

## CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Ahmed Samaha  
4-Way Test—*next week* – Mick Fekula  
Program— Sandra Jordan  
Nov. Invocation— Susan Winsor  
Nov. Greeters — Jeremy O’Donnell & Lee Boyleston  
Nov. Students – Kristin Livingston (SAHS), Sophia Gerstenberger (AHS)  
Oct. Student Hosts – Regena Brackett & Judy Chun

## GUESTS

Darren Mack	Speaker
Adarius Simpkins	Student guest
Ella Morton	Student guest
Laura Garcia	Student guest
Sophia Gerstenberger	Student guest
Kristin Livingston	Student guest
Joanne Morton	Student parent
Keisha Simpkins	guest
Lessie Price	guest of William Price
Julia Walker	guest of Charlie Hartz
Carmon Landy	visiting Sunrise Rotary

## MAKE-UPS

Ron Wheeler	Aiken Sunrise 10/26
Bud Coward	Rotary Reader 10/19, 10/26
Barbara Morgan	Club Service 10/29
Lee Boyleston	Club Service 10/26
Fred Andrea	eClubOne 10/26

## FOUNDATION INFORMATION

By: Jon Notestein

When District 7750 Governor, Terry Weaver spoke to our club, you may recall that he pointed out that a \$1,000 Paul Harris Fellow contribution in 1957 was a substantial financial commitment. He noted that one could buy a new car in those days for a mere \$2,500. We have examined our records to find members who have supported the Foundation at a level that mirrors that more than fifty year old standard as follows:

Gold (PHF +8++):  
Ron Henderson (8)  
Tommy Wessenger (8)

Silver (+5, +6, +7)  
Thomas Hofstetter (6)  
Marilyn Kenney (5)  
Allen Sorensen (5)

Bronze (PHF +3, +4)  
Fred Andrea (3)  
Thomas Calhoun (3)  
Owen Clary (4)  
Margaret Ford (4)  
Raymond Mizell (3)  
Jon Notestein (4)  
Stan Smith (4)  
Liz Stewart (4)

We thank everyone who supports our Foundation and we especially thank the above individuals whose combined contributions have exceeded \$74,000.



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John McMichael  
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# THE GEAR

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## PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Karen Guevara



Rotarian Chris Dickerson introduced Urologist Darren Mack, MD. Dr. Mack discussed the “Movember” initiative. Have you noticed a lot more mustaches this month? Wonder why that is? The “Movember” initiative encourages men to grow mustaches to highlight three men’s health issues: Prostate cancer, Testicular cancer, and associated mental health issues.

The initiative promotes early cancer screening to maximize quality and quantity of life. Development of new screening tools has greatly decreased the number of false positives, and active surveillance helps avoid overtreatment of the diseases. The average age at diagnosis of prostate cancer is 66; the average at diagnosis of testicular cancer is 33. Mental health issues stem from the effect these diseases have on men’s testosterone production and fertility. Find out more at <http://us.movember.com>.

## PROGRAM TODAY

# VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Speaker: Robert Murphy

Topic: The Veteran and Military Student  
Success Center at USC Aiken

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

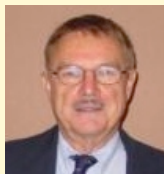
- NOV 16 Christine Rolka; Hitchcock Woods Foundation
- NOV 23 Mike Crapps, President and CEO of First Community Bank; Federal Reserve and Banking
- NOV 30 Lauren Kantz & Students; North Augusta High School Robotics Team

## BIRTHDAYS

- 11/11 Tara Reeder

## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/10 Dorothy Ridley (2014)
- 11/11 Leighton McLendon (2003)
- 11/12 Barbara Morgan (2001)
- 11/15 Steve Mueller (2004)



## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

### VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

Today we pause to honor our veterans who have served this Country. We have many members of our Club who are in this category. Those of us who have served are proud of our service, and proud to be defenders of the American way of life. Having served in the past makes us veterans most proud of those of our nation today who are presently serving and dedicating their current way of life to this country and to its task of trying to sustain the goals of our founding fathers.

### TEN YEARS AGO-NOVEMBER 2005-OUR CLUB

We had just embarked on a most unusual project for our Club in November of 2005. Immediate Past President Buzz Rich, supported by International Committee Chair, Bill Webb, began a project to pay most of the expenses of a beginning nursing student, Veronica Malata, in Livingston, Zambia, in concert with the Rotary Club of Livingston. Veronica Malata, thanking us, wrote a letter to us later stating, "My dream to become a nurse would not have fulfilled if it had not been for the Rotary Club of Aiken." (Do we have any later follow up on this project of ten years ago)?

### "CHRISTMAS IS A'COMIN"-1985

Twenty years ago in November of 1985 we were gearing up for the bell ringing for the Salvation Army. At that time we were touting that we had added one and now had five locations--Bankers Trust on Laurens, K-Mart, Rose's, Wal-Mart, and J. B. Whites. Now three of those have gone by the boards but currently we still have two and have added many more--so get ready to sign up (But don't you dare claim 12:00 to 1:00 at Rose's, as Tom Cofer and sidekick have a lock on that time and place).

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

By Karen Guevara

### October Student Guests

Rotarian Jennifer Hart re-introduced South Aiken's Adarius Simpkins, with his mother, Keisha. Adarius thanked Rotarians for the opportunity to talk with those who have already been where he wants to go. He appreciated the connections and committed to work hard to become a gift to the world.

Rotarian Camille Furgiuele re-introduced Ella Morten, from Mead Hall, as well as her mother, JoAnn. Ella appreciated the stories and advice Rotarians offered about career and college. She thanked Rotarians for not forgetting the young students in our community.

Rotarian Doug Rabold re-introduced Laura Garcia from Aiken High as a leader, mentor, and singer. She also plays the ukulele. As a Young Entrepreneur Partnership participant, she developed and runs her "Clothing Queen" fashion line to celebrate diversity and combat the fashion industry's preying on and victimization of young women.

### November Student Guests

Rotarian Regena Bracket introduced Sophia Gerstenberger from Aiken High. Sophia is president of our Interact Club. Rotarian Judy Chun introduced student guest Kristin Livingston from South Aiken. She is first in her class with a 5.276 GPA. She is active in her church and serves in the Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

By Karen Guevara

### Dictionaries for 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

Rotarians from the Aiken, Sunrise and North Augusta clubs will be delivering dictionaries to every 3<sup>rd</sup> grader in Aiken County this week. Thanks to all of the Rotarians who helped pack the dictionaries on Saturday!

### Community Service Grant Applications

Rotarian Liz Stewart announced that the Club is now accepting applications for our Club's community service grants. The deadline for submittal is **November 13<sup>th</sup>**.

### Highway Litter Pickup

Rotarian Rick McLeod will host highway litter pickup this Saturday, **November 14<sup>th</sup>** at 9am, in front of the new County Government Center. (Red Badge Rotarians – this is an excellent opportunity for you to fulfill one of the commitments to get your permanent blue badge!)

### November Focus: Rotary Foundation

Jon Notestein, provided an overview of the Rotary Foundation. Foundation giving tackles some of the greatest challenges in our communities and in the world. The club will be providing an opportunity for members to reach Paul Harris Fellow status (achieved a total of \$1,000). More details will be provided later this month.