

## CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Ahmed Samaha  
4-Way Test—*next week* – Will Williams  
Program— Joe Lewis  
Oct. Invocation— Tom Young  
Oct. Greeters — Ruth Alexander & Betty Ryberg  
Oct. Students – Adarius Simpkins (SAHS), Laura Garcia (AHS), Ella Morton (Mead Hall)  
Oct. Student Hosts – Jennifer Hart, Doug Rabold, Camille Furguele

## GUESTS

Corey Burns	Speaker
Adarius Simpkins	Student guest
Ella Morton	Student guest
Kenna Black	guest of Mallory Holley
Rev. Paul Bush	guest of John Lindsay
Tony Williams	guest of Karen Poteat
Patricia Crawford	guest of Collette Ball
Chris Trevino	guest of Dean Sackett
Robbie Yarborough	guest of Andrew Siders
Danny Wilson	guest of Jennifer Hart

## MAKE-UPS

Richard Herring	West Ottawa 8/31, 9/14, 9/21
Brenda Stein	Club Service 9/14, 9/21
Catie Rabun	Club Service 9/14, 9/21

## BRIDGESTONE ROTARY CLUB FIELD TRIP: MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

By: Karen Guevara



In support of Rotary International's focus on Vocation in the month of October, 85 Rotarians and guests visited Aiken County's Bridgestone tire manufacturing plant (special thanks to Rotarians Will Williams, Monica Key and John McMichael for their support in arranging the field trip). Fran Jones, Plant Manager, showed a short film depicting the tire manufacturing process, after which Rotarians toured the facilities.

The facility has 2.7 million square feet under one roof and produces over 35,000 tires per day – or 1 million tires per month! The plant employs about 1,500 workers, many of whom have technical degrees or military training. Much of the plant is automated, especially the part of the plant that “vulcanizes” the tires – heating and curing them to get the exact combination of strength and flexibility. The vulcanization plant is the largest automated facility in the world; tires are moved from station to station by programmed, driverless carts. How can you tell if your tires were manufactured locally? There's a series of numbers written on the side wall of the tires – if it begins with “7X” or “8X,” then it's Aiken made!



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# THE GEAR

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## **PROGRAM LAST WEEK**

By: Catie Rabun

At our last regularly scheduled meeting, our speaker, District Governor, Terry Weaver was introduced by Dan Rickabaugh, Assistant District Governor and member of North Augusta Rotary Club. Pam Weaver is Terry's wife and she was in attendance. Terry has owned three small businesses which employed as many as 10,000 employees and as little as two. Terry said that the first line item in his job description is to visit 53 Rotary Clubs in the district and he wanted to talk to the clubs about Rotary's “WIIFM” (What's in it for me) or "The Rotary Return on Investment." The value proposition to Rotary is the membership. He said that we are a membership organization that does community service as its mission and not a community service organization that has members. The best way to capitalize on that is to get involved with Rotary outside of our club only.

Terry also talked about Rotary International President, K.R. (Ravi) Ravindran. He said that the Rotary theme this year, “Be a Gift to the World,” is not about us, not about Rotary, it's what we do. The gift we can give is to get people currently not in Rotary involved in Rotary and each member is able to give that gift.

## PROGRAM TODAY

**Dr. Darren J. Mack, MD**  
**Movember Foundation**

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

NOV 9 Veteran's Day Celebration  
NOV 16 TBA  
NOV 23 Mike Crapps, President and CEO of First Community Bank; Federal Reserve and Banking

## BIRTHDAYS

11/8 Chuck Martin

## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

10/27 David Phelps (2014)  
10/29 Chad Matthews (2002)  
10/30 Jon Notestein (2006)  
11/1 Scott Neely (2010)  
11/1 Peggy Ford (1993)  
11/1 Bob Newburn (1995)  
11/1 Fred Andrea (1993)  
11/1 Mark Meyer (1980)  
11/1 Raymond Mizell (1971)  
11/1 Tony Harris (1990)  
11/2 Greg Paschal (2004)  
11/5 Liz Neal (2007)  
11/5 Bob Pistole (2001)  
11/5 Mike Willis (2007)



## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

### TEN YEARS AGO - OCTOBER 2005

Today we have the great opportunity to visit one of the world's greatest tire plants-Bridgestone-right here in Aiken County. We are very fortunate to have this industry and fortunate to have individuals and a state that tries to bring industry to us. It was interesting that in October of 2005 that one of our speakers to our Club was our own Aikenite, Tim Dangerfield, who at the time as Chief of Staff for the South Carolina Department of Commerce. He told us that the Department's greatest recruitment efforts targeted industries such as automotive, aviation, and biotech.

### OUR PAST - "THE GEAR" OCTOBER 1995

Introduced to the Club as a new member by Ruth Alexander, was Bob Newburn. Bob has been an outstanding figure in the community for a number of years and is a retired Navy man who is wicketed at those wickets on the croquet grounds and competes in regional tournaments. Congratulations, Bob, on 20 years of service to our Club. He served as our President 2006-2007 Rotary year.

### HISTORICAL NOTES AND FACTS

Hey, seen any of those Rotary emblems on those chain-link fences on the roadsides near the entrances to town? Do they look fresh or faded? Well, in October of 1975 our Club installed those. We also allowed other Clubs place their emblems on the fence as well. There are two examples: one on Highway 1 coming into town near the fairgrounds and another coming up Kalmia Hill into town near the fire station on Augusta Road or Richland Ave. West. Forty years they have been up. (Refreshment of some should be in order)?

## MEET OCTOBER'S STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Adarius Simpkins (SAHS)--Host: Jennifer Hart

Adarius attended Boys State and he is the Senior Class President. He is also the President of the National Honor Society. He runs Cross Country and he remembers receiving a dictionary from the Rotary Dictionary Project.

Ella Morton (Mead Hall)--Host: Doug Rabold

Ella is a senior and is 1st in her class; she would like to study History and Pre-med. She has volunteered at Adopt a Highway and she plays Varsity volleyball, soccer, basketball, soccer, archery, tennis. In her spare time she babysits and lifeguards.

Laura Garcia (AHS)--Host: Camille Furgieuele

Lauren is a senior with a 4.321GPA. She is 18th in class. Lauren has lived in Mexico, Florida, and New York. She is an avid reader and also remembers receiving her dictionaries from Rotary. Lauren is a member of Beta Club and has been on the Senior, Junior, and Sophomore Executive Committees. She is also on the Student Advisory Council for the Super Intendant.

## THREE NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED

Danny Wilson (sponsor: Jennifer Hart)

-Campus pastor for Cedar Creek Church  
-19 years as student pastor at a different church before coming to Cedar Creek  
-Undergraduate degree from Wingate University  
-New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
-Married for 24 years  
-Family, golf, UNC athletics, Miami dolphins, sports

Anne Fulcher (sponsor: Carolyn Emanuel-McClain)

-Graniteville Brownfield Project  
-Editor of GVW Report  
-Midlands Chamber Board of Director  
-Event planner and floral designer  
-MBA at Wesleyan University  
-USCA Concert Choir  
-Founder of Second Life Scholarship Fund  
-Lifetime citizen of Aiken County and lives in the Midland Valley area

Rachel Deantremant (sponsor: Phillip Merry)

-Graduate of West Minister Choir College  
-Resident of Aiken since 1980  
-Past career was in the Planning Department for City of Aiken  
-Opened 'For the Record Inventory' which documents contents of homes for insurance purposes  
-Homeschooled 2 children  
-Rotary Reader