

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – TBD

4-Way Test—*next meeting* – TBD

Program— Barbara Morgan

Dec. Invocation— Liz Stewart

Dec. Greeters — Rick McLeod, Leighton McLendon

Dec. Student Hosts—Brian Bernard, Mallory Holley,

Karen Bowels

Dec. Student Guests—Daneshka M. Padro Perez, Lydia

Gerstenberger, Destiny Dye

GUESTS

Eric Brinkley	Speaker
Mikala Schifer	Student guest
Lilly Martin	Student guest
Jenna VanPelt	Student guest
Gary Albrecht	guest of Bob Stubbs
Diana Riddick	guest of Judy Chun
Bob Forrest	guest of Judy Chun
Jason Rabun	guest of Bill Tucker
Christen Torres	guest of Liz Stewart
Lance Shull	visiting Batesburg Leesville
Andy Shumpert	visiting Batesburg Leesville
Rob Novit	visiting Sunrise

MAKE-UPS

Tim McClendon	eClubOne 11/3
Karen Poteet	Rotary Readers 11/10
Dean Sackett	Rotary Readers 11/3

SIGN UP TODAY

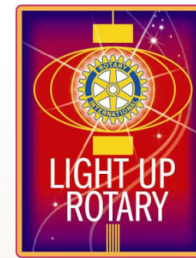
BELL-RINGING

December 19
10am – 5pm
1-hour shifts

Locations:

Sam's Club
Walmart Richland - Main Entrance
Walmart Richland - Grocery Entrance
Roses
Kroger
Walmart Whiskey Road – Main Entrance
Walmart Whiskey Road - Grocery Entrance
Aiken Mall ((Food Court Entrance
Hobby Lobby

Point of Contact: Ralph Courtney



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Chair: Richard Holley
Robert Stack
Richard Herring
Tom Calhoun
John McMichael

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PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Amy Winn



Richard Holley introduced last week's speaker—Eric Brinkley, 2015 President of the Aiken Young Professionals (AYP). Eric explained that AYP was started in 2008 as an initiative of the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce to assist in attracting and retaining young professionals, AYP's mission is to provide an environment for young, career-minded individuals (ages 22 to 39) to meet and develop both socially and professionally. They do this by hosting regular networking and educational events for members. AYP also serves as a voice in the community for young professionals for various projects and organizations such as city council, economic development initiatives, USC-Aiken and the Aiken Community Playhouse. Since 2008 their membership has grown from 56 to 258 members, but Eric's goal for the upcoming year is to continue to grow the membership. He encouraged representatives of area employers to recommend AYP to their young professionals—especially organizations who are currently AYP sponsors. Potential members could familiarize themselves with AYP by attending a 3rd Thursday networking event or one of their Dine and Development programs. AYP members also participate regularly in community service projects to support organizations like the Children's Place, Habitat for Humanity and the American Cancer Society. In closing, Eric ask Rotary members to assist in raising awareness of AYP.

PROGRAM TODAY

MARK VAN DER LINDEN

ACPRT DIRECTOR:

HORSE CREEK/LANGLEY POND

FUTURE PROGRAMS

DEC 8 Mid-Year Assembly
DEC 15 Christmas Program
DEC 22 **NO MEETING**

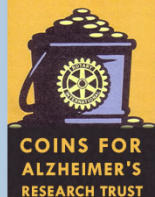
BIRTHDAYS

12/1 Robert Stack
12/2 Tom Cofer
12/2 Clifton Jones
12/7 Bob Newburn

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

12/1 Ruth Alexander (1988)
12/1 Chuck Leopold (2008)

CART



EVERY COIN
COUNTS



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

TEN YEARS AGO - DECEMBER 2004

An interesting program in December of 2004 was introduced by Gary Stooksbury as he had the President of Santee Cooper tell us all about the state owned utility that provided electricity directly or indirectly to every county in the state. He said that Santee Cooper received no state funding. Most of their electricity comes from coal. Gary Stooksbury, our fellow Rotarian, heads up our local electrical co--operative.

OUR PAST - "THE GEAR" DEC 1994

In 1994 we had a program operating under an employee relations committee in which a Rotarian would have a guest from his business or organization as guest and then introduce that guest to the Club. In December of 1994 an employee, Tommy Wessinger, a bank executive at NationsBank of South Carolina, introduced Susan Boatwright Yarborough, an employee at his bank. Later, in 1995, Susan joined our Club and has been an active member since.

HISTORICAL NOTES

Our "Gear" in December of 1984 announced that we would have some musical presentations as we approached the Christmas season. For years, The Blenders, a musical quartet of very talented ladies, gave us Christmas music.

NOVEMBER'S STUDENT- OF-THE-MONTH ADDRESS THE CLUB



Bob Bigger introduced South Aiken Baptist student, Lily Martin last week for one final visit. Lily addressed the club.



Dean Sackett introduced South Aiken High School student, Mikala Schifer. Mikala is interested in becoming an engineer. Mikala also addressed the club and thanked Rotarians for her time here.



Last week, Doug Rabold introduced Aiken High School student, Jenna VanPelt. Jenna has been accepted at Clemson. She intends to study Biology and would like to work for the National Parks Service. Jenna also addressed the club.

CLASSIFICATION TALK: BRIAN COULTER

By: Amy Winn



Brian Coulter, the new pastor at First Presbyterian Church, recently joined our club and provided a classification talk. He was born in Seattle, Wash. and while growing up he lived in Kansas City, Mo., Mount Zion, Ill, Tulsa, Okla. and Sterling, Kan. After high school he went to Oklahoma University where he graduated with honors in sociology and met his wife, Megan. Shortly after graduating, they were married and moved to the Atlanta area where Brian attended the Columbia Theological Seminary and their first daughter (Annabel) was born. After graduating from seminary and being ordained in 2009, he accepted a position at Trinity Presbyterian in Fairhope, Ala. where their second daughter (Paige) was born. Brian served as an associate pastor at Trinity for five years before moving to Aiken earlier this year.