

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Dean Sackett
4-Way Test—*next week* – Bob Stubbs
Program—Jane Page Thompson/Grant Wiseman
January Invocation—Liz Neal
January Greeters —Joe Lewis & Bob Bigger
January Student Hosts — Liz Neal & Lyn Kenny
January Students — Sarah Gwinn & Daniel Zaremba

GUESTS

Glenn McConnell	Speaker
Bradley Cardona	Student Guest
Daniel Zaremba	Student Guest
Tonya Daniels	guest of Jennifer Hart
Ray Jewell	guest of Liz Stewart
Jeremy O'Donnell	guest of Clifton Jones
Ann Campbell	guest of Cot Campbell
Adam Knight	guest of Regina Brackett
Rob Novit	visiting Sunrise Rotary

MAKE-UPS

Sandra Jordan	eClubOne 1/6
Lynn Sheppard	Club Service 12/20
Lynn Sheppard	Rotary Readers 12/11

COUPLE'S \$1.1 MILLION GIFT BOOSTS PUSH TO ERADICATE POLIO



www.rotary.org - Rotary member Terry Caster and his wife, Barbara, announced a \$1.1 million gift to Rotary to help eradicate polio. What's more, their gift will be matched two-for-one by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, resulting in \$3.3 million in new funding for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

The Casters' gift is one of the largest-ever individual contributions to Rotary for polio eradication. In addition to supporting our No. 1 goal of a polio-free world, the couple gave \$750,000 to the Rotary Peace Centers to fund a peace fellow's studies every other year. Both gifts were made to The Rotary Foundation in December.



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PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Jason Price



Senator Tom Young introduced our January 13, 2014, speaker, Lieutenant Governor Glenn McConnell, who addressed the Club of the recent state of the Office of Aging and South Carolina's senior population. When the former Senate President Pro Tempore suddenly ascended into his current position in early 2012, the Lt. Governor stated that he did not fully understand how his role as leader of the Office on Aging would lead him to view an alternative lens of what South Carolina's seniors face.

While meeting with seniors around the State and learning about the pressing issues confronting our seniors, the Lt. Governor discovered worrisome statistics, which some include:

1. Our senior population is projected to double to 1.8 million by 2030;
2. Since 2007, the State's funding share for the Office of Aging has been cut by 48%;
3. 1 in 11 of SC seniors is at risk of hunger;
4. Over one-third of SC seniors lives depend solely on Social Security payments, some of which are as little as \$710; and
5. Over 25% of those 85 years of age or older require institutional care.

Though troubled that our seniors' critical needs have often been ignored by the government and that seniors persistently lack effective advocacy, the Lt. Governor stated that he and the Office on Aging are determined to reverse this trend to ensure that all of our seniors' needs are met.

IN THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR, JANUARY 2014 IS...
ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

PROGRAM TODAY

ROBERT STACK
HISTORIC AIKEN AWARDS

KITTY GORDON
HEAD OF SCHOOL, MEAD HALL

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- FEB 3 Dr. Chuck Eaves, Tele-Med
Advancements in Neuro/Stroke
Program at Aiken Regional
- FEB 10 Gregory White Smith, Pulitzer
prize winning author, founder—
with Steven Naifeh—of *Julliard in
Aiken*
- FEB 17 TBA

BIRTHDAYS

- 1/28 Joe Lewis
1/31 John Lindsay

CLUB MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1/28 Amy Winn (2013)
1/31 Thomas Hofstetter (2000)
2/1 Kay Benitez (2010)



DEC. CART: \$428

2013: \$5,587



**HISTORICAL
PERSPECTIVE**
By Owen Clary

HISTORICAL NOTES ON ROTARY HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES

When some of us "goldie oldies" (myself included) were growing up, we found in most of our elementary school rooms a George Washington portrait hanging at the front. Back then we had observances on 22 February to honor his birthday. Also on 12 February we honored Lincoln (at least some of us Southerners did). On both of those days, bank holidays were also in force. Checking back on records of our Aiken Rotary Club, we don't find Rotary not meeting on those Mondays if either of those two birthdays fell near the Monday dates. However, it is only recently that our Club has observed a February Monday holiday--the first one being President's Day back in 2002. We observed it only alone until 2004. In 2005 along came another Monday January holiday, MLK Day, which we observed along with President's Day in 2005 and 2006. Now in 2007 we dropped President's Day just to only observe that January Monday holiday which we did last week. From 2008-2010 we didn't observe President's Day Monday, but started back in 2011 and since then we now observe both.

Sometimes, one now wonders where those Washington and Lincoln portraits are. Could they be in storage in a janitor's closet, or assigned to a trash heap, or maybe still hanging at the back of a room, or have been replaced by other pictures? (Check the next time you are in an elementary classroom)!

75th ANNIVERSARY COMING UP

Our 75th anniversary of the founding of our Club comes up in February. We will devote this column through February to some facts about the history of our Club.

MEET JANUARY'S STUDENT OF THE MONTHS



Liz Neal introduced Bradley Cardona as our Aiken High student-of-the-month for January. Bradley enjoys being involved in extracurricular activities, which include Boy Scouts, St. Mary's affiliated service projects, Aiken High's Soccer Team, Academic Team, Spanish Club and Math Team. Bradley's career plan is to become a neurosurgeon.



Lyn Kenney introduced Daniel Zarembo as our South Aiken student-of-the-month for January. Daniel plans to attend the U.S. Naval Academy and study Ocean Engineering. Daniel is a USCA Scholar, maintains a 4.0 GPA, and is ranked 5th in his class. Daniel has also received many soccer accolades for his accomplishments while playing for SAHS.

TRASH TALKING

Our next trash pick-up date is Saturday, February 8. We will start at 10:00am due to winter weather. For more information, see Rick McLeod.

