

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Scott Neely
4-Way Test—*next week* – Carla Cloud
Program—Betty Ryberg
May Invocation— Amy Winn
May Greeters — Teresa Haas and Paul Durban
May Student Hosts— Joe Shields, Rakesh Jasani,
Ralph Courtney
May Student Guests— Allison Kekacs, De’Arrial
Behling, Stefan Zotovic

GUESTS

Tom Lex	Speaker
De’Arrial Behling	Student guest
Stefan Zotovic	Student guest
Allison Kekacs	Student guest
Blair Cummings	guest of Ted Cummings
Jeff Baumgardner	guest of Bob Forrest
Dick Dewar	guest of Phillip Merry

MAKE-UPS

John McMichael Club Service 5/18

THE TERRIFIC “88s” CONT.

By Stan Smith

Bill Rodgers

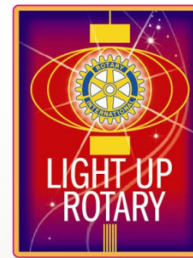


William (Bill) Rodgers, the Club’s first “88” to be highlighted, was born in Martinsburg, W. VA. After completing High

School there, he joined the Navy and served for 1 ½ years. Upon release to civilian life he attended the University of Virginia and the Jefferson Medical School in Philadelphia where he received his MD. After serving his pediatric residency at the University of Virginia Medical School he returned to Martinsburg where he established his practice. He worked at that time-consuming job for 30 years and then served as a physician for DuPont in Martinsburg. Fortunately, for us, Bill was transferred to Aiken by DuPont and continued to work for Westinghouse until his retirement.

Bill and his wife Peg, now deceased, reared 5 children. When asked about hobbies, Bill responded with a chuckle, “Being a Pediatrician doesn’t leave much time for hobbies”. He, however, said that he enjoyed woodworking and exotic cars – a Triumph TR 4 and a Daimler SP 250 with red fiberglass and racing stripe were two former pleasures. He currently visits yard sales with an eye for Flint glass goblets and paper weights.

Bill became a Rotarian after he began his medical practice and at one point served as Club President. He joined our club in 2013.



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PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By Sarah Griffis



Rotarian Betty Ryberg introduced speaker Tom Lex, Chairman of the Aiken County Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Mr. Lex presented an insightful presentation on the path to a bicycle friendly city. Tom expressed his passion for cycling and has bicycled in 38 states and internationally. Tom explained that SC ranks number 47 in the ranking of bicycle friendly States by the League of American Bicyclists. He highlighted the numerous studies documenting the benefits to a city being bicycle friendly including economic, livability and health benefits. Tom explained the Bicycle Pedestrian Plan that was developed by Alta Planning and covers the Urbanized Areas of Aiken County. This plan was approved by the SC Community of Augusta Regional Transportation (ARTS) in August 2012 and was endorsed by the City of Aiken Council Resolution in November of that year. As part of this plan the Aiken County Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee is focusing on 5 current initiatives. These initiatives include: a bicycle system connecting USCA to Downtown Aiken, Implementation of next priorities for Share the Lane and bike lanes, Law enforcement education, public education, and pedestrian cross walks. Tom expressed that with community support of these projects the City of Aiken will benefit from implementing the Aiken County Urbanized Area Bicycle Pedestrian Plan and it will improved the overall health of Aiken County residents.

PROGRAM TODAY

ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- MAY 25 **NO MEETING: MEMORIAL DAY**
- JUN 1 Dr. Paul Newsome, University of South Carolina Aiken; Young Entrepreneurs Academy Update
- JUN 8 Rotary Reader Update: Lisa Fallaw, Melanie Starks, & Becky Koelker

BIRTHDAYS

- 5/19 Phillip Dunn
- 5/22 Monica Key
- 5/24 Chris Verenes
- 5/26 Jonathan Bourman
- 5/28 Sam McGill
- 5/29 Ruth Alexander
- 5/30 William Parker

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/13 Jim Wetzel (2002)
- 5/14 Betty Ryberg (2007)
- 5/16 Jane Page Thompson (2011)



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

R-O-T-A-R-Y SPELLS ROTATION

As noted in this part of "The Gear" a couple of weeks ago, Paul Harris had early Rotary meetings to rotate among early members' business offices so that members could learn about the other Rotarian's professions and businesses--hence the name "Rotary." In this current Rotary year we have had over 20 new members join our Club of 180 members. Do we know what these new folks do or any interesting things about them? We perhaps need, as the song goes, a "Getting to know you!" time. Would it upset the "apple cart" to have some rotation some times, say once a quarter, by members taking a number when picking up their badges and then sit at that numbered table?

Can one imagine an 8-man "luck of the draw" table of Hibbard, Byrne, Andrea, Wiseman, Dunn, Bourman, Coulter, and McClendon, each asking the other, about his profession? And what new insights might be had of Aiken Rotary Club and professions, if newcomers Rabun, Cook, Magrath, Kough, Priestler, Forrest, Samaha, and Furgiele, drew a "sitdown" with "oldies" Cofer, Clary, Taylor, Jameson, Levy, Adams, Durban, or Simmons?

Visitations at other Rotary Clubs have observed this practice of rotation at large clubs. "THE" Rotary Club of London does this each meeting with 8 person tables and at the end of the meeting the President calls on one person at one table to stand and introduce and call each of his seven tablemates by first name or face a small fine. Just a thought! (And now does one hear boos from the gallery--or table 10)?

MEET MAY'S STUDENTS-OF-THE-MONTH

Rotarians introduced three new Student Guests for the Month of May from area High Schools.

Rotarian Ralph Courtney introduced Aiken High's Allison Kekacs. Allison holds a 4.819 GPA and plans to attend the College of Charleston, majoring in Economics and Political Science.

Rotarian Joe Shileds introduced Aiken Performing Arts Academy's De'Arrial Behling. De'Arrial ranks 3rd in her class and enjoys decorating, designing, and singing. She hopes to pursue studies in patient care and nursing.

Host Rakesh Jasani and South Aiken High's Stefan Zotovic were not in attendance at last week's meeting because Rakesh, as Stefan's tennis coach at South Aiken High School, and Stefan were both competing in tennis in the semi-finals before ultimately making it to the State Championship last week.

CLASSIFICATION: TED CUMMINGS

By Sarah Griffis

The Rotary Club of Aiken enjoyed the Classification Talk of Ted Cummings. His Rotary Classification is Insurance and he and his wife Blair are owners of Cummings Insurance Agency. Hi insurance agency is a full service, independent insurance agency, offering such products as Equine mortality Insurance, Risk management, Farm Owner's Insurance, Stable Liability Insurance, Crop Insurance, Automobile Insurance, Homeowner's Insurance, Life, Health, Bonds and Business Insurance. Over the past years, Ted and Blair Cummings have turned their passion for horses into a specialized equine department. Ted and Blair handle all equine calls personally as well as all aspects of equine accounts from start to finish. Ted explained that his wife was responsible for getting involved in this company and his inspiration. This classification talk was Ted's last "red badge" activity to earn his permanent Club blue badge. Welcome, Ted, to the Aiken Rotary Club!