,*

*When you signed up for Interact, you did a good, noble thing. You became part of an organization that functions in countries all over the world and exists as a vehicle to help its members do one thing: to serve others. But what does that mean? Well, the Scottsdale, Arizona Rotary Club explains it nicely:*

*Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 12 to 18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting...*

*Each year, Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, these students develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of:*

- *Developing leadership skills and personal integrity*
- *Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others*
- *Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work*
- *Advancing international understanding and goodwill*

*As one of the most significant and fastest-growing programs of Rotary service, with more than 13,200 clubs in 133 countries and geographical areas, Interact has become a worldwide phenomenon. Over 300,000 young people are currently involved in Interact.*

*Simply put, you are part of a huge, international effort to make the world a better place. Mrs. Lader and I thank you for being the kind of person who will always be part of the solution – not part of the problem.*

*Thank you,*

*Art Lader*  
Art Lader