

## CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Jason Stewart  
4-Way Test—*next week* –TBD  
Program—Ralph Courtney  
August Greeters—Meredith Cook & Chrissey Miller  
August Invocation—Cindy Meares

## GUESTS

Brooks Smith                      Speaker  
Jack & Dora Stumpfif      guest of **Joe Shields**  
Dr. Vicki Young                guest of **Carolyn McClain**

## MAKE-UPS

Joel Cote                              eClubOne 7/29  
Beth Everitt                          Sunrise Rotary 7/29  
John McMichael                    Club Service 7/29  
Richard Garcia                      Augusta Rotary 7/29  
Jerry Hughson                        North Augusta Rotary 7/22  
Dean Sackett                         eClubOne 7/22  
Richard Holley                        Club Service 8/12



## **TRASH TALKING**

We picked up 11 bags of trash at the Rotary Club of Aiken's trash pickup day, Saturday August 10. Using the Aiken County conversion, this equates to 165 pounds. Not too bad for 11 volunteers.

“Engage Rotary” by signing up to be a Rotary Reader for East Aiken School for the Arts. You could make a difference in a child's life.

We need **THREE** more volunteers!



**Rotary Club of Aiken**  
**PO Box 685**  
**Aiken, SC 29802**  
**(803) 648-5676**  
**Monday, 12:30 PM**  
**Newberry Hall**  
**117 Newberry Street, SW**  
**www.aikenrotary.org**

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# THE GEAR



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## **PROGRAM LAST WEEK**

By: Amy Winn

Rotarian, Jeff Howell introduced our speaker—Brooks Smith, Director of the Aiken County Career and Technology Center.



Smith explained that this facility opened in 1966-67 and currently partners with five local high schools to provide vocational training/education. Through a variety of programs, students increase their opportunity for employment after graduation.

95.4% of these students graduate on time as compared to a national average of only 75%. Aiken's facility received an excellent rating on their 2012 S.C. Report Card and has a 100% state exam pass rate for cosmetology students. Because of a statewide shortage, a program was recently added for firefighters and law enforcement.

Nationwide there are 3.7 million vacant jobs in manufacturing because the available work-force lacks the necessary skills. This is a growing problem and Smith emphasized the importance of local business partners who can provide onsite experience. Through these partnerships students are allowed to gain onsite manufacturing experience before age 18. Smith invited Rotary members to consider potential opportunities within their business.



# EVERY COIN COUNTS!

## PROGRAM TODAY

**KIM DAVIES**  
STAR RIDING

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

AUG 19 Jeff Howell; Public Education Partnership  
AUG 26 Mike Gibbons; Golden Harvest Food Bank

## BIRTHDAYS

8/14 Russell Richardson  
8/15 Regina Brackett

## CLUB MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

8/14 Rakesh Jansani (2006)  
8/15 Bob Byrne (2005)  
8/16 Dave Tavernier (2010)  
8/17 Sam Thomas (1972)



## **HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**

By Owen Clary

### TEN YEARS AGO - AUGUST 2003

Our first speaker in August was Congressman Gresham Barrett who had been in office for six months. He, of course, told us all about Washington, DC. Barrett is still in Congress, but now does not represent us. In the newly created congressional Districts as a result of the 2010 census, SC gained an additional congressional district and the congressional district lines were redrawn and now Aiken County is in the congressional district represented by Joe Wilson (who sometimes is noted for speaking loudly)! (By the way, Joe's local congressional aide is a member of our Club-Ted Felder).

### OUR PAST - "THE GEAR" AUGUST 1983

We are again (2013) singing at the opening of our meetings. In 1983 we were also singing and had a piano player, Martha Cathcart. Song leader then was Nat Stetson. After the singing of "I've Been Working on the Railroad," one of our 1983 members remarked: "We do better with music; it helps drown us out." (Well, we could possibly have music with our singing now, as we have a good piano player as a member of our Club. Recently that member played beautifully as his wife sang beautifully at his annual Board meeting)!

### SOME HISTORICAL NOTE AND FACTS

1) Rotary became bilingual in 1916 when the first club was organized in a non-English-speaking country-Havana, Cuba; 2) Rotary established the "endowment Fund" in 1917, which became the forerunner of The Rotary Foundation; 3) The Rotary club which first held meeting on a weekly basis was Oakland, California, the Number 3 club

## **NEW AIKEN ROTARY CLUB WEBSITE**

Thanks to Tami Burke we now have a club website up and running. It is still a work in progress as to content and links that will be added as we identify them. It is a great communication companion to our Facebook page. Check it out at either [aikenrotary.org](http://aikenrotary.org) or [aikenrotary.com](http://aikenrotary.com).

Rotary Club of Aiken  
Meets Mondays @noon  
Newberry Hall, Aiken, SC

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### Rotary of Aiken Welcomes You

We are one of over 3400 grass roots Rotary clubs worldwide with over 1.2 million members. Rotarians deploy their time, their talents and their donations to "Do Good In The World" by placing "Service Above Self".

In addition to our support for international projects, here in Aiken we provide college scholarships, build houses for Habitat for Humanity, provide financial support to numerous community service organizations, volunteer in public schools, and perform many other service projects. We are also participants in Rotary International's most widely known program to eradicate Polio throughout the world. We work hard to answer the call of this year's Rotary International President Ron Burton to "Engage Rotary-Change Lives".

We meet most Monday's at Newberry Hall here in Aiken at 12:00 noon. If you would like to know more just ask one of our members. They are the men and women you will find bell ringing for the Salvation Army at Christmas time, distributing free dictionaries to 3rd graders, and picking up trash out by the new county building. Or go to [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org) for more info.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Joe Shields  
2013-14 President

### Latest Events

**Club Service Opportunities**  
Trash Pickup - August 10th

**Upcoming Speakers**  
8/12/13 Kim Davies, STAR Riding  
8/19/13 Jeff Howell, Public Ed Partners

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