

## CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Amy Winn  
4-Way Test—*next week* –Molly Jones  
May Greeters— Carolyn McClain & Jason Price  
May Student Hosts—Susan Yarborough and Tommy McCullough

## GUESTS

Brian Michael	Student
Steadman Boston	Student
Peter McCormick	guest of <b>Dean Sackett</b>
Barbara Nelson	guest of <b>Al Sorensen</b>
JR Cantos	GSE Team—Philippines
Jenna Panganiban	GSE Team—Philippines
Mel Deinla	GSE Team—Philippines
Shaun Tivsky	GSE Team—Philippines
Mabs Amatorio	GSE Team—Philippines
Sharon Johnson	Aiken Sunrise

## MAKE-UPS

Elliott Levy	Aiken Sunrise 4/25
Elliott Levy	District Conference 5/3
Dell Hickey	eClubOne 5/6
Sandra Jordan	eClubOne 5/6
Richard Church	eClubOne 4/22

## STRAIGHT SKINNY ON THE KENTUCKY DERBY

By: Barbara Strack



*Cot Campbell and fellow Rotarian—and Palace Malice supporter—Leighton McLendon*

Rotarian **Cot Campbell** (classification: Equine—Breeder) gave us the inside scoop on last weekend's Kentucky Derby. It comes down to blinkers may have

made Palace Malice, that noble steed, speed crazy. He'd been distracted in an earlier race by something—maybe tire tracks on the racetrack. So the decision was made to fit him with blinkers. He trained with them and performed just fine. But in the Derby, with that huge crowd and 19 competing horses, they “put him on the muscle and he took off like a scalded dog.” He did the first half-mile in 45 seconds, record speed. That speed just can't be sustained on this planet. So, Cot and team decided not to enter Palace Malice in the Preakness, but instead put him back in competition for a summer campaign.

Cot corrected misstatements by an NBC sportscaster who said Cot is 84 years old (he's 85) and will retire soon (no way).

Past President David Jameson believes that when everyone in Aiken watches the same race, it moves the Nielsen ratings: Saturday's Derby set records for viewership. As Aiken goes, the rest of the nation follows.



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# THE GEAR



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## PROGRAM LAST WEEK

by: Barbara Strack



The GSE inbound team from RI District 3820 brightened a cold, cloudy May day. They say the Philippines is the warmest place on Earth, because absolutely everyone there knows how to smile.

Team leader, Mel is an engineer whose company builds roads and schools. He is a past president of a Rotary club. His team consists of four energetic young leaders:

- JR is a website developer whose sponsoring club focuses on potable water. JR comes from an area with beautiful beaches and sunsets. He introduced us to the barong tagalog, a traditional shirt made from pineapple fiber, perfect in hot and humid conditions. (Too bad we couldn't get the weather to cooperate.)
- Jenna, a bank regulator, is former president of a Rotaract club. A Rotary club that carries out anti-cervical cancer vaccination campaigns and whose physician members offer free medical consultations to poor people sponsored her.
- Mabs is a manager with the water-utility company in Manila. Her sponsoring club concentrates on tree planting and wheelchair donations. Mabs played badminton and volleyball at university, and is a serious landscape photographer.
- Shaun comes from an area that specializes in extreme-sports tourism. His sponsoring club sponsors dental hygiene and medical missions. Shaun is a public attorney whose 800-case load includes criminal, civil, labor, and administrative law.



EVERY COIN  
COUNTS

PROGRAM TODAY

**LANCER SHULL**

“The Batesburg/Leesville Hollywood Connection”

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- MAY 20 BETTY RYBERG, “Julliard in Aiken”
- MAY 27 **NO MEETING**
- JUN 3 THOMAS SMITH, “Your Milk Really Doesn’t Come from the Grocery Store”

BIRTHDAYS

- 5/16 Greg Paschal
- 5/16 Susan Winsor
- 5/17 Thomas Hofstetter
- 5/18 Ted Felder

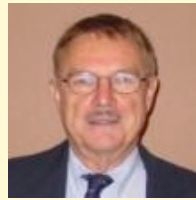
WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/13 Rachel & Travis Ryan
- 5/15 Liz & Tom Neal
- 5/15 Ron & Wheeler
- 5/16 Sam & Nadine Thomas
- 5/19 Wayland & Krista Lamar

CLUB MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/13 Jim Wetzel (2002)
- 5/14 Betty Ryberg (2007)
- 5/14 Bob Bigger (2007)
- 5/16 Jane Page Thompson (2011)

*Proofread by Natalie Fox*



**HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**

By Owen Clary

TEN YEARS AGO - MAY 2003

An interesting program in May 2003 was given by Paul Nelson, General Manager, UCB-Bioproducs of North Augusta. It was a chemical company that produced chemical coating, films, and pharmaceuticals. Nelson said that UCB chose to locate the plant in Aiken County in part because of the economic development package developed by Rotarian Fred Humes. (Fred says today that UCB is now called Cytec since UCB was sold--and Fred is still doing a great job in economic development).

OUR PAST - FROM "THE GEAR" MAY 1993

We were reporting on our Annual Banquet that was held at Houndslake on May 13. Bill Tucker was President and MC. Ed Modlin introduced student guests and we awarded two \$500 scholarships to Aiken High Student, Beth Gambrell, and S. Aiken High Student, Julie Starks. Our guest speaker was a Rotarian from Spartanburg, Frank Lee, who spoke on "Success Versus Survival."

HISTORICAL NOTES AND FACTS

In May of 1983, our song leader, Roland Windham, was leading us in singing four songs at one meeting. We started with "America the Beautiful," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "I've Been Working on the Railroad," and then "The Happy Wanderer." (It wasn't too long after that, that we abandoned singing at the meetings--but now we have started again under the good voice and leadership of Andrew Siders).

**SNAPSHOTS OF THE GSE TEAM'S WEEK IN AIKEN**



**MEET NEW MEMBER: CHRISSEY MILLER**



Chrissey Miller was inducted into the Aiken Rotary Club last week. Chrissey's classification is Social Agency—Animal Welfare. Chrissey is the Development Director at the SPCA. Chrissey's husband is David Miller. Welcome to Rotary, Chrissey!

**CLUB SOCIAL: BBQ AND BLUEGRASS A WILD SUCCESS**

Rotary Club of Aiken's spring social at the Aiken Bluegrass Festival proved to be a huge hit! More than 90 Rotarians showed up for the BBQ and Bluegrass under the VIP tent at Highfields. The GSE team members from the Philippines were our guests.

