

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Ellen Priest
4-Way Test—*next meeting* – Bill Taylor
Program— Jennifer Hart
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

Tara Bostwick	Speaker
Emma Grabowski	Student guest
Max Carroll	Student guest
Andi Brown	Student guest
Steve Thomas	guest of Stan Smith
Mark Cothran	Speaker guest
Ronnie Lee	guest of Bill Taylor
Dave Keel	guest of Ron Wheeler
Rich Caldwell	guest of Jason Stewart

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

COUNCIL GRANTS CLUBS GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN MEETING, MEMBERSHIP

By Arnold Grahl, *Rotary News* 18-Apr-2016

The 2016 Council on Legislation may well be remembered as one of the most progressive in Rotary history.

Not only did this Council grant clubs more freedom in determining their meeting schedule and membership, it also approved an increase in per capita dues of \$4 a year for three years. The increase will be used to enhance Rotary's website, improve online tools, and add programs and services to help clubs increase membership.

The Council is an essential element of Rotary's governance. Every three years, members from around the world gather in Chicago to consider proposed changes to the policies that govern the organization and its member clubs. Measures that are adopted take effect 1 July.

The tone for this year was set early, when the RI Board put forth two proposals that increase flexibility. The first measure allows clubs to decide to vary their meeting times, whether to meet online or in person, and when to cancel a meeting, as long as they meet at least twice a month. The second allows clubs flexibility in choosing their membership rules and requirements. Both passed.

Representatives also approved removing six membership criteria from the RI Constitution and replacing them with a simple requirement that a member be a person of good character who has a good reputation in their business or community and is willing to serve the community.

The \$4 per year dues increase was based on a five-year financial forecast that predicted that if Rotary didn't either raise dues or make drastic cuts, its reserves would dip below mandated levels by 2020. The yearly per capita dues that clubs pay to RI will be \$60 in 2017-18, \$64 in 2018-19, and \$68 in 2019-20. The next council will establish the rate after that.



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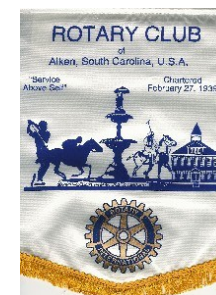
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John Lindsay	(2018)
Rick McLeod	(2018)
Catie Rabun	(2018)

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Robert Stack
Richard Herring
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PROGRAM LAST WEEK

by Karen Guevara



Fellow Rotarian Chris Dickson introduced Tara Bostwick, Vice President for the Aiken Horse Park, site of the Aiken Charity Horse Show. Tara is related to Winter Colonist and polo player Pete Bostwick. She noted that Rotary's motto is Service Above Self, and that Bruce's Field attempts to serve the equestrian community and all Aiken residents.

Bruce Duchossois bought Conger Field in 2000, to save it from residential development. Although Bruce passed away in 2014, his estate has funded creation of a state-of-the-art facility for equestrian events. The Aiken Horse Park can stable 508 horses, with event areas filled with German GeoTechnical (GGT) material that combines felt and sand to provide stable, consistent footing for horses during events. GGT mimics the feel of grass without the risk of it becoming slick or slippery for the horses. The 2-week Aiken Charity Horse Show is expected to bring in \$1.75 million, and as more events are held here, the economic impact to Aiken could reach about \$5 million per year.

PROGRAM TODAY

**JULIA WALKER
FRAUD TRIANGLE**



**HISTORICAL
PERSPECTIVE**

By Owen Clary

Ten years ago in May of 2006 we were getting ready to send Rotary District 7750's Group Study Exchange to France for one of Rotary International's great programs. They were to go and visit businesses and institutions like the professions they represent in the US while they were in France. The group was our guest at our meeting on 15 May and included two Aikenites and two from Spartanburg. The two from Aiken were Kimberly Aring, a teacher at Aiken High, and John Hutchens, Program Director, at USCA. Our own Richard Pearce of our Club had been selected by Rotary 7750's District to be the team leader.

Also ten years ago in May 2006 we were inducting a new member into our Club, Vicki Bukovitz. Congratulations to Vicki for ten years of service and who holds the classification of Social Agency. And 20 years ago in May of 1996, Barbara Strack joined our Club and was elected President 2003-2004.

MAY'S STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Rotarian Brian Bower introduced Aiken High School's Student of the Month, Emma Grabowski. Emma plans to attend the College of Charleston next year. She is active in her church, the Beta Club, the National Honor Society, and the Math Team.

Rotarian Grant Wiseman re-introduced Max Carroll, our April Student of the Month from South Aiken High School, along with Max's father, Paul Carroll. Max was unable to address the club last week since he was attending the international DECA Conference. Max plans to attend the University of South Carolina next year. He thanked his teachers and counselors, Bill Tucker as his Rotary sponsor, and Rotarians for being welcoming and working to make a difference in the world.

Rotarian Russ introduced South Aiken's May Student of the Month, Andi Brown. Andi has a 4.5 GPA, plays in the band, serves in the Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC), National Honor Society, Relay for Life, and enjoys drawing and running.

SAVE THE DATE FOR TRASH PICKUP: 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.

SAVE THE DATE FOR
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
VOLUNTEERING, MAY 28TH

Rotarian Owen Clary asked that Rotarians consider volunteering to help organize participants in Aiken's Memorial Day Parade. Contact him for more information.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

MAY MONTHLY THEME: Service Above Self

- May 16 Betty Ryberg; Scholarship Presentations
- May 23 Dr. Terry Michalske; Savannah River National Laboratory Family
- May 30 **NO MEETING: MEMORIAL DAY**

BIRTHDAYS

- 5/9 Peter McCormick
- 5/10 Bill Inman
- 5/11 Fred Humes
- 5/11 Len Browder
- 5/12 Richard Herring

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/11 Alicia Kough (2015) 1 year
- 5/13 Jim Wetzel (2002) 14 years
- 5/14 Betty Ryberg (2007) 9 years