

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Molly Jones
4-Way Test—*next week* – Bud Coward
Program—Jane Page Thompson
Jan. Invocation— Susan Winsor
Jan. Greeters — Jennifer Hart and Karen Guevara
Jan. Student Hosts—Leighton McLendon and Rakesh Jasani
Jan. Student Guests—Muhammad Ali Rizvi and David Stoner

GUESTS

Vince Alexander	Speaker
Ali Risvi	Student guest
Karla Fischbach	guest of Carla Cloud
Steven Naifeh	guest of Tom Young
Gill Allensworth	guest of Will Williams

MAKE-UPS

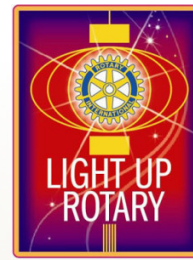
Catie Rabun	Club Service 1/5
Alan Bateman	eClubOne 12/15
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JANUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Last week, student host, Leighton McLendon, introduced Aiken High School student, Ali Risvi. Ali is interested in studying computer engineering. He is a member of the NJROTC and enjoys underwater robotics. Ali has maintained a 4.8 GPA and is 5th in his class. He is looking at Clemson, GA Tech, Rice, and NYU for college. (Of course, Leighton brought Ali a GA Tech hat in hopes of influencing his decision!)

LITTER PICKUP

Reminder: Litter pickup day is February 7 (the first Saturday of February). Contact Rick McLeod for more details or information.



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PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Catie Rabun



At our last meeting, Rotarian John Lindsay introduced our speaker, Coach Vince Alexander, USC Aiken's men's basketball coach, who shared with the club how USC Aiken has been able to experience ongoing success. Coach Alexander has led the USC Aiken men's team to four conference championships over the past seven years and made it to the Final Four last year. His objective now is to win a National Championship.

Coach Alexander measures the team's success not only as it applies to winning on the court, but he coaches the men to be successful in life—going on to be good men, husbands, and fathers. This year he is rebuilding his team after losing ten seniors. In order to remain on his team, his players must learn and practice these five key principals: Courage, Trust, Leadership, Collective Responsibility, and Communication.

He thanks Aiken for being a great supporter of USC Aiken basketball. The community is one of the factors in why he hasn't moved on when other job opportunities have arisen.

PROGRAM TODAY

OWEN CLARY & ROBERT STACK

Historic Aiken Awards

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- FEB 2 Molly Cooper, Aiken Technical College; Cell Tower Installation
- FEB 9 TBD
- FEB 16 **NO MEETING:** President's Day

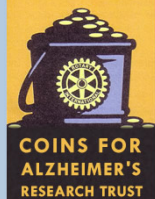
BIRTHDAYS

- 1/26 James Goodman
- 1/28 Joe Lewis
- 1/31 John Lindsay

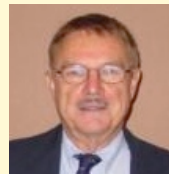
CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- 1/28 Amy Winn (2013)
- 1/31 Thomas Hofstetter (2000)
- 2/1 Scott Hunter (1990)
- 2/1 Stephen Surasky (1987)
- 2/1 Ernie Allen (1984)
- 2/1 Chris Verenes (2003)
- 2/1 Kay Benitez (2010)

CART



EVERY COIN COUNTS



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

HISTORICAL NOTES ON HOLIDAYS

When some of us were in elementary school a portrait of Washington often hung in the classrooms, and back then we observed his birthday (22nd) with a bank holiday and also the 12th, Lincoln's day (some of us Southerners did)! Checking our Rotary Club records we don't find Rotary not meeting on those days if they fell on Monday. Only recently (2002) has our Club took off a Monday for President's Day. We observed it alone until MLK day came along in 2005 and 2006 and for two years we observed both. In 2007 we dropped President's day and only observed MLK Day until 2011 when and then now we started observing both. Sometimes, one wonders where those Washington and Lincoln portraits are. Could they be in a janitor's closet or went bye-bye in trash dumps, or have been replace by other pictures?

HISTORICAL AWARDS

At today's meeting we are happy to recognize those folks and buildings who were recently recognized by the Historic Aiken Foundation for outstanding preservation: The Stewardship Awards-Adath Yeshurun Synagogue; The Clark Barn; and the Carriage House Inn. The Leadership Award-New Whitney Polo Field Pavilion. The Adaptive Use Award-Fusion Capital-821 Richland Ave. The Wilds-Lipe Award-Newberry Cottage, 244 Newberry.

Historical preservation is important to all generations in that it lets the present generation keep in contact with works of past generations in the hope that the present generation will pass on to future generations notable works that they generated.

CLUB SOCIAL: USC AIKEN BASKETBALL GAME



Aiken High Interact President, Lauren Grimm

Rotary President, Barbara Morgan

USCA Roteract President, Lacie Rhoden

TOM YOUNG PRESENTS RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF GREG SMITH



At our last meeting, Tom Young announced that the South Carolina Senate passed a resolution to honor Greg Smith who was a biographer, preservationist, and businessman, amongst other things. Greg passed away in April 2014 so his life partner, Steven Naifeh accepted a framed copy of the resolution.

Steven and Greg wrote the Pulitzer Prize winning book, "Jackson Pollock: an American Saga." The pair also renovated Joye Cottage and wrote the book "On a Street Called Easy in a Cottage called Joye." Steven and Greg began the Julliard in Aiken festival, which has resulted in 22,000 children having the opportunity to learn from Julliard students and faculty. Greg was named the 2013 Man of the Year.

Steven thanked Tom Young for the presentation.