

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Brian Bernard
4-Way Test—*next meeting* – Ellen Priest
Program— Chris Dickson, Bill Tucker
May Invocation— Tim McClendon
May Greeters — Richard Holley
May Students – Emma Grabowski (AHS), Andi Brown (SAHS), Austin Buckner (APAA)
May Student Hosts – Brian Bernard (AHS), Liz Stewart (SAHS), Mallory Holley (APAA)

GUESTS

Dr. Jim Clements	Speaker
Holly Fulmer	Student guest
Melanie Howe	Student guest
Charlie Timmerman	guest of Bill Taylor
Steve Thomas	guest of Stan Smith
Mark Cothran	Speaker guest
Ronnie Lee	guest of Bill Taylor
Dave Keel	guest of Ron Wheeler
Pete Sampson	guest of Bill Taylor
Austin Gore	guest of Bill Taylor
Rob Kent	guest of Joe Shields
Jim Stewart	guest of Bill Taylor
Bill Molnar	guest of Joe Lewis
Craign Schenk	guest of Henry Krippner
Frank Townsend	guest of Susan Yarborough
Rich Caldwell	guest of Jason Stewart
Sen. Shane Massey	guest of Sen. Tom Young

MAKE-UPS

Jeff Baumgardner	Club Service (4/18)
Brenda Stein	Club Service (4/18)
Bill Howell	eClubOne (3/28, 4/16)
Richard Church	eClubOne (4/11)va

PROGRAM LAST WEEK CONT. FROM FRONT PAGE

Dr. Clements said he believes in the transformational nature of education. And Clemson is excelling in all sorts of ways. In Aiken, there are 1400 Clemson alumni and 400 students currently enrolled from Aiken. Clemson is partnering with the Savannah River National Laboratory on a \$7 million Department of Energy grant to research ways to modernize the nation's electrical grid. Clemson received 23,500 applications for 3,400 spots this year. They are experiencing their greatest building boom since the 1960s, with new housing, a baseball stadium, library, engineering building, innovation center, and football operations building. Dr. Clements noted that Clemson's football team last year ranked #1 academically – and finished second in the national BCS ranking last season. It's a great time to be a Tiger!



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PROGRAM LAST WEEK

by Karen Guevara



Fellow Rotarian and State Representative Bill Taylor introduced Clemson University President Dr. Jim Clements to our Club. This was Dr. Clements' first visit to Aiken. He began his remarks by congratulating our Aiken High Student of the Month Holly Fulmer, who will be attending Clemson this fall (image having the president of your college saying that to you!). He later commended Ian DeMass, a current freshman at Clemson and one of last year's Students of the Month to our Club!

Dr. Clements indicated Rotary and Clemson have a lot in common: both exist to make a difference in the lives of others in our community and around the world. He spent most of his childhood and early adult years in West Virginia, born into a working class family. His parents preached hard work, honesty, and valuing the differences in others. His mother always told him, "I need you to be one of the good guys." She also told him to make a difference in the world – not just "try to make a difference," but "make a difference."

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PROGRAM TODAY

**TARA BOSTWICK
PAYING IT FORWARD
BRUCE'S FIELD AND AIKEN**



**HISTORICAL
PERSPECTIVE**

By Owen Clary

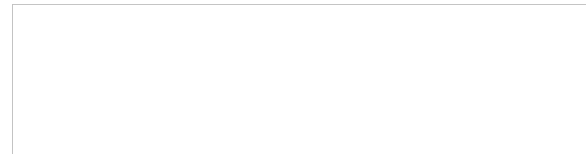
Hey! It's the merry, merry month of May! And May is nice in our Aiken, South Carolina. Sort of like the place that Ben Robertson described in his 1943 prize winning book, "Red Hills and Cotton." "Heaven would be like Carolina on an early May morning; the sun would never rise more than hour high, and there would be peace and joy forever. It was a land of smoke house and sweet potatoes, of fried pies and dried fruit, and of lazy big bumble bees buzzing in the sun; of old Confederates and tenant farmers, and swarms of politicians and preachers; a brooding great country that had caught the sight of God." (And growing up in Aiken County one remembers those special May pole dances at the elementary schools).

And speaking of May in relation to the Aiken Rotary Club, in May of 2006 we were awarding \$2,500 scholarships instead of those long time student loans that we had started in the 1940's and continued until we switched from loans to scholarships. In May of 2006 Rotarian Bob Pistol headed up the scholarship committee and President William Price presented the awards to Sally Ann McKinsey, Daryl Coleman, Joseph Metts, Jian Bing He, and Jimmy Adamson. (Those were awarded 10 years ago and those students have finished college. Does anyone know of the accomplishments or whereabouts or degrees or professions of those afore mentioned deserving students)? Our current student scholarship committee, headed by Chairperson, Betty Ryberg, is busy at work selecting this year's winners.

APRIL'S STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Rotarian Carla Cloud re-introduced Aiken High School's Student of the Month Holly Fulmer and her mother, Jenny. Holly plans to attend Clemson next year as she studies to be an orthopedic surgeon. In her address to the Club, Holly thanked Rotarians for their service above self, and she indicated her interest in becoming a Rotarian herself one day.

Rotarian Bob Newburn introduced Melanie Howe, our Student of the Month from South Aiken Baptist Christian School, along with Melanie's parents, Darrel and Sherry. Melanie is an excellent violinist, as she demonstrated by playing a piece for our Rotary audience. Melanie commented that she appreciated meeting Rotarians from so many diverse professions during her lunches with our Club.



SAVE THE DATE: ROTARY CLUB OF AIKEN TRASH PICK-UP MAY 14TH

Rotarian Rick McLeod reminded Club members that the next highway trash pickup will take place the morning of Saturday, May 14th in front of the new Aiken County Government Center on University Parkway.

CLASSIFICATION TALK: JEFF BAUMGARDNER



Rotarian Jeff Baumgardner delivered his classification talk to the Club, the final commitment to

earn his Blue Badge. Jeff's classification is "Senior Services," and he works at Comfort Keepers, whose mission is to provide local, loving in-home care to help maintain independence and quality of life. Jeff hails from Ohio, is a veteran, and an avid biker. He participated in the American Legacy Ride to provide scholarships to children of members of the Armed Forces killed in action since the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001. He serves as a Rotary Reader.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

MAY MONTHLY THEME: Service Above Self

- May 9 Julia Walker, Fraud Triangle
- May 16 Betty Ryberg; Scholarship Presentations
- May 23 Dr. Terry Michalske; Savannah River National Laboratory

BIRTHDAYS

- 5/4 Bob Byrne
- 5/4 Rakesh Jasani
- 5/5 Keyatta Priester
- 5/7 Carolyn Emaneul-McClain
- 5/7 Jim Wetzel
- 5/8 Liz Stewart

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/7 Catie Rabun (2012) 4 years
- 5/8 Vicki Bukovitz (2006) 10 years