

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – John Girardeau
4-Way Test—*next week* – Barry Adams
Program— Joe Lewis
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

Christine Rolka	Speaker
Sophia Gerstenberger	Student guest
Kristin Livingston	Student guest
Nat Green	guest of Paul Dusenbury
Linda McLean	guest of Jane Page Thompson
Sara McNeil	guest of Jane Page Thompson
Dana Massey	guest of Jane Page Thompson
Randy Wolcott	guest of Jane Page Thompson
John Boggs	guest of Bill Taylor

MAKE-UPS

Vicki Bukovitz	Club Service 11/2
John Lindsay	District Assembly 11/2
Richard Holley	Club Service 11/2

TRASH PICK-UP

By: Rick McLeod

We picked up 16 bags of trash, which equals 240 pounds on Saturday (11/14/15). We had 32 total volunteers with 9 from Rotary and 20 Interact and 3 volunteer guests (Joe Lewis’ son and a Mother and Sister of Interact member). We are scheduled for our next pick up again in **February 2016**. Stay tuned for date.

Rotary Member Participation on 11/14/15:

1. Phillip Merry
2. Joe Lewis
3. Jeff Baumgardner
4. Chuck Munns
5. Susan Winsor
6. Barbara Morgan
7. John Lindsey
8. Monica Key
9. Rick McLeod



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Barbara Morgan
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Brenda Stein
Assistant Governor
Dan Rickabaugh
Board of Directors

Collette Ball	(2016)
Liz Neal	(2016)
Will Williams	(2016)
Paul Dusenbury	(2017)
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: Catie Rabun



Last week, Rotarian Bill Tucker introduced our speaker, Christine Rolka. Christine is the Director of the Hitchcock Woods Foundation. The mission of the Foundation is to protect and preserve the Hitchcock Woods in a natural and ecologically healthy state, maintain and manage historic and traditional equestrian and pedestrian uses, and foster education and research on the history and resources of the Woods.

Hitchcock Woods is one of the largest urban forests in the country and the Foundation as well as the ongoing care of the woods is privately funded. There are seven main entrances into this historic landmark. Current work in the Hitchcock Woods includes implementing the management plan, restoration of the Longleaf Pine, as well as restoration of a longtime resident of the Woods, the Red-cockaded woodpecker.

Several events that occur in the Woods each year include, the Blessing of the Hounds (it is held on Thanksgiving morning each year), the Festival of the Woods, and the Aiken Horse Show. All of these events are a great way to experience and learn more about one of Aiken’s greatest assets.

PROGRAM TODAY

MIKE CRAPPS

PRESIDENT AND CEO OF FIRST COMMUNITY BANK; FEDERAL RESERVE AND BANKING

FUTURE PROGRAMS

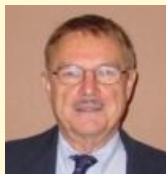
NOV 30 Lauren Kantz & Students; North Augusta High School Robotics Team
DEC 7 Mid Year Assembly
DEC 14 Christmas Program

BIRTHDAYS

11/23 Chrissa Matthews
11/24 Tommy Wessinger
11/26 Tim Simmons
11/26 Jason Stewart
11/26 Liz Neal

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

11/24 Al Sorensen (2008)
11/28 Fred Kelsven (2002)
11/28 Mike McNeill (2011)



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

ROTARY THANKSGIVING

As we Rotarians approach the national holiday of Thanks, we indeed have many things to be thankful for. Perhaps one of the greatest thanks is that as Rotarians, most of us are indeed somewhat able to give thanks for our various states of financial stability and are able to share some of our success with others. And what better way to share our states of somewhat financial freedoms and abilities with others than through the Rotary Foundation? As we are observing Rotary Foundation month during November we look at some the outstanding programs world wide in which the Rotary Foundation as been involved. Of course the first program that comes to mind is Polio-Plus, which we as Rotarian have helped (almost), to eradicate that disease throughout the world-thankfully. We should be thankful that we have had a part in giving to children worldwide a better life by helping eliminate this disease from their lives. (And as Thanksgiving is sometimes a two way street, we wonder how many of those children that have been spared, will someday-10 or 15 years down the road- realize Rotary's gift to them, and then in turn be a little thankful for it)? The Rotary Foundation--give a good hurrah--and contribute to it!

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

November Student Guests

Rotarian Regena Bracket introduced Sophia Gerstenberger from Aiken High again last week. Sophia is involved with the youth group at her church, St. Paul's, she volunteers at ACTS, she is a tutor at East Aiken School for the Arts, she plays church league basketball, competes on the math team, is a member of the Honor Society, and is a member of the Interact club.

Rotarian Judy Chun introduced student guest Kristin Livingston from South Aiken again last week. Kristin is 1st in her class, volunteers, has been accepted at Winthrop University, participates on mission trips, is a member of Interact, and is part of the Color Guard and Honor Guard.

Red Badge Program Graduate

Rotarian Phillip Dunn received his permanent Blue Badge, having completed the Club's Red Badge program for new members. The Red Badge program requires new members to attend a Board of Directors meeting, serve as a Greeter, participate in a Club activity, and present a Classification Talk during a Club meeting.

New Members

Two new members were inducted into the Rotary Club of Aiken Last week:

- Susan Seldon, sponsored by Sharon Rogers, is the Executive Director of the Cumbee Center
- Julia Walker, sponsored by Charlie Hartz, and introduced by Karen Poteet, is a accounting professional

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November Focus: Rotary Foundation



Following Foundation updates in previous weeks from Chuck Munns and Jon Notestein, Joe Shields spoke to the club about how impactful increased donations to the Foundation could be. To become a

Sustaining Member, the donation is \$25 per quarter, which amounts to \$0.27 per day. He urged all Rotarians to become Sustaining Members at the very least and reminded members to give from our abundance, and not from what we need.

Night of 1000 Lights

Night of 1000 Lights will be held on Thursday, December 10 from 5pm to 9pm. The Rotary Club of Aiken will be volunteering and handing out cocoa and hot cider. The social committee would like Rotarians to sign up for a 30 minute interval.

Other Upcoming Social Events

- USCA Basketball Game
- Dinner en Blanc with Friends
- Cocktail Hour at the Playhouse

Scholarship Committee

Scholarship Committee is scheduled to meet following today's meeting

Rotary Board

The Rotary Board is scheduled to meet following today's meeting