#### **CLUB SERVICE**

4-Way Test—this week - Molly Jones 4-Way Test—next week – Mike Willis Program — Chris Dickson Aug. Invocation— Teresa Haas Aug. Greeters — TBA

#### **GUESTS**

Gayle Lofgren Speaker **Ashley Hammett** Speaker Charlotte Holley guest of Ellen Priest Lynn McDonald guest of Ellen Priest Avery Spears-Mahoney guest of Jason Rabun Katy Harmett guest of Jason Rabun Kathy Cunningham guest of Karen Guevara Dr. Sean Alford guest of David Jameson Mike Fekula guest of Collette Ball

#### **MAKE-UPS**

Chuck Leopold Service 8/6 Member committee 8/5 Chuck Leopold eClubOne Clay Killian

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotary directories are available at the Sergeant at Arms table. If you have any changes please notify Karen Guevara.

President Joe Lewis emphasized that Rotary Readers is an incentive developed by this club and increasing involvement is a goals for this year. He encouraged all Rotarians to sign-up to volunteer.

The 7-day comment period for two new members was instituted.

President Joe encouraged all Rotarians to invite new members.

A Board Meeting will be held after the meeting this week.



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K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran

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Stanley Smith

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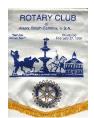
#### **Board of Directors**

Collette Ball (2016)Liz Neal (2016)Will Williams (2016)Beth Everitt (2017)**Grant Wiseman** (2017)John Lindsay (2018)Rick McLeod (2018)Catie Rabun (2018)

#### Sergeants-at-Arms

Chair: Brenda Stein Robert Stack **Richard Herring** Richard Holley John McMichael Diana Riddick





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#### PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Sarah Griffis



Rotarian Ellen Priest introduced our two speakers Gayle Lofgren and Ashley Hammett representing the Child Advocacy Center. Gayle Lofgren, Executive Director of Aiken's Child Advocacy Center explained that the Mission of this non-profit United Way agency is to

provide a safe environment and supportive services which promote healing to abused children and their families through intervention, treatment and prevention. She gave the audience some staggering stories and statistics related to sexual abuse in Aiken County. Gayle explained that the Child Advocacy Center treated over 360 cases last year with over 98% of the cases where children were abused by people they knew. Whether it is physical, sexual or witness to such events Gayle explained that 1 out of 10 children would be sexual abused by their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Child Advocacy Center interviews, performs medical examinations and works as a liaison to other agency involved with these events. Ashley Hammett- Solicitor for the Second Judicial Circuit is a strong supporter and partner of the Child Advocacy Center. She explained that this is a silent epidemic affecting our community and has evolved from the stranger/danger scenario that we talked to our children about. Ashley delivered a powerful message to all Rotarians to educate ourselves, educate our children, and be a voice in the community to end the silence and fight this epidemic.

#### PROGRAM TODAY

# SCOTT STEPHENS WATER OF LIFE

#### **FUTURE PROGRAMS**

AUG 24 Brad Majors; Increasing

Awareness & Improving Rotary's Image in the

Community

AUG 31 Karen Guevara & Chuck

Munns; SRS History

SEP 7 NO MEETING: LABOR DAY

### **BIRTHDAYS**

8/19 Brian Bernard 8/21 Sara Wood 8/23 Jennifer Hart

### **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

8/23 Chrissa Matthews



# HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

#### TEN YEARS AGO - AUGUST 2005

Two interesting developments with individuals as Rotarians that occured in August 2005: our Assistant District Governor at that time, Steve Black, announced that the leader of District's 7750 GSE team to France would be headed up by a Rotarian from our Club, Richard Pearce; and also Tommy Wessinger proposed and introduced a new member to our Club, Rev. Bob Byrne. Congratulations, Bob, on ten years of service to our Club. Bob, a native of Cleveland, came late to the ministry at age 41 after years in the corporate world and got his degree from Lutheran Seminary in Columbia where he served churches in that city before coming to Aiken.

#### OUR PAST FROM "THE GEAR" 1995

ERROR! ERROR! CORRECTION! CORRECTION! In last week's "Gear" the editor of this Perspective piece misidentified a Rotarian of 20 years ago who had recently passed. He used the name Julian Elliott instead of Carl Elliott in the piece. Both Julian Ellett and Carl Elliott were members of this Club in the past. It was Carl Elliott, instead of Julian Ellett, that was being reported on. (Sorry about that)!

#### NOTES & FACTS: CLASSIFICATION

Know a good Tax Service man who would make a good Rotarian? Know a good Telepone Service person who would make a good Rotarian? Know a good Sports-Facilities woman (or man) who would make a good Rotarian? Know a good Textile Person (Manufacturing or Sales or Supplies) who would make a good Rotarian? All of these Classifications are open and outstanding persons in those fields could be nominated for membership in our Club. (After all, August is Rotary Membership month)!

# ADDITIONAL INFORMAITON FROM LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

For more information about ways that you can support, volunteer, or for more information visit the Children's Advocacy Center of Aiken's website at: http://www.cacofaiken.org/

Gayle Lofgren encouraged everyone to attend the following: On August 26 at the Child Advocacy Center, a "Stewards of Children" prevention of child sexual abuse program will be presented from 1:30 to 4:30 PM. A tour of the CAC building will be given for the last half hour. Staff will explain the services provided at the Center and any questions that you have will be answered. PLEASE CALL 644-5100 TO REGISTER FOR THIS TRAINING!!

#### FOUR NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED

By: Sarah Griffis



(Pictured left to right above)

Rotarian Peggy Ford introduced new member **Freddie Boan**. Freddie has a varied business background with experience in statistics, marketing, and real estate acquisition. Freddie has worked for five years at vocational rehab. Welcome Freddie!

Rotarian John McMichael introduced new member **Charlie Hartz**. Charlie is no stranger to Aiken as the owner of Dunkin Doughnuts/Baskin Robbins. His classification is restaurant management. Welcome Charlie!

Rotarian Joe Shields introduced new member **Kittie Yount**. Kittie's classification is medical equipment
services. She brings a very diverse marketing
management background which includes coordinating
fundraising events. Welcome Kittie!

President Joe Lewis introduced new member **Bruce Cousins**. Bruce moved to Aiken with an extraordinary background with Rotary. Bruce was active in Rotary during in Freeport and Long Island, NY. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and joins many of our other distinguished Rotarians in dedicating over 50 years of service with Rotary. Welcome Bruce!