

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—

9/24 Tom Hallman

September Greeters-

Jerry Hughson & Mick Fekula

October Greeters-

John Dangler & Paul Durban

GUESTS

Douglas Herlong	Rev. McClendon
Ryan Bland	City of Aiken
John Rush	David Jameson
Kurt Mueller	Mike McNeil
Stewart Bedenbaugh	Sunrise
Brad Crane	Sunrise



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Richard Holley

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Rick McLeod (RY 18-19)
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Betty Ryberg (RY 19-20)
Chrissa Matthews (RY 19-20)
Jeff Baumgardner (RY 19-20)
Mallory Holley (RY 19-20)
Al Sorensen (RY 20-21)
Karen Poteat (RY 20-21)
John Dangler (RY 20-21)

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Chair: Richard Holley
Robert Stack
Rachel d'Entremont
Richard Herring
Jeff Baumgardner
Josh Booth



Interact Fundraiser Fatz

Please plan to attend a pancake breakfast fundraiser run by the Aiken High School Interact Club, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Aiken on October 13, 8-10:00 am, tickets are \$10.00 each. All tips, and profits from ticket sales will benefit the Alzheimer's Association. Contact Linda Strojan for tickets.

THE GEAR

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PROGRAM LAST WEEK by Mallory Holley



On Monday, September 17, 2018, Tray Traxler, the Aiken County School District Chief Officer of Finance, spoke to the club about the Aiken County School Districts finances. The school district is responsible for the education of 25,000 students and it is the 8th largest district in the state. The district also has 3200 full time equivalents and the total annual budget is over 300 million. The finances of the school district include many different buckets of money. Tray described the finances as similar to having separate bank accounts with separate rules and regulations for each one. Six different funds /buckets of money exist and they include the General Fund, Special Revenue Fun, Capital

Projects, Debt Service, Food Service/ Enterprise Funds and Student Activity. The Student Activity fund is the only bucket of money that is budgeted at the school level, instead of the district level. Tray incorporated questions or "quizzes" throughout his presentation. The first quiz was a true or false question. True or false, the majority of the district's funding comes from local sources- False. 49% of funding comes from the state, 43% of funding comes from local sources (property taxes and sales taxes) and 8% of the funding comes from the federal government. Tray ended with another True or False question. True or false, the districts capital projects are funded entirely by local funds- True. As it relates to local funds, Tray also covered the Aiken Property taxes vs other areas of South Carolina. Aiken's total millage is 166 mills vs the state average of 227 mills. The budget process for the 2013/2014 school year was the last time the millage rate for Aiken was increased.

Margarita Make-Ups

The Willcox

5:15 pm - 6:15pm

Last Wednesday of each month

2018-2019

9/26, 10/24, 11/28, 12/19, 1/30,

2/27, 3/27, 4/24, 5/29, 6/26

*Remember to turn-in your Make-up
to the Sergeant-at-Arms You don't need a make-up!!
Just come spend time with fellow Rotarians*

PROGRAM TODAY

Marti Healey, Author

FUTURE PROGRAMS

October Theme

October 2018

Economic and Community Development Month

Oct 1	State Supt of Education Molly Spearman
Oct 8	Aiken Housing Authority Chanosha Lawton
Oct 15	Rotary DG Carol Burdette
Oct 22	FOTAS
Oct 29	Gary Bunker

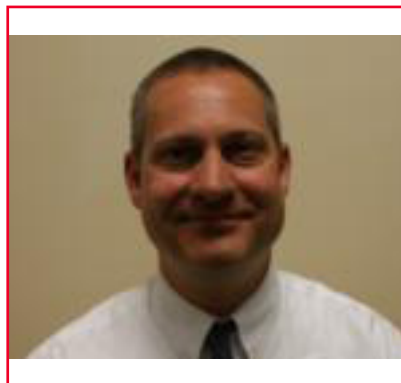
BIRTHDAYS

Chuck Leopold	24 September
Barbara Price	26 September
Cot Campbell	27 September
Teresa Haas	27 September

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

John Lindsay	09/24/12
John Oakland	09/26/16
Mick Fekula	09/28/15
Cindy Meares	09/30/02

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



COREY S. FERALDI

Classification:

Educator

Date of Induction: 04/18/2016



CECILE Y. FLEMING

Classification:

Date of Induction: 04/23/2018

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

10 Years Ago – September 2008

In September of 2008 Program Chair, **Billy Benton**, introduced noted Southern Historian, Bettis Rainsford who spoke on the history of Horse Creek Valley and the little known textile manufacturing pioneer, Christian Brightharp. According to Rotarians who were in attendance, the presentation was fascinating, riveting and accurate.

Club President **Tom Hallman** introduced District Governor, Carol Burdette. In addition to being District Governor, Carol was the President of the United Way of Anderson County and Mayor of Pendleton, SC. She encouraged our club to become involved with Rotary International's initiative, "The year of the child" to improve the lives of the children who are our future.

Bob Bigger was asked at the last minute to fill two program speakers, so he "stayed close to home" and enlisted both his wife and his brother to speak to our club. Mary Ann was a 1988 graduate of Clemson University and spoke about IPTAY which serves as Clemson University's Athletic Booster Club. She was the first female elected to the IPTAY governing Board and then was the first female President of the organization in its 75 year history.

Bob's brother, David, an attorney who specializes in Estate Planning focused on why estate planning is important for everyone. When he mentioned that only 55% of adults have an estate plan, business cards started appearing from all around the room!

20 Years Ago – September 1998

We welcomed our newest member to the club, Sheila Rogers. Sheila was the Senior Minister of St. John's United Methodist Church and was sponsored by **Fred Andrea**.

The trash pickup in September of 1998 was led by **Bill Webb**. Some of our current members who participated that year were **Ralph Courtney, Bill Tucker, Herb Mattocks and Gary Stooksbury** who claimed a squirrel line defender. No one else knew what the confabulation was!

Historical Notes and Facts

Did you know that the Dictionary Project was started in South Carolina in 1995 and became a national program in 2000 as a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. In 2002, the Rotary Club of Aiken initiated the Dictionary Project in Aiken County.

In September of 1978 our "Miss Aiken", Diane Toole, represented South Carolina in the Miss America Beauty Pageant. Diane's father and uncle were members of our club. Diane Toole Miller is still a very involved member of our community with her Crosby-Miller School of Dance.