

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Jason Rabun
4-Way Test—*next meeting* – Ahmed Samaha
Program— Betty Ryberg
Feb. Invocation— Collette Ball
Feb. Greeters — Carolyn McClain, Sandra Jordan
Jan. Students – Reid DeMass (AHS), Morgan Jones (SABCS), Avery Ofoje (SAHS)
Jan. Student Hosts – Ahmed Samaha, Rakesh Jasani, Jeremy O'Donnell

GUESTS

Morgan Jones	Student guest
Reid DeMass	Student guest
Avery Ofoje	Student guest
Gene Hart	guest of Jennifer Hart
Steve Miano	guest of Ahmed Samaha
Fred Dohse	guest of Karen Guevara
Sumter Willis	guest of Mike Willis
Jack & Peggy DeVine	guest of Robert Stack
Bob & Jane Hottensen	guest of Robert Stack
Det & Lyann Haislip	guest of Robert Stack
Wylie Haislip	guest of Robert Stack
Kaminer Haislip-Quinn	guest of Robert Stack
Charlotte Wiedeman	guest of Robert Stack
DeeDee Vaughters	guest of Robert Stack
Sharon Johnson	visiting: Aiken Sunrise

MAKE-UPS

Richard Herring	R.C. of West Ottawa 1/4
Jeff Baumgartner	Rotary Reader 1/4

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS AND ROTARY

One of our Club's goals this year is to increase Rotary awareness and membership with young professionals within our community. We have the opportunity to apply for a Rotary grant up to \$15,000.00 aimed at just that, and it is a great opportunity to partner with other clubs in our area as well. The grant is designed to bridge the generation gap and engage young professionals in new ways. Mallory Holley and Catie Rabun are taking the lead on this initiative along with assistance from several of our young professionals and would welcome any help from our membership. **If you have experience in writing grants, some good ideas, or just have interest in assisting with this grant application, please contact Mallory as soon as possible.** The deadline for submitting the grant is February 12, 2016.



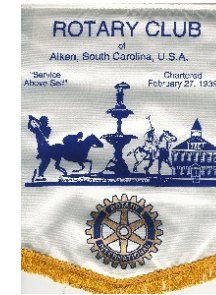
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Catie Rabun (2018)

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PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Catie Rabun

Rotarian Owen Clary introduced our program last week by describing the reasons why the Historic Aiken Foundation was established. Aiken lost several iconic buildings years ago and less than desirable buildings ended up filling those voids. After Aiken experienced several of these incidents, followed by the pending destruction of several of the downtown parkways for the development of parking lots, the Historic Aiken Foundation was established as a response. Each year the Historic Aiken Foundation awards families and businesses that have completed projects that either preserve historic properties or build new structures that effortlessly fit into and honor Aiken's historical landscape.

Robert Stack presented the following 2016 award winners to the Club:

- Leadership Award: "Trout Walk Cottage"—Wendy O'Brien
- Adaptive Use: "Suites on Laurens"—Haislip family
- Wilds-Lipe Award: "Ridgeley Hall"—Bob & Jane Hottensen
- Claudia Phelps Award: Banksia Gardens—Aiken Garden Club
- Wilds-Lipe Award: "Over Easy"—Jack & Peggie Devine
- Wilds-Lipe Award: "Sunny Side"—Jack & Peggie Devine
- Stewardship Award: "Crossways"—Bob & Jane Hottensen

PROGRAM TODAY

KATHY GRIFFIN
TALL PINES STEM ACADEMY

FUTURE PROGRAMS

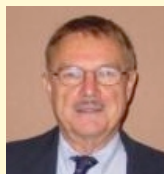
FEB 8 Beth Klein; Human Trafficking
FEB 15 **NO MEETING: PRESIDENT'S DAY**
FEB 22 George Thornton; National Wild
Turkey Federation

BIRTHDAYS

2/6 Camille Furguele

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

2/1 Ernie Allen (1984)
2/6 Billy Benton (2006)



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

Wow, today, February 1st, and the new month of February. That was and is a great month. According to "Who's Who in America" the longest biographical listings in their book are those of folks born in February and under the sign of Aquarius. Wow! Geo. Washington, Abe Lincoln, Ronald Reagan, etc. (and just note those February birth folks when we recognize Birthday boys and gals at the end of February). Wow! For such a short month (28) and one in four in leap year with 29 (this year 2016) a lot of interesting things have and will happen. Looking back over our Club on February happenings we find: 1976-We presented silver spoons with Rotary emblems to Honorable Strom Thurmond on the birth of son, Paul, and to O. Clary, on birth of son Brock (who, by the way, just presented O. Clary, 40 years later with a grandchild); 1986-Mark Myer brought us info on his medical work in Haiti; 1996-We were having our annual "Unsung Hero's" awards banquet; and in 2006-We inducted big Bill Benton into the Club and honored Barbara Strack for her leadership in helping us win for the 10th time in a row, the Salvation Army Bell Ringing Award. (So Rotarians, mark your calendars for this February--and we even have a no-meeting day to honor our country's Presidents on President's Day on February 15th--also birthday of one of our members).

JANUARY'S STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

by: Catie Rabun

Last week, Jeremy O'Donnell introduced Avery Ofoje, our student guest from South Aiken High School, to the club. Avery has a 4.935 GPA and is interested in a pre-med program in college. Avery is the captain of the varsity soccer team and is a member of the National Honor Society. Avery is looking at Clemson University, Boston University, Brown and Emory for undergraduate school.

Last week, Ahmed Samaha introduced Reid Demass, our student guest from Aiken High School. Reid is third in his class and is interested in studying pre-med or psychology in college. He is looking at Clemson University currently. Reid is a member of the chess club, the National Honor Society, as well as Beta Club.

Last week Rakesh Jasani introduced Morgan Jones, our student guest from South Aiken Baptist Christian School. Morgan has attended SABC since kindergarten. She is now 2nd in her class with a 4.88 GPA. She is looking to attend Anderson College for their nursing program. She enjoys dancing, cheerleading, and reading.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Club has the opportunity to attend **lunch with John Germ, the 2016-17 RI President. The lunch will be held on Monday, February 15**, which is a holiday for our Club. The cost to attend is \$30.00. This is a great opportunity for our members to hear a presentation from the RI President without having to travel a great distance. The luncheon is hosted by Rotary District 6920 and the Augusta Marriott Convention Center. You may register for the lunch at get further details at www.rotary6920.org.

Aiken Sunrise Rotary Club is hosting its first fundraiser on **February 25th**. **This event will be an art auction** at Woodside Plantation. There will be an opportunity for a preview and wine and cheese will be served at the event. Tickets are \$10.

On February 20, the Rotary Club of Aiken will host a club social at the USCA Basketball Game.

A block of tickets have been reserved for the Aiken Rotary Club to attend the Heart Fund Show on February 27. Tickets are \$25.