

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Philip Merry
4-Way Test—*next week* – Henry Kripner
Program— Joe Lewis
Dec. Invocation— Liz Stewart
Dec. Greeters — Rick McLeod & Collette Ball
Dec. Students – Cassia Larson (AHS), Chelsea Reed-Brooks (APA), Julie Scott (SAHS)
Dec. Student Hosts – Keyatta Priester, Chrissa Matthews, Sara Wood

GUESTS

Lauren Kantz	Speaker
Cassia Larson	Student guest
Chelsea Reed-Brooks	Student guest
Julie Scott	Student guest
Jane Monroe	Club guest
Seth Kantz	Club guest
Dawson Hutto	Club guest
Miles Lloyd	Club guest
Kristen Hurst	Club guest
Shauna Lloyd	Club guest
Nat Green	guest of Paul Dusenbury
Sara Young	visiting Sunrise Rotary
John Carrick	visiting Belfast, Maine

MAKE-UPS

Owen Clary	Gear Article 11/23
Jeff Baumgardner	Trash Pick-up 11/23
Bill Howell	eClubOne 11/23
Tara Reeder	eClubOne 11/23

PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUMMARY:

Tickets sold: 395
Roughly net of about \$3,000
Meals served: 250 + 30 VOLs
Rotarians attending: about 30



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Collette Ball (2016)
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Paul Dusenbury (2017)
Beth Everitt (2017)
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John Lindsay (2018)
Rick McLeod (2018)
Catie Rabun (2018)

Sergeants-at-Arms
Chair: Brenda Stein
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PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Dave Taverier



Introduced by Rotarian Dr. Sean Alford, Aiken County Superintendent of Schools, the North Augusta High School Robotics Team described their program and their recent participation in a state competition that brought them unexpected success.



Team members Miles Lloyd, Kristen Hurst, Seth Kantz, and Dawson Hutto described the tech program at NAHS, which is guided by engineering, project management, and

business implementation skills, in producing a working robot capable of performing rudimentary tasks. On the team's first try at the state level, the "Won and Done" team took first place in the competition, and became eligible for Super Regional Competition in San Antonio, Texas where they placed 11th out of 76 teams.

This year's project, entitled "First Res Q" will employ a game theme using team built robots to score points on an electronic playing field where the robots' and handlers' dexterity and strategic skills will be tested. The state competition will take place at Gaffney High School on January 30th.

The group has received support for the program from corporate mentors including SRNS, Bechtel, EZ-GO, and Potash Corporation.

PROGRAM TODAY

MID-YEAR ASSEMBLY

FUTURE PROGRAMS

DEC 14	Christmas Program
DEC 21	NO MEETING
DEC 28	NO MEETING

BIRTHDAYS

12/7	Bob Newburn
12/8	McDonald Law
12/11	Wayland Lamar
12/12	John Dangler

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

12/8	Chris Dickson (2014)
12/9	Ellen Priest (2013)
12/11	Warren Koehl (2006)



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

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We are approaching the Christmas season (not the happy holiday season--not PC) and music and musical bells are in the air. There are a lot of scheduled musical events for Aiken and then there are bells to be rung by different folks for different causes. Our Club is gearing up to aid the Salvation Army with our annual activity. Four places in 1985 (30 years ago), Bankers Trust, K-Mart, J.B. Whites, and Wal-Mart, were in our sights but only one of those remain today. (Time and tides wait for no Man). We also have had traditionally in December a musical program at our Club. (30 years ago it was the Blenders-and sadly to say, only a couple remain today).

But let us not linger to much on what were the good things of the past but gear up ourselves for the pleasant things of this present Christmas season. However, let's don't forget the past as history often has a way of repeating itself--after all, this is December the 7th!

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Rotarian Keyatta Priester introduced Chelsea Reed-Brooks from Aiken Performing Arts Academy for her first visit last week. Chelsea enjoys piano and dance. She has a 3.5 GPA and is in the Aiken Technical College Dual Enrollment Program. She is interested in attending USC Aiken, USC, or Wofford.

Rotarian Chrissa Matthews introduced Julie Scott from South Aiken High School for her first visit to the Rotary Club of Aiken last week. Julie is interested in studying exercise physiology and is looking at attending Clemson University. She is a volleyball player as well as a 12 and under club volleyball coach.

Rotarian Sara Wood introduced Cassia Larson from Aiken High School for her first visit last week. Cassia is a Commanding Officer in the NJROTC. She runs track and cross-country. She also enjoys dancing and will be performing in the Nutcracker this year. She is hoping to attend the Naval Academy.

FOUNDATION: PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS



McDonald Law and Jim Wetzel both received +1 Paul Harris Fellows recognition at last week's meeting. Thank you for your continued support of the Foundation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November Focus: Rotary Foundation



Following Foundation updates in previous weeks from Chuck Munns, Jon Notestein, Joe Shields, and Tommy Wessinger, John Dangler spoke to the club about the importance of potable water to developing countries and how Rotarians can help that effort

through support of the Foundation. In 2007, the Foundation started Water and Sanitation projects in many countries to address the 1.2 billion people that lack water and 2.4 billion people that lack proper sanitation.

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 TODAY for a 30-minute interval.

Bell Ringing

It's time to sign up for Bell Ringing for this Christmas season. Currently, there have been 65 sign-ups but we still need 75 more. Sign up today!

Rotary Scholarships

The Rotary Club of Aiken scholarship application is live on the club website: www.aikenrotary.com. The scholarships are for \$2500. Scholarship awards consider students' extracurricular activities, the importance they attach to furthering their education, examples of their dedication to Rotary's "Service above Self" motto, challenges they have overcome, their financial need for the scholarship, and their own efforts to address these financial needs.