

## CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Van Smith  
4-Way Test—*next meeting* – John Girardeau  
Program— Rick Osbon  
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

Mark Vanderslice	Speaker
Nathan Leonard	Student guest
Mohsin Rizvi	Student guest
Jake Harrington	Student guest
KT Ruthven	guest of Rick Osbon
Keith Wood	guest of Fred Humes
Cory Feraldi	guest of Ahmed Samaha
Bill Molnar	guest of Joe Lewis
Genevieve Balogh	guest of Betty Ryberg
Dexter Price	guest of Rick Osbon

## MAKE-UPS

Richard Herring	3 make-ups
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## MARCH STUDENT GUESTS



Rotarian Regena Brackett introduced Aiken High's Mohsin Rizvi. Mohsin is considering NYU, Columbia, and Brown University to study computer science. Mohsin plans to visit schools during his spring break. He is active in the Aiken High Interact Club and has participated in our club's trash pick up events. Mohsin enjoys studying the German language, he is on the National Honor Society, and volunteers at Veteran Affairs at the VA in Augusta, GA.



Rotarian Sharon Rogers introduced Jake Harrington, from Mead Hall. Jake is strongly considering USC Honor's College. In addition to being active in the Beta Club, Jake is on the archery team, soccer team and student council. He has also attended Palmetto Boys State. Jake recently took first place in the Declamation Competition, he is a crucifer at St. John's, and he enjoys card tricks and magic.



Rotarian Dean Sackett introduced Nathan Leonard, a South Aiken High School student. Nathan wishes to become a missionary and plans to study this in school. He is active at Millbrook Baptist Church. At South Aiken, he is in the marching and concert bands. Nathan has been accepted at Columbia International University, he plays the clarinet, he is an Eagle Scout, and mentors 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Chucker Creek Elementary.



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**Newberry Hall**  
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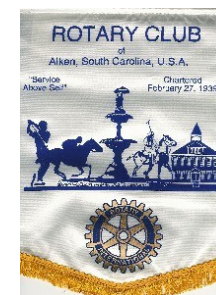
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Catie Rabun	(2018)

**Sergeants-at-Arms**  
Chair: Brenda Stein  
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Richard Herring  
Richard Holley  
John McMichael

# THE GEAR

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## PROGRAM LAST WEEK

by Dan Brown



For USC Aiken Pacers men's basketball coach Mark Vanderslice, his basketball life is as good as it gets. Vanderslice, the first year coach at USC Aiken, talked some roundball at our meeting last week.

Vanderslice came to USC Aiken after spending the past five years at Louisburg Junior College in Louisburg, NC. He guided his team to a John Wooden-like 152-20 record, including a 94-11 mark during conference play. Prior to Louisberg, Vanderslice spent some time in the Midwest as an assistant coach at the University of Toledo, and it is the blue collar work ethic common in the Midwest that he is looking for in his players.

The Pacers' motto, found everywhere around Pacers basketball is to "Make Somebody Better." It is on their lifting T-shirts, banners, signs, and posters, especially in the locker room. Moving forward, Vanderslice is excited about next season and the future of Pacers basketball. He is a coach who hates losing more than he loves winning, but not at the expense of character.

His enthusiasm is contagious. All you have to do is listen to him speak, and you know, he's planning on staying awhile.

"I'm in my dream place, my wife is in her dream house, and these new players we have coming into our program, we are excited about these new guys and we want them to be excited about us."

## PROGRAM TODAY

**JAMES HANKINSON**  
**FOUNDER OF HANKINSON BOXING**  
**GYM; GLOVES UP – GUNS DOWN**



## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

We're in it!! March Madness, they say. All sport in March turns to those two peach baskets that were originally tacked up at each end of a gym (or some say it originated in a barn in Indiana ). What ever it is, it is that sport's season. And last week Mark Vanderslice from USCA, brought it to mind again to our Rotary Club with a pep talk on basketball at our local University. (And in our own recall, we remember those NC teams of years past: Duke, North Carolina, and Wake Forest-and that all American from Furman whom we got to see play in the 50's, Frank Selvy).

However, March Madness here in Aiken turns from those two footed beast jumping at baskets to those four footed beast jumping at jumps. As one writer put it, "In March there are the Aiken Trials. These are not legal bouts, but are horse races on which we cannot legally bet." Yes, that horse, in March, is a sacred animal here in Aiken to which we do a ritual genuflect, according to the late Pat Conroy in his writings on Aiken called "Horses don't eat Moonpies." Thousands, in March, in their madness, go mad for a place at the rails.

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

**APRIL**    **MONTHLY THEME: MAGAZINE**  
APR 4     Katie Ard; Hospice 101  
APR 11    Dan Zaloudek; A View From the Hill  
APR 18    Mike Pereyo; District Grant Projects

## BIRTHDAYS

3/28     Scott Hunter  
3/30     Doug Rabold  
4/1      Jason Rabun

## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

3/28     Barry Adams (2005) 11 years  
3/28     Andrew Siders (2005) 11 years  
3/28     Joe Spencer (2011) 5 years  
3/30     Richard Garcia (2009) 7 years  
3/30     Keyatta Priester (2015) 1 year  
4/1      Tommy Wessinger (1982) 34 years  
4/1      Sara Wood (1989) 27 years



**7750 ALL CLUB CONFERENCE**  
**APRIL 22-24, 2016 GREENVILLE, SC**

The 3 “Cs” of this Conference are Connect, Collaborate, and Celebrate. We will connect not only with hundreds of Rotarians but also with these nationally-known keynote speakers:

- **Ken Solow**, author of The Rotary Blog *Ready, Fire, Aim* with some great insights on club leadership
- **Greg Blake**, humorist, motivator and author of *Carving The Table*
- **Marilyn Fitzgerald**, author of *If I Had a Water Buffalo*, a true story of her Rotary humanitarian experiences
- **Ben Bahr**, noted international expert and research on aging with facts about Alzheimer's Disease you'll want to know
- **Multiple Rotarians** presenting All Star Club Projects - ideas we can use in our club

Please **register NOW** for the All Club Conference. This is our opportunity to connect with people who are doing important work and to get some new ideas for our club.

**An important thing to know about the All Club Conference is that the Hotel rate of \$149 expires on April 1<sup>st</sup>. After that date, hotel rooms in downtown Greenville will be both scarce and at least \$100 more expensive. Reserve a room today at the Hyatt Regency Greenville.**

**You can find information about the conference registration and hotel reservations on the web: [www.rotary7750.org/Conference](http://www.rotary7750.org/Conference)**