

## CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Karen Bowles  
4-Way Test—*next week* – TBD  
Program—Jane Page Thompson  
Invocation this week—Father Grant Wiseman  
November Greeters —Will Williams & Cindy Meares  
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 was this past Saturday, November 23. Thank you to all who volunteered and sold tickets to raise money for Polio Plus.



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Monday, 12:30 PM  
Newberry Hall  
117 Newberry Street, SW  
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**R.I. President**  
Ron Burton  
**District Governor**  
Lorraine Angelino  
**Club President**  
Joe Shields  
**President Elect**  
Barbara Morgan  
**Vice President**  
Joe Lewis  
**Past President**  
Peggy Ford  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
Stanley Smith  
**Sergeant-at-Arms**  
Richard Holley  
**Assistant Governor**  
Liz Stewart  
**Board of Directors**  
Vicki Bukovitz (2014)  
Jason Stewart (2014)  
John McMichael (2014)  
Henry Krippner (2015)  
Chuck Munns (2015)  
Van Smith (2015)  
Collette Ball (2016)  
Liz Neal (2016)  
Will Williams (2016)  
**Sergeants-at-Arms**  
Chair: Richard Holley  
Robert Stack  
Ross Culligan  
Richard Herring  
Tom Calhoun  
Wayland Lamar  
John McMichael

# THE GEAR



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## PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Meredith Cook



Last week, **Fran Jones**, VP of Administrative Services at Bridgestone America, told our group about the great things happening at the Bridgestone Off Road plant in Aiken. Since announcing their plans to make a \$1.2 billion investment in South Carolina in September 2011, Bridgestone has completed Phase 1 of construction, created 223 jobs, and have just sent their last leadership team for training in Japan.

After Thanksgiving, Bridgestone will be opening up the application process for machine technicians and plan on hiring an additional 200 employees in 2014. Not only does Bridgestone strive to be a premier place to work, they also strive to be an environmentally sustainable company and the new facility is on track to be LEED Certified. We are excited to see what great things Bridgestone has in store for our community.

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

PROGRAM TODAY

LINDA MCLEAN &  
KATHERING GUNTER  
BLESSING OF THE HOUNDS

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- DEC 2 Mid-Year Club Meeting; President Joe Shields
- DEC 9 Bill Taylor, Tom Young, and Don Wells Topic: Annual Legislative Update
- DEC 16 TBD

BIRTHDAYS

- 11/26 Tim Simmons
- 11/26 Jason Stewart
- 11/26 Liz Neal
- 12/1 Robert Stack

CLUB MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/28 Fred Kelsven (2002)
- 11/28 Mike McNeill (2011)
- 12/1 Ruth Alexander (1988)
- 12/1 Chuck Leopold (2008)



EVERY COIN  
COUNTS



**HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**

By Owen Clary

TEN YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 2003

We inducted a new member into our Club in November 2003. As usual, he was impeccably dressed, as he always is, and was wearing those black and white oxford shoes, as he generally does here, and on the golf courses, where he plays very often. He attends Rotary meetings regularly, has a great smile on his face, and is very jovial. His handsome dress and pleasant demeanor have won him many sales in his real estate business. (\$3 in the CART bucket to the first persons who identifies this ten year Rotary "Beau Brummell").

OUR PAST - "THE GEAR" NOV 1993

We had contributed a nice sum in November 1993 to the Chamber of Commerce to help pay for the lights planned for Hopeland Gardens at Christmas. Since 1993, many more lights have been added. So if you view the lights this year, you can reflect that your Rotary had a part in this worthwhile Christmas community project.

CLASSIFICATION NOTIFICATION

Continuing the practice of listing open classifications for our Club the following classifications are listed and outstanding leaders in our community in those classifications could be submitted for membership: Hostelry-Motel; Hostelry-Bed and Breakfast; Hostelry-Administration; Hospitals-Staff; Horticulture-Landscaping; Home Nursing Care; and Home Economist.

**MEET NOVEMBER'S STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**



**Elliot Levy** introduced the Club to November student-of-the-month, **Ben Schumpert**, once more last week. 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 as a left fielder, 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 and is the captain of the NJROTC Relay team.

Ben and Tyler will address the club today.

**CLASSIFICATION TALK: MOLLY JONES**



Molly Jones has deep roots in Aiken but is no stranger to a life on the move. The self-proclaimed army brat lived in North

Carolina, Virginia, Texas, Germany, Kansas, Ohio, and Texas again before settling down in Aiken during her sophomore year of high school. She was obviously meant to end up in this small southern town because she met her future husband Dwayne while selling sweet tea for a cheerleading squad fundraiser.

Molly received her degree from the College of Charleston and began working for Bank of America as a corporate event planner. She returned to Aiken and worked for Houndslake Country Club before returning to the banking world as a manager for TD Bank.

Today, Molly is invested in her community, serving the Aiken Women's Heart Board and the Board of Directors of the YMCA, and raising her two sons.