

## CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Will Williams  
4-Way Test—*next week* – Fred Humes  
Program—Liz Stewart  
Apr. Invocation— Dean Sackett  
Apr. Student Hosts – Regena Brackett, Kitty Windham  
SAHS – Greg Flippen – Student  
AHS – Russell Maddrey – Student

## GUESTS

Dr. Harris Pastides	Speaker
Rachel Beeson	Student guest
Sawyer Berry	Student guest
Ashley Nelson	Student guest
Dennis Harkins	guest of <b>Robert Stack</b>
Bill Rogers	guest of <b>Grant Wiseman</b>
Jerry Hughson	guest of <b>Chuck Munns</b>
Matt & Patti Nelson	Student family
Chrissey Miller	guest of <b>Al Sorensen</b>
Cantey Heath	guest of <b>Sandra Jordan</b>
Deidre Martin	guest of <b>Sandra Jordan</b>
Dwayne Berry	Student family
Ian Keiser	guest of <b>Robbie Bowles</b>
Rob Novitt	visiting from Sunrise Club
Michelle Metzker	Student family

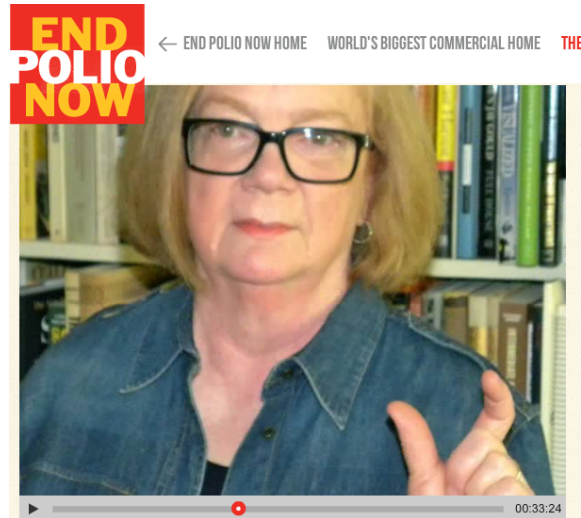
## MAKE-UPS

Kitty Windham	Sea Island Club 3/10
Carlos Milanes	eClubOne 3/18, 3/11
Bud Coward	eClubOne 2/11

## WORLD'S BIGGEST COMMERCIAL

### ADD YOUR PHOTO. CHANGE THE WORLD. LET'S MAKE HISTORY TOGETHER.

This year, in the 14 January edition of the Gear, we reported that Rotary International was in the process of making the World's Largest Commercial in an attempt to spread the word that we are "this close" to eradicating polio globally. As an update, the commercial is in progress and one of our own members appears in it! Barbara Strack joined more than 12,000 others and appears somewhere around minute 33:24.



**You can still take action by showing your support. Snap a photo of yourself making the "This Close" sign and upload it to the commercial at [thisclose.endpolio.org](http://thisclose.endpolio.org)**



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# THE GEAR



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## PROGRAM LAST WEEK

by: Amy Winn



**Sandra Jordan**, Chancellor of USC Aiken introduced our speaker—**Dr. Harris Pastides**, President of the University of South Carolina System.

Dr. Pastides, Rotarian and Paul Harris recipient explained that education is key and universities must respond to declining

graduation rates by making a college education more accessible. Students now have the option of Palmetto College offering online coursework and a reengineered academic calendar providing a full curriculum over the summer to expedite graduation and entry into the job market.

Despite declining government funding, USC will limit tuition increases. Instead they are looking for new revenue sources and have already secured two-thirds of the \$2 billion goal for the university's unprecedented capital campaign.

He closed by reporting that South Carolina is in an enviable position and will play a vital role in America's future



**CART FUND FOR MARCH: \$474.00**

## PROGRAM TODAY

Jamie Turner

EXEC. DIRECTOR: SAVANNAH  
RIVER CANCER FOUNDATION

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

- APR 8      **Larry Comegys:** Aiken Land Conservancy
- APR 15     **Club Assembly:** FaceTime meeting with Kadikoy Rotary Kulubu, Istanbul, Turkey
- APR 22     TBD

## BIRTHDAYS

- 4/3      Tami Burke
- 4/5      Mike Willis

## CLUB MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/1      Sara Wood (1989)
- 4/1      Tommy Wessinger (1982)
- 4/4      Bud Coward (2011)
- 4/6      Carlos Milanés (2009)



## **HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**

By Owen Clary

### "HAVE YOU HEARD.....?"

A station in Aiken is going to sell gas during Masters Week for \$1.99; 10 extra Masters tickets will go on sale tomorrow at 12:00 noon for \$200 each at Lionel Smith; Bud Coward will be selling his 1939 Piper Cub and buying a corporate jet as his nephew and namesake in New Jersey won the Lottery; and Madonna has joined a Baptist Church, will get married, and have a legitimate child. (April fool)!

### TEN YEAR AGO - APRIL 2003

We had a most interesting program to kick off our April programs in 2003. Pat O'Neill, and Aiken High teacher who coaches the M'Aiken Magic robotics and Paul Richman, a senior, explained how the teammates solve technical puzzles while constructing robots. The Aiken High team finished high in the Regional Competition. (The team has prospered during the last few years and continues to place high in competitive events).

### OUR PAST - FROM "THE GEAR" APRIL 1993

Two programs in April of 1993 were concerned with disappearing. Franko Fulmer, Magician, gave a magic talk and made several items disappear and reappear. (Slight of hand is a wonderful thing-especially with other peoples' money; however some of it may reappear). Sandy Sysko followed him. She cautioned us to make our discarded papers disappear, by using Cross Pointe Recycling.

## **MARCH'S STUDENTS OF THE MONTH ADDRESS THE CLUB**



**Joe Shields** again introduced **Rachel Beeson**, our South Aiken High student guest for March, before Rachel addressed the club. Rachel told us that she enjoyed her time at Rotary, although she was nervous at first. She humorously told us about "cheating" during the *4-way Test* by reading off the chart and the school superintendent becoming aware of it. She decided it likely made it worse that it was a test of character. President Peggy ensured her that members of many years still look to the poster for guidance.



**Barbara Strack** introduced to the club once more, **Sawyer Berry**, our Aiken High student guest for March. Sawyer thanked Rotary for the opportunity. He enjoyed the programs and the food. He felt that Rotary is a club he'd like to participate in one day.



**Sharon Rodgers** introduced **Ashley Nelson**, our Mead Hall student guest for March. Ashley acknowledged that Rotary was an interesting experience and especially enjoyed the program on Hitchcock Woods. She also thanked Rotarian, Carla Cloud, for her help in getting her a part as an extra in a movie.