

## CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Tony DiStefano  
4-Way Test—*next week* – Karen Bowles  
Program—Liz Stewart  
Invocation this week—Carolyn Emanuel-McClain  
November Greeters —Will Williams & Cindy Mearns  
November Student Hosts — Elliot Levy & Meredith Cook  
November Students — Ben Shumpert (AHS) & Tyler Perez (SAHS)

## GUESTS

Jim Lorraine	Speaker
Ben Shumpert	Student Guest
Tyler Perez	Student Guest
Clay Clary	guest of Owen Clary
Sgt. Charles Beason	guest of Bud Coward
Jack Weber	guest of Geoff Magrath
Bill Hardy	guest of Jeff Howell
Jim Hamilton	guest of Jeff Howell
Jeremy O'Donnell	guest of Jane Page Thompson
Mayor Bob Salley	guest of Bill Taylor
Joe Alexander	guest of Ruth Alexander
The Wagener Salley Color Guard	

## MAKE-UPS

Carlos Milanes eClubOne 11/4

## FOUNDATION BREAKFAST



Our Rotary Foundation Breakfast is November 23 - this Saturday- Tickets are \$7.00 a piece. They will be available at today's meeting. If you don't want to attend please still consider buying 4 for \$28.00 and allow us to give them to teachers, our public safety workers, veterans or other deserving individuals. You can choose your category of community helper or citizen.

**We still need waiters**, please consider waiting tables. It is a great way of meeting people, and if your guests write a check for a tip of \$50 or more, put your name in the memo section; it will go towards your Paul Harris Account. We need ten waiters.



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Lorraine Angelino

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Joe Shields

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Will Williams (2016)

### **Sergeants-at-Arms**

Chair: Richard Holley

Robert Stack

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John McMichael

# THE GEAR



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## **PROGRAM LAST WEEK**

By: Jason Price



As our Club devoted last week's program to commemorate Veterans Day, Jim Lorraine spoke to us about the impact that the Augusta/Aiken Warrior Project makes when assisting local veterans' transition to civilian life. The Augusta/Aiken Warrior Project was created to prevent and to mitigate challenges that veterans face when leaving active service by addressing their issues early. The

organization achieves its results through informing veterans of the services and opportunities available to them, connecting veterans to the organization's network of resources, ensuring veterans that they receive earned support, and collaborating with area partners, such as Aiken Tech, USCA, SRNS, and Camp Gravatt, to facilitate the complete well-being of veterans.

Because of the Augusta/Aiken Warrior Project's committed efforts, our local community is experiencing very low levels of veteran homelessness, success for veterans with employment, greater access to benefits and higher use of the G.I. Bill for education. Recently, the organization's model came to the attention of Wounded Warrior Project, which has now provided the means for the organization to take this model to communities throughout the United States. The local project is funded exclusively from private donations and all donations go to the local efforts to bolster the lives of our veterans.

IN THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR, NOVEMBER 2013 IS...  
**ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**

## PROGRAM TODAY

FRAN JONES  
BRIDGESTONE

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

- NOV 25 Linda McLean & Katherine Gunter;  
Blessing of the Hounds
- DEC 2 Mid-Year Club Meeting; President  
Joe Shields
- DEC 9 Bill Taylor, Tom Young, and Don  
Wells Topic: Annual Legislative  
Update

## BIRTHDAYS

- 11/18 Steve Mueller
- 11/18 Bill Webb
- 11/19 Bud Coward
- 11/20 Vicki Bukovitz
- 11/21 Phil Richardson
- 11/23 Chrissa Matthews
- 11/24 Tommy Wessinger

## CLUB MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/24 Al Sorensen (2008)

CART



EVERY COIN  
COUNTS



## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

### TEN YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 2003

Still seeing spotted horses grazing around town??? Well, if so, do you remember where they came from and why they grace our city's landscape? In November of 2003 we were involved in the Horseplay Project where 31 uniquely painted fiberglass horses were placed throughout Aiken and then auctioned off to raise funds for the Aiken Center for the Arts. The co-project coordinator was Michael Williamson (now gone to greener pastures), who was one of our own Rotarians and was executive director of United Way.

### OUR PAST - "THE GEAR" NOV 1993

A speaker in November 1993 was Sandy Cassatt who spoke on the upcoming Fall Steeplechase. At that time, it was being held in November, but it is now held in October to try for better weather (and this year, 2013, it was good weather). And even as late as 2003, the three Aiken Rotary Clubs had a joint space on the rail and we socialized greatly. (Well, whatever happened to that practice? Well, maybe since we only have two Rotary Clubs in town now, maybe that had something to do with it?).

### CLASSIFICATION VACANCIES

Continuing listing of our vacant classifications in our Club with the practice of letting our Club know which classifications are open in hopes that our members may know someone in that classification that would make a good member, the following classifications are listed (How's that for using the word "classification" five times in one sentence?): International Service; Intelligence Agency; Insurance-Title; Information Technology; Housing and Care-Nursing Homes; Housing and Care-Modular Homes; Housing and Care-Institutions.

## MEET NOVEMBER'S STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



**Del Hickey** substituted for **Elliot Levy** in introducing the Club to November student-of-the-month, **Ben Schumpert**. Ben is at the top of his class at Aiken High School and plans to go to Clemson University. Ben has maintained a 5.214 GPA. He is an elder in the Presbyterian Church, on the varsity baseball team, and is the editor of the paper.



**Meredith Cook** introduced the Club to our South Aiken High School student-of-the-month, **Tyler Perez**. Tyler is active in the NJROTC and plans to graduate and join the Army to become a Practical Nurse. Tyler will start basic training in July and helped to plan and put together the Veterans Day program at SAHS. Tyler also enjoys art.

We look forward to learning more about November's students this week.

## THOUGHTS FOR DISTRICT 3580 GSE SOUTH CAROLINA TEAM IN THE PHILIPPINES

*rotary.org News*

Rotary clubs around the world are pledging emergency aid to communities in central Philippines after last week's massive typhoon flattened entire coastal towns and villages, killed thousands of people, and displaced nearly 600,000 more.

The situation remains dire as widespread destruction has made food, water, and medicine scarce in remote areas affected by Typhoon Haiyan, the strongest storm to make landfall on record.

Rotary President Ron Burton is urging our 34,000 clubs worldwide to continue to assist storm victims.

"I know we all want to help. I am urging our clubs to take action to provide emergency aid now and begin planning for the future when we can help rebuild homes, schools, and businesses," says Burton. "We are in the business of helping people in need."

Rotary partner ShelterBox has committed aid for 4,000 families in the form of emergency shelter and other relief assistance.

Such disasters are "exactly why we entered into our partnership with ShelterBox," says Burton. "It gives Rotary members worldwide the opportunity to respond immediately and in a very meaningful way to the life-threatening conditions faced by the people of the Philippines."