

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Mike McNeill
4-Way Test—*next meeting* – Ellen Priest
Program— Jennifer Hart & Tim McClendon
Mar. Invocation— Regena Brackett
Mar. Greeters — Joe Shields & Karen Poteat
Mar. Students – Nathan Leonard (SAHS), Mohsin Rizvi (AHS), Jake Harrington (MHES)
Mar. Student Hosts – Dean Sackett (SAHS), Bob Byrne (AHS), Sharon Rodgers (MHES)

GUESTS

Justin Wheelon	Speaker
Nathan Leonard	Student guest
Mohsin Rizvi	Student guest
Jake Harrington	Student guest
Matt Steelman	guest of Carla Cloud
George Cartledge	guest of Bob Byrne
Bill Shivers	guest of Gil Allensworth

MAKE-UPS

Brenda Stein	Club Service 2/22
Dan Zouloudek	6 make-ups
Joel Cote	6 make-ups

NEW ROTARIAN INDUCTED: GENE HART



The Club inducted new member Gene Hart. His wife and fellow Rotarian, Jennifer Hart, introduced him.

Gene serves as the Director of Operations for The Dumpster Depot, the Aiken Chamber of Commerce 2014 small business of the year. Where he oversees all day-to-day operations of the company and is in charge of recycling, logistics, and training. Prior to joining The Dumpster Depot, Gene spent 8 years in operational leadership and training in the QSR industry with the locally owned Domino's Pizza and with Papa John's Pizza in Alabama serving the southeast.

In addition to being a part of the 2014-15 Leadership Aiken County class, Gene previously served as President of a local Chapter of BNI, he is the Co-Chair of the 2016 ambassador group with the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce, and he serves as the Administrative Director for the Aiken Tigers, a local youth football league, and on the board of South Aiken High's Booster Club.

Gene and Jennifer have 4 children - Cody, Ashton, Kelsey and Cayden.



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PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Karen Guevara



Rotarian Betty Ryberg introduced speaker Justin Wheelon, to speak about the Southern City Film Festival coming to Aiken in November. Fellow Rotarian Richard Herring founded the Bahama Film Festival, and is currently attending the Sedona Film Festival, where he is talking up Aiken's premier film festival event.

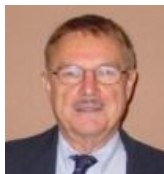


Justin is an Aikenite who became a professional golfer. He hadn't had any exposure to film education while here in Aiken, but played in a Pro-Am golf tournament with Kevin Bacon, who was filming a movie and invited Justin to the movie set. Justin is now an Emmy-award winning director/producer/director who plans to establish a film education presence in Aiken.

Southern City Film Festival's mission is to help cultivate filmmakers in our community and around the world. There have already been 360 films submitted to the festival from 26 different countries. Justin noted that many film festivals thrive in small cities, including Sundance (Park City, Utah), Sedona (Arizona) and even Tribeca (New York City neighborhoods). You'll surely be hearing more about this event in the coming months!

PROGRAM TODAY

MICHAEL AGWANDA
MISSIONARY IN KENYA



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

Oh! "Beware the Ides of March!" Well, Julius Caesar got his on that day and so did Alexander II of Russia. So watch out tomorrow, especially with our erstwhile friends. And, alas, the 15th of March in our current calendar coincides exactly to the 15th of March (the Ides) with the old Roman calendar. This author respects the feeling of being beware of that date, as on the Ides several years ago, his basement caught fire from electrical grow lights which were nurturing a certain type of plant that he was growing (know what you may be thinking, but it wasn't that "feel good" plant)!

Well on a different note for Rotary, in the middle of March 1986 at the Ramada Inn, where we were meeting, new chefs (T.J.'s Food and Spirits) took over from the Perkins Boys and provided us with our first noonday meal. Believe it or not it was the following: "Carved tenderloin of beef, boiled fresh peeled shrimp, crab claws, smoked salmon, smoked oysters on the half shell, cheese stuffed baked potatoes, green vegetables, assorted dips, orange grand marnier fondue, fruits and miniature quiche. Wow!" (Well, well, that outlay didn't last long as our menu went downhill from then on at the Ramada. Then on a date later we got burned out at the Ramada with a kitchen and dining room fire which caused us to have to move to a new location).

MARCH STUDENT GUESTS

Rotarian Bob Hibbard introduced Aiken High's Mohsin Rizvi. Mohsin is considering NYU, Columbia, and Brown University to study computer science. He is active in the Aiken High Interact Club.

Rotarian Karen Guevara introduced Jake Harrington, from Mead Hall. Jake is strongly considering USC Honor's College. He is very active in Beta Club service projects and is adept at "cardistry" – the art of cleverly shuffling cards in unusual and entertaining ways.

LIFE-SAVING TIP: HANDS ONLY CPR

Rotarian Betty Ryberg shared that her husband Greg suffered a heart stoppage and was saved by individuals performing rapid chest compressions. At the moment someone's heart stops, the blood in their body is fully oxygenated. Therefore, moving around this already-oxygen-rich blood is enough to keep vital organs healthy; you do not need to do mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Here is a YouTube link to show you how to perform this life-saving technique:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Yqk5cHXsko>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotarian Keyatta Priester notified Club members of the April 30th Run United race, noting that Rotarians need not run to participate; they may choose to donate or to sponsor a runner.

Rotarian Ralph Courtney alerted Rotarians to Tri-Development Center's Triple Crown Golf Classic on March 28th.

Our Rotary District will be holding its All Club Conference April 22nd – 25th in Greenville. A silent auction will be held as part of this event; Rotarians willing to provide an item or service gift certificate for the silent auction should contact President Joe Lewis.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

MARCH MONTHLY THEME: LITERACY

- MAR 21 Mark Vanderslice; Pacer Basketball
- MAR 28 James Hankinson, Founder of Hankinson Boxing Gym; Gloves Up - Guns Down

APRIL MONTHLY THEME: MAGAZINE

- APR 4 Katie Ard; Hospice 101

BIRTHDAYS

- 3/14 Thomas Hallman
- 3/16 Jerry Hughson
- 3/18 Barry Adams
- 3/19 Chuck Maxwell

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/15 Brian Bernard (2010) 6 years
- 3/15 Wayland Lamar (2010) 6 years
- 3/16 Gil Allensworth (2015) 1 year
- 3/16 Bill Inman (2015) 1 year
- 3/17 Jeremy O'Donnell (2014) 2 years
- 3/17 Bill Shreck (2008) 8 years
- 3/17 Josh Stewart (2008) 8 years
- 3/19 Mallory Holley (2012) 4 years