



August 7, 2023: J Stan Michael

Stan and his wife Sherry own Diamond M Farm in Bishop. They raise beef cattle, produce hay and have horses.

They have 2 daughters: Jessie, who is completing her final year of PA school at Duke University and Kate, their youngest daughter, who is employed at Athens Orthopedic.

Stan is a lifelong resident of Oconee County, a graduate of Oconee County High School and Athens Tech. In 2021, Stan retired from the Athens Clarke County Fire Department, after 30 years of service, from the position of lieutenant.

Stan has a lifelong relationship with horses, pleasure riding since childhood. In his twenties, he played polo every weekend with the Mount Vernon Polo Club and in his barn you will always find a team of horses or mules to pull a wagon. He and his family have participated in wagon trains all across the southeast. He has driven his horse team in many parades and weddings. He also trains and shoes horses.

After retirement, Stan had an adventure of a lifetime, competing in the Mongol Derby. This is an endurance horse race, in which you ride 600 miles in ten days. Stan is here today to share some of that adventure with us.

Date	Greeter	Pledge	Four Way Test
7-Aug	Bryson, Ellen	Hardell, Robert	Collins, Kenneth Scott
14-Aug	Hawley, Robert A.	Dalton, Tammy	Filipova, Anjela K.
21-Aug	Legette, Roy M.	Watson, Mary Lillie	Engel, Becky
28-Aug	Gilland, Tammy Tate	Iyer, Laura	Harris, Lawrence W
4-Sep	Kukanza, Tina	McElroy, Heather J.	Bowen, Jordan
11-Sep	Kramer, Thomas J.	Scott, Jennifer	Field, Richard C.
18-Sep	Chastain, Marissa Leigh	Lavender, Stephen Blake	Masciadri, Milton
25-Sep	Craig, Bowen	Darden, Cindy	Johnson, Charles L.
2-Oct	Green, Allen R.	Ellard, Melissa	Leffel, Richard J.
9-Oct	Crew, Candace	Waite-Morgan, Christine S.	Watson, George Raymond
16-Oct	Baker, Maureen	McKeller, Bobbie	Blankenship, Selena
23-Oct	Everett, Daniel	Skinner, Paul	Jourolmon, Leon III
30-Oct	Linares, Esau	Rojas Almeida, Jose Gregorio	

Service Committee News

Next Service Committee Meeting: Want to learn more about service projects this Rotary Year? Attend the next Service Committee meeting on Aug. 9 at 2 pm via Zoom. All members are invited to attend.

Join Zoom Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83929021476?pwd=VTh4NUhwUnFHd3Q0eDJxVUITdGd3dz09>

Meeting ID: 839 2902 1476

Passcode: Service

Athens Area Diaper Bank: For the past few years, CCRC has made donations to The Athens Area Diaper Bank. This organization started small and has grown to service a number of families over the years. On Mon., Aug. 14th, we will provide this organization with our annual donation. Financial donations aid this organization with purchasing diapers in bulk at a less expensive price so they can provide more assistance to families. If you would like to contribute to this cause, please bring a check made payable to The Athens Area Diaper Bank, in the amount you choose to this meeting and it will be sent with the club check. You may also donate at <https://www.athensareadiaperbank.com>.

Our Daily Bread: We will be serving our first meal of the Rotary Year at Our Daily Bread on Fri., Aug. 18th. Our Daily Bread provides lunches to the homeless and underemployed in our community. We have both a food prep shift and a serving shift. The prep shift begins at 10:30 am and runs to 11:45 am. The serving shift is from 11:45 am – 1 pm. If you can give up a lunch hour to help this program, please let Candace Crew know at shirleycandace.ces@gmail.com or signup at the next meeting. We need approximately six – seven people per shift.

JJ Harris: Volunteers are needed to help cook hotdogs and lead games for JJ Harris' Day in the Park. This event will take place on Saturday, August 19th at Alice Walker Park from 10:30-2, although it may end earlier.

Small Group Fellowship

An important part of the Rotary experience is working with others, building good will and better friendships. Our business meetings offer some, but not enough time and opportunities for this to happen. One exciting idea that came up in the Strategic Planning Meeting on July 18, 2023 was to offer the option of sharing time with other members and friends in small groups. Groups would get together once a month. Participation in small groups provides time for the fellowship and socializing that lead to building strong connections between members.

At this time, we are still working out the details of organizing the small group get-togethers. There will be a four-month trial period. Groups of eight people (four members with plus-ones) will meet for a meal once a month. The names of the Rotarians in each group will be drawn at random from interested members. (Couples who are both club members are kept together.) The first get-together of the trial period will be a pot-luck meal at a volunteer's home. The host provides the main dish and beverages; the others side dishes, salads, desserts, etc. Each group will plan for their next month's get-together.

If people enjoy small groups, the program will continue beyond the initial four months. New, randomly selected groups will form every four months to enable interacting with many other members (the point of this program).

Flexibility and fun are most important. Get-togethers will include food and may include activity, such as a game night. After the first meeting, a group may

Birthdays

Marissa Leigh
Chastain
August 13th
Roy M. Legette
August 18th

Club Leaders



Jeffrey Auerbach
President
Club
Director



Jordan Bowen
President-Elect
Club
Director



Tammy Tate
Gilland
Club
Director
Secretary



Heather J. McElroy
Club
Director
President-Nominee



Christine S. Waite-Morgan
Club
Director
Treasurer



Marissa Leigh Chastain
Club
Director
Public Image
Chair



Deanne Rosso
Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Marilyn Appleby
Club
Director
Service Projects
Chair



Ellen Bryson
Club
Director
Fundraising
Chair



Becky Engel
CCO-Club
Comm. Offcr



Robert A. Hawley
Sergeant-at-Arms

Richard J.

decide to meet somewhere other than homes.



Many thanks to participants, Ellen Bryson (facilitator), Michelle Roberts, Ray Watson, Mary Lillie Watson, Tammy Dalton, Heather McElroy, Becky Engels, Candace Shirley, Laura Iyer, and (Blair Dorminey gave input in previous meeting) for their energy and thoughtful ideas for strategy planning meeting on July 25.

Vision Statement: We are a catalyst for educated and actively engaged communities committed to protecting the environment. Our vision is to foster an enriched/healthy world by creating a net zero (carbon neutral) environment by 2033 that will ensure a sustainable future for generations to come.

Please review the results and plan here:

2023-2024 Protecting the Environment Committee (PTEC) Strategy RESULTS:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1JnzjUJAdlc9SkEWuWsR5pnHo1CGg2i8o1IDFRkE7CRk/edit#slide=id.g25d28206db1_0_18

2022-2023 Protecting the Environment Committee Annual Report:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/16l_mbwcGTUkAbQ71VHFJWpflBgN091Jc/view?usp=sharing

2024 Rotary District Conference



The 2024 District Conference is a cruise to the Bahamas on Royal Caribbean and Rotary wants you to get on board! Registration is required by August 31st!

