

## CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – TBD

4-Way Test—*next meeting* – TBD

Program— Barbara Morgan

Dec. Invocation— Liz Stewart

Dec. Greeters — Rick McLeod, Leighton McLendon

Dec. Student Hosts—Brian Bernard, Mallory Holley,

Karen Bowles

Dec. Student Guests—Daneshka M. Padro Perez, Lydia

Gerstenberger, Destiny Dye

## GUESTS

Mark van der Linden	Speaker
Lydia Gerstenberger	Student guest
Daneshka Padro Perez	Student guest
Tim Carlton	guest of Liz Stewart
Lisa Tindal	guest of Liz Stewart
Holly Woltz	guest of Liz Stewart
Peggy Dills	guest of Liz Stewart
Clint Wolfe	guest of Liz Stewart

## MAKE-UPS

Bill Howell	eClubOne 11/4
Richard Church	eClubOne 11/10

## SIGN UP TODAY

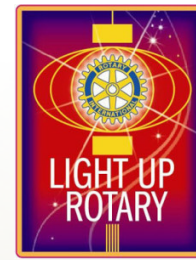
### BELL-RINGING

**December 19**  
**10am – 5pm**  
**1-hour shifts**

#### Locations:

Sam's Club  
Walmart Richland - Main Entrance  
Walmart Richland - Grocery Entrance  
Roses  
Kroger  
Walmart Whiskey Road – Main Entrance  
Walmart Whiskey Road - Grocery Entrance  
Aiken Mall ((Food Court Entrance  
Hobby Lobby

Point of Contact: Ralph Courtney



#### Rotary Club of Aiken

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Gary C.K. Huang

#### District Governor

Tom Faulkner

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Barbara Morgan

#### President Elect

Joe Lewis

#### Vice President

Jason Stewart

#### Past President

Joe Shields

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Stanley Smith

#### Sergeant-at-Arms

Richard Holley

#### Assistant Governor

Liz Stewart

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Chuck Munns (2015)

Van Smith (2015)

Collette Ball (2016)

Liz Neal (2016)

Will Williams (2016)

Beth Everitt (2017)

Ron Parker (2017)

Grant Wiseman (2017)

#### Sergeants-at-Arms

Chair: Richard Holley

Robert Stack

Richard Herring

Tom Calhoun

John McMichael

# THE GEAR



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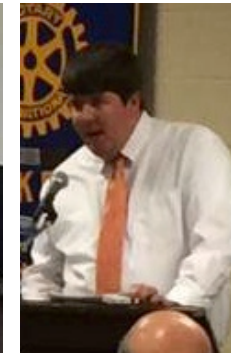
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**DECEMBER 8, 2014**



## PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Karen Guevara



Rotarian Owen Clary introduced speaker Mark van der Linden from Aiken County Parks, Recreation, and Tourism to discuss Horse Creek and Langley Pond. Owen provided a brief overview of the history of the 35-mile long

stretch, with the first damming of the creek in 1845 to establish the Graniteville Mill and the 1868 damming that created Langley Pond and supported the industry of 13 textile towns. Mark noted that the 285-acre Langley Pond now supports kayaking, rowing, walking, and riding. Langley Pond served as training ground for the 1996 US Olympics rowing teams, as well as those from other countries. Several improvements are planned over the next several years. He also updated the status of the pond's leak, noting they continue to lower the pond level to find the source but that the leak is quite small, though they continue 24-hour monitoring.

## PROGRAM TODAY

# MID-YEAR ASSEMBLY

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

DEC 15	Christmas Program
DEC 22	<b>NO MEETING</b>
DEC 29	<b>NO MEETING</b>

## BIRTHDAYS

12/8	McDonald Law
12/11	Wayland Lamar
12/12	John Dangler
12/12	Laurie Hollick

## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

12/9	Ellen Priest (2013)
12/11	Warren Koehl (2006)



EVERY COIN  
COUNTS



## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

### HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

In last week's rapid fire and strictly timed introduction of Horse Creek and the speaker, Mark van der Linden, several points relative to Horse Creek may have been lost in the translation or the transition or fell upon quizzical ears as yours truly spat out some tongue-twisting facts on that geological anomaly of a waterway. So, here (hear): Horse Creek rises from a spring near the Federal prison in Edgefield County and flows for 35 miles into the Savannah below Augusta; the largest tributary is Sand River which flows out of Hitchcock Woods and then joins the Creek at Warrentown; the back-to-back towns on the Creek are Vaucluse, Graniteville, Madison, Stiefeltown, Warrentown, Mixville, Gloverville, Langley, Burnetown, Lynwood, Bath, Johnstown, and Clearwater--with Burnetown being the only incorporated town of the thirteen; Bath Pond, once as large as Langley Pond, was destroyed when the Bath dam broke during the floods of 1929--remnants of that dam are still visible along the Creek at Bath; the two textile companies, United Merchants and Graniteville Company, were Aiken County's largest employers until the coming of SRS in the 1950's--some 7000 employees; titanium was mined along the Creek near Clearwater in the 1960's; Edgefield Pottery, using the kaolin found in Horse Creek Valley, was made chiefly at the Miles and the Landrum potteries located on the Creek above Vaucluse, in Aiken County, and not in Edgefield County; Little Horse Creek joins Horse Creek at Clearwater; a colony of French Huguenots settled on the Creek at Vaucluse in the 1820' and 30's and named the town after their hometown; granite was mined along the Creek and was used in the construction of mills, dams, and houses; there is a nomenclature error on the SC DOT sign at Madison where the Chalk Bed Road crosses the Creek; and Horse Creek is a great place to kayak!

## MEET DECEMBER'S STUDENTS-OF-THE-MONTH



Karen Bowles introduced our student guest, Lydia

Gerstenberger, who is third in her class at Aiken High School. She has a 5.003 GPA and would like to student International Business and Modern Language at Whittenburg College in Ohio, Florida Southern, or the College of Charleston.



Brian Bernard introduced Daneshka Padro Perez,

our student guest from South Aiken High School last week. Daneshka likes running and photography. She would like to study pediatric medicine. She is a commanding officer in the JROTC. She has a 4.18GPA.

## ROTARY GRANTS AWARDED

Last week, Rotary awarded eight grants to eight deserving area non-profits. Liz Stewart announced the recipients and handed each representative their check. The following grants were awarded:

1. ACTS: \$500 for 12 oil filled electric heaters. Carla Cloud accepted the check.
2. Aiken Symphony Guild: \$500 to make classical music available to 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Jim Wetzel accepted the check.
3. Children's Place: \$1000 for Summer Institute 2015. Peggy Ford accepted the check.
4. CNTA: \$500 for material for teacher workshops for STEM programs. Clint Wolf accepted the grant.
5. First Tee: \$600 to help 7 students with scholarships in the yearlong program. Liz Smith will receive the check.
6. GEM: \$500 to fund programs that Guide, Educate, and Motivate high school girls. Holly Woltz accepted the check.
7. Mental Health of America for Suicide Prevention: \$400 for a factual website on about suicide prevention. Tim Carleton accepted the check.
8. STARR: \$500 for four partial riding scholarships for participant with disabilities. Peggy Dills accepted the check.