

# Member News



**WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S**  
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

**ROTARY CLUB OF AIKEN**  
**NOW IS THE MOMENT!**  
**Aiken Walk to End Alzheimer's**

 **NEWBERRY STREET FESTIVAL AREA DOWNTOWN**

 **SEPTEMBER 13, 2025**

 **REGISTRATION: 9 AM**  
**OPENING CEREMONY: 9:45 AM**

**REGISTER NOW, AND KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING!**



## *Have News or Updates to Share with Our Rotary Family?*

We'd love to hear from you! For any announcement, project highlights, or special events you'd like to feature in an upcoming newsletter, please reach out to fellow Rotarians **Mike Willis** or **Corey Feraldi** at [rotaryclubofaikensc@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryclubofaikensc@gmail.com).

# Rotary



# Club of Aiken

## Weekly Newsletter

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### Upcoming Meetings

- **Aug. 11—**  
– 10:30–11:30: Red Badge Meeting  
– 12:00: Dr. Daniel Heimmermann, "USCA Update"
- **Aug. 18—**Dominique Bunton, The Bridge2Home, "Support for Girls who were Victims of Sex Trafficking"
- **Aug. 25—**Scott Weiss, "Aiken Symphony"
- **Sept. 1—**No meeting (Labor Day)
- **Sept. 8—**Lauren Warren, Meta
- **Sept. 15—** Andrea Gregory, "Suicide Prevention & Mental Health"
- **Sept. 22—**Carol Burdette, CART President
- **Sept. 29—**Dr. Jeffrey (Jeff) C. Griffin, SRNS President/CEO

### Have a speaker recommendation?

Please contact **Cynthia South** at [cynthiasouthsc@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiasouthsc@gmail.com).

### Meeting Recap



*Pictured clockwise from top left are Ms. Fallaw, Ms. Entzinger, and Ms. Starks.*



The July 28th meeting brought exciting news as East Aiken Principal Lisa Fallaw, Literacy Coach Kim Entzinger, and Media Specialist Melanie Starks shared a compelling update on the transformative impact of the Rotary Readers program at the East Aiken School of the Arts.

### Today's Meeting

- **Menu—**Pork loin w/demi glaze, steamed broccoli, and roasted potatoes
- **Greeters—**Ahmed Samaha, Louise Mellon
- **Invocation—**Michael Good
- **Speaker—**Mark Ward, "Alzheimer's Walk"
- **Four-way Test Presenter—**Jerry Hughson

## Happy Anniversary!

### 49 Years

- Tom Cofer, Aug. 1

### 44 Years

- Tim Simmons, Aug. 1

### 38 Years

- Bill Webb, Aug. 1

### 14 Years

- Jennifer Hart, Aug. 8

### 10 Years

- Thomas Herlong, Sr., Aug. 31

### 8 Years

- Sanela Porca, Aug. 28

### 7 Years

- Suzanne Jackson, Aug. 20
- Frank Townsend, Aug. 13

### 4 Years

- Dan Heimmermann, Aug. 9

### 3 Years

- Diane Miniard, Aug. 8

### 2 Years

- Will Altman, Aug. 28
- Stephanie Boyett, Aug. 14

### 1 Year

- Sam Baldwin, Aug. 25
- Charlie Hartz, Aug. 19
- Vanessa Steiner, Aug. 25

## Happy Birthday!

- 1—Corey Burns
- 3—Paul Durban
- 3—Chad Matthews
- 13—Corey Feraldi
- 14—Russ Richardson
- 17—Kate Antrim
- 19—Brian Bernard
- 19—Jeff Erbskorn
- 23—Jennifer Hart,
- 28—Mark Heaton

## Invite Someone to Rotary

Rotary gains new members when the community learns what Rotary is and Rotary does. New Members increase our outreach, bring in new ideas, and strengthen our club. **Invite a prospective member** to our next meeting, social, and/or VIP Meet and Greet.

## Member Recognition



Kudos to our newest Paul Harris Recipient, **Bill Molnar PHF +1**, for his unwavering commitment to service and his dedication to making a difference in the community.



Rotarian **Bob Byrne**, who recently retired from his role as Club Treasurer, was presented the “Dues Whisperer” award by Club President Keyatta Priestter for his service to our club. Thanks for exemplifying Service Above Self, Bob!



# President's Corner

*a message from Keyatta*

This week, we take a moment to honor and celebrate someone who has not only shaped the Rotary Club of Aiken but continues to serve it with unwavering dedication **McDonald Law**.

A member since March 1, 1982, McDonald is our longest-serving active Past President and currently serves as our club's historian. And what a gift that is! His deep well of knowledge and stories will keep the heart of our club alive.

As an architect, McDonald knows a thing or two about designing with purpose and the same can be said for the way he contributes to Rotary. When I shared my vision for launching the Rotary Red Badge membership program, McDonald was the first to say, “I’m happy to lead the effort as Historian and help new members understand the roots of our club.” That’s just who he is—quietly working behind the scenes, building up others and laying a foundation for the future.

Thank you, McDonald, for the blueprints you’ve laid across every corner of our club. We are better because of you.



## Volunteer Today

### Be a Student of the Month Host

To become a Student of the Month Host, please contact Past President **Ahmed Samaha**.

### Meeting Invocation

- **August**—Michael Good
- **September**—Marshall Jolly

### Four-Way Test Presenters

- **Aug. 11**—Larry Wittenmyer
- **Aug. 18**—Larry Wittenmyer
- **Aug. 25**—Aimee Hanna
- **Sept. 8**—**AVAILABLE**

Please see Rotarian **Van Smith** to sign up to be a presenter.

### Rotary Readers

Want to get involved? See **Sharon Rodgers**, Co-Chair of Rotary Readers, to sign up!

### Rotary Greeters

- **Aug. 11**—Don Jones, Mark Carman
- **Aug. 18**—Stuart Bedenbaugh, Marshall Jolly
- **Aug. 25**—Vanessa Y, Louise Mellon
- **Sept. 8**—Louise Mellon, Kate Antrim

**To become a greeter**, visit [bit.ly/RCA-Host](http://bit.ly/RCA-Host)