

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Scott Neely
4-Way Test—*next week* – Chrissa Matthews
Program—Jane Page Thompson
Mar. Invocation—Will Williams
Mar. Greeters — Carolyn McClaine and Beth Everitt
Mar. Student Hosts— Grant Wiseman and Sharon Rogers
Mar. Student Guests— Matthew Squires, Holly Petersen, Katie Rogers

GUESTS

Pat Keating	Speaker/student parent
Julie Keating	Speaker guest/student parent
Michelle Koval	Student guest
Morgan Keating	Student guest
Diana Koval	Student parent
Mike Koval	Student parent
Rich Dezelon	guest of Sam McGill
Bill Inman	guest of Gary Stooksbury
Keyatita Priester	guest of Gary Stooksbury
Ted Cummings	guest of Judy Chun
Robert Forrest	guest of Judy Chun
Kathy Maxwell	guest of Charles Maxwell
Vance Reynolds	guest of David Jameson

MAKE-UPS

John McMichael	Club Service 2/23
Brenda Stein	Club Service 2/23
Joel Cote	Anna Maria Island, FL 1/13, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17
Dean Sackett	Club Service 2/23
Teresa Haas	Greenville, SC Noon 2/23
Catie Rabun	Club Service 2/23

FEBRUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



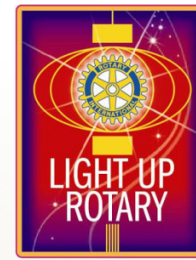
Morgan Keating, our guest student from Aiken High School, addressed the Club. Morgan intends to attend University of South Carolina in the

health/medical field. She is currently a member of our Rotary Interact Club, and she noted that she was surprised to realize that our Club serves not only Aiken but projects across the world. She indicated her interest in becoming a Rotarian one day.



Joe Spencer introduced South Aiken High School Student, Michelle Koval during her last visit last week. Michelle addressed the

Club. She intends to pursue a degree in the nuclear field and noted the Rotarian's Service Above Self was inspiring to see.



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PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Karen Guevara



Rotarian Beth Everitt introduced speaker Pat Keating from the Aiken County Public Schools Adult Education Department. Mr. Keating indicated that adult education is focused on at-risk students, who are hampered by generational poverty, an uneducated family background, and those with no tangible path to

success – all of which can lead to despair. Just since 2013, the program has served over 1100 individuals and resulted in award of 122 General Educational Development (GED, or high school equivalency) diplomas, 507 “work key” certificates documenting competency in core workplace skills, and citizenship for 9 individuals. The goal of these programs is to enable participants to become contributing members of society in the workforce and in pursuit of higher education. The program seeks volunteers, commercial provider-partners, funding for GED scholarships (\$150 each, educational materials, and technologies.

PROGRAM TODAY

JIM RHODES

EQUINE RESCUE

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- MAR 16 Kim Elle; Aiken Augusta Warrior Project
MAR 23 Mallory Holley; Community Medical Clinic
MAR 30 Vance Reynolds; Meet Aiken Regional's New CEO

BIRTHDAYS

- 3/9 Carlos Milanes
3/11 Ellen Priest
3/14 Tom Hallman

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/10 Carla Cloud (2014)
3/11 Joe Shields (2006)
3/13 David Jameson (2006)
3/15 Brian Bernard (2010)
3/15 Wayland Lamar (2010)



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

TWENTY YEARS AGO - MARCH 1995

NEW BANNER!! We adopted and produced our new Club banner in March 1995--the one which we are using today. We had a special insert in "The Gear" produced on blue paper to depict it. And for those who haven't really seen it or examined it recently it has a white background with those iconic Aiken symbols on it (the golfer, the thoroughbred, the polo player, the boy and girl under the umbrella fountain, and the 1890 library building). One icon that was left off the banner was the atomic energy symbol which several members had advocated for.

TEN YEARS AGO - MARCH 2005

Rotary district governor Bill Boyd was planning an unusual District Conference. He was planning to hold the District conference in Georgia!! We have had many District Conferences in the past outside on District 7750 such as Myrtle Beach or Hilton Head, but not in Georgia. Well, he was planning it for Augusta, right next door. So that was a good opportunity for our Club and other Clubs nearby to not to have to travel so far and stay overnight. During that year and conference, of course many of our own Club members had the chance to attend a district conference. However, our own Club had hosted the District Conference here in Aiken in years past.

HISTORICAL NOTES AND FACTS

And speaking of District Conferences in the above, in March of 1985, when our own District Governor, Ron Wheeler was presiding, we held the Conference here in Aiken. According to "the Gear," it was a "rousing affair" All Club members pitched in to help and it was headquartered at the old Ramada Inn which is now Knights Inn. It had been nine years since we last hosted a conference here in Aiken in 1976. And then nine years later in 1994, we hosted the District Conference in Myrtle Beach, when our own Roland Windham was District Governor.

ROTARY SHIRTS FOR SALE

Rotary tee shirts are now for sale. Several versions of the Rotary shirts are available including men's golf shirts, women's golf shirts, and regular tee shirts. These shirts will help Rotarians be easily identifiable at events outside of our regular Monday meetings. Suggested times to wear Rotary shirts: Rotary Readers, map painting days, Pancake Breakfast fundraisers, trash pick-up, during the Guatemala trip, and even at non-Rotary events in an effort to bring awareness to our club.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Rotary Club of Aiken Scholarship application is online. If any Rotarians know of a high school senior who qualifies please notify that student of our \$2,500 scholarship and encourage them to apply through our website:
www.aikenrotary.org.

CLASSIFICATION: TIM MCCLEDON

By: Karen Guevara

The Reverend Doctor Tim McClendon gave his Classification Talk. His Rotary classification is "Religion-Protestantism," and last July, he assumed the role as lead pastor at Saint John's United Methodist Church. To the entertainment of the audience, Tim described his job as "Hatch 'em, Match 'em, and Dispatch 'em." A native of Edgefield, Tim's family helped establish the Edgefield Pottery Museum; he said he's been "throwing clay" since being a young boy. He displayed a fine example of his pottery with a lovely glazed vase, emblazoned with a gold Palmetto and Crescent. Tim was a member of the Rock Hill Rotary Club, and this classification talk was Tim's last "red badge" activity to earn his permanent Club blue badge. Welcome, Tim, to the Aiken Rotary Club!

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW +4 AWARDED

By: Karen Guevara

John Osteen was acknowledged with a Paul Harris "Plus 4" pin. The Paul Harris Fellow award is bestowed upon those who have given \$1000 dollars to the Rotary International Fund. It is one of the most prestigious awards in Rotary and thereby named after the founder of Rotary, Paul Harris. John Osteen is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, having contributed additional US \$1000 gifts to the Foundation. His contributions support world-wide Polio eradication, clean water and sanitation, peace efforts, and projects to support the health and welfare of many across the globe. Consider joining John and others in our Club by becoming a Paul Harris Fellow yourself!