

## CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—Corey Feraldi

4-Way Test Next Week - John Girardeau

Program— Jane Page Thompson

April Invocation-Keyatta Priester

April Greeters- Patrick Moore & Sara Wood

## CLUB MAKEUPS

John Oakland Margarita Make Up 3/29

Bob Bigger Margarita Make Up 3/29

## GUEST

Fred Dohse  
Robert Murphy  
Greg Ryberg  
Paula Basher  
David Basher

guest of Betty Ryberg  
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guest of Mark Meyer  
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**Rotary Club of Aiken**  
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Monday, 12:30 PM  
Newberry Hall  
117 Newberry Street, SW  
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**R.I. President**  
John Germ  
**District Governor**  
Lance Young  
**Club President**  
Jason Stewart  
**President Elect**  
John McMichael  
**Vice President**  
Will Williams  
**Past President**  
Joe Lewis  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
Stan Smith  
**Sergeant-at-Arms**  
Richard Holley  
**Assistant Governor**  
Dan Rickabaugh

**Board of Directors**  
Al Sorensen (2017)  
Ellen Priest (2017)  
Grant Wiseman (2017)  
John Lindsay (2018)  
Rick McLeod (2018)  
Jennifer Hart (2018)  
Chrissa Matthews (2019)  
Betty Ryberg (2019)  
David Tavernier (2019)

**Sergeants-at-Arms**  
Chair: Richard Holley  
Robert Stack  
Rachel d' Entremont  
Richard Herring  
John McMichael  
Josh Booth

# THE GEAR

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## PROGRAM LAST WEEK by Karen Guevara



Rotarian Betty Ryberg introduced speaker Reagan Gibbs, to speak about Team Rubicon. Begun in 2010 with 8 veteran volunteers, Team Rubicon capitalizes on ex-military member's call to service by involving them in disaster relief efforts, both domestically and abroad. Team Rubicon provides an outlet to allow veterans to continue to serve in the types of physical missions many of them performed while on active duty. Instead of warfare, however, they help in disaster relief, delivering supplies and equipment,

assessing and documenting damage to speed the relief funding process, and clearing away debris so that reconstruction can begin.

Team Rubicon is a charitable 501(c)3 organization, and has aligned itself organizationally along the same structure as the Federal Emergency Management Administration.

Volunteers are trained to ensure they learn to "speak" in federal disaster relief terminology. They partner with Wounded Warriors, Southwest Airlines, and Home Depot, and they now have over 50,000 volunteers. Ms. Gibbs stated that "disasters are our business, but veterans are our passion." Additional information is available at the TeamRubiconUSA.org website.

## Welcome To Rotary



The Club lost two members last week: Len Browder and Gene Hart. However, the Club also gained two new members: John "Coach" Abshire and Bart Blackwell. Coach Abshire, sponsored by Bob Newburn, has been a Rotarian for over 20 years. He was in the US Army and worked in oil and gas distribution prior to becoming involved in Indiana politics. He and his wife Patty decided to retire to Hilton Head, but then chose to purchase a recreational vehicle and go RVing for 2 years. Coach's classification is Oil/Gas Distribution. Bart Blackwell, sponsored by John McMichael, was born in Buffalo, NY. He served 6 years in the Air Force, then established B&S Machine Tools. He served 7 years on Aiken's Chamber of Commerce Board, and now serves as District 81's Representative to the SC House. Bart is classified as "Machine Shop - Sheet Metal."

## PROGRAM TODAY

State Treasurer Curtis Loftis

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

### **APRIL Monthly Theme: Magazine Month**

April 17 John Carman and  
Amanda McNulty  
Making It Grow  
April 24 Dr. Greg Eaves

## BIRTHDAYS

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| Raymond Mizell  | 4/10 |
| John Girardeau  | 4/11 |
| Cindy Meares    | 4/12 |
| Gary Stooksbury | 4/12 |
| Josh Booth      | 4/12 |
| Buzz Rich       | 4/15 |

## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Keith Wood     | 04/11/16 |
| Pat Moore      | 04/11/16 |
| Lee Boylston   | 04/12/10 |
| Richard Church | 04/14/03 |



## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

TEN YEARS AGO - APRIL 2007

The first of April 2007 was a very active time for our Club as we had just returned from the District Conference in Hilton Head where we won first place with our bulletin and brought back members of the Group Study Exchange program to visit with our Club for a few days. Members of our Club, Ruth Alexander and Del Hickey, each hosted a member of the visiting team from the Canary Islands, District 2200, and our wonderful "pig pickin" man, Wade Brodie, hosted a great Bar B Que out at his place in Perry for all visiting team members and also for the two Rotary Clubs in Aiken who were hosts.

Last names of members of the team from the Canaries, which is a part of Spain, were Sanchez, Villavecchia, Martin, Beltrame, and Gonzales. Our Club had been very active in the GSE program for many years and many lasting friendships grew up out of the visits of foreign Rotary sponsored groups.

Also in April of 2007 we inducted a new member into our Club, Colette Ball. Congratulations, Colette, on ten years of service to our Club.

## *Margarita Make-up Night.*

*The 2016-2017 dates for Margarita Make-ups are:*

*4/26, 5/31 & 6/28/2017*

*at The Willcox*

*5:15 pm - 6:30 pm*

*Remember to turn-in your Make-up to the Sergeant-at-Arms*

*Remember you don't need a make-up!!*

*Just come spend time with fellow*

*Rotarians*

Save the Date  
Aiken's Cookin' with  
Celebrity Chefs  
Cookin' for a cause!  
We are still gonna sizzle but we won't melt!  
New date. New venue.  
APRIL 28TH, 2017  
7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.  
at  
The Reserve Club  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL : 641-4164

We're looking for Rotarians to volunteer at the Mental Health America Celebrity Chefs' challenge on April 28th. Rotary will be hosting a "Healthy Smoothies" booth, and interested Rotarians should contact Jane Page Thompson or John Lindsey.

## *Absent? Making up a meeting is easy*

- Attend another club's meeting.*
- Participate in a Rotary event, such as a committee meeting, social function, interactive event, etc.*
- Make up at E-club online: [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org).*
- Margarita Make-up Night.*

Susan Winsor was presented with an honorary Paul Harris +2 Fellowship, with points donated anonymously by Club Rotarians in honor of Susan's tenure as Director of Aiken Technical College.

