

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – John Girardeau
4-Way Test—*next meeting* – John Lindsay
Program— Liz Stewart
Apr. Invocation— Liz Neal
Apr. Greeters – Barbara Nelson & Susan Yarborough
Apr. Students – Max Carroll (SAHS), Holly Fulmer (AHS), Melanie Howe (SABCS)
Apr. Student Hosts – Bill Tucker (SAHS), Ralph Courtney (AHS), Bob Newburn (SABCS)

GUESTS

James Hankinson	Speaker
Brittnay Hankinson	Speaker
Jabreiona Hankinson	Speaker guest
Avonnie Simmons	Speaker guest
Arris Brown	Speaker guest
Christian Peterson	Speaker guest
Nathan Leonard	Student guest
Mohsin Rizvi	Student guest
Jake Harrington	Student guest
Rob Kent	guest of Joe Shields
Andrea Thomas	guest of Cecile Fleming
Cory Feraldi	guest of Ahmed Samaha
Michael Smith	guest of Ellen Priest
Cecile Fleming	visiting Annandale, VA

MAKE-UPS

Brenda Stein	Club Service (3/21)
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MARCH STUDENT GUESTS



Rotarian Bob Byrne introduced Aiken High's Mohsin Rizvi. Mohsin has been accepted to Georgia Tech and is waiting to hear from Columbia and NYU. He wants to study computer science and learn more about film and creative writing. Moshsin addressed the club, thanking Rotarians for the warm welcome and he said he looks forward to contributing to his community in the Rotary tradition. Moshin's parents were in attendance.



Rotarian Sharon Rogers introduced Jake Harrington, from Mead Hall. Jake's father and grandfather were in attendance as he addressed the club. He thanked Rotarians and said he thoroughly enjoyed the experience of learning more about Rotary and being our student of the month.



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. Nathan addressed the club with his parents present. He thanked everyone in the club for their kindness and was only sad that he didn't have a chance to meet everyone. Nathan said his month with Rotary taught him what it means to be a Rotarian.



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PROGRAM LAST WEEK

by Catie Rabun



Last week Mayor Rick Osbon introduced our guest speakers, Brittany and James Hankinson. Brittany and James founded Hankinson Boxing Gym, with the tag line, "Gloves up—Guns down" as a 501C3 non-profit to inspire and encourage children to have belief and self-confidence. They strive to instill a set of core values in the children that practice there.

We learned last week that they provide more than just lessons in boxing. They offer children a safe environment to be in after school. They offer tutoring, church services, sexual education, nutrient classes, etiquette classes, and they often times will sit in on their classes as mentors.

Hankinson Boxing Gym currently has 25 active participants and has had over 45 participants come through their program. Their next goal is to have a permanent facility that is out of the weather for the children to practice year round and in all elements.

We heard from some of the children about their experiences and what they've gained from practicing at Hankinson Boxing Gym. All of the kids displayed self-confidence and pride during their presentation.

PROGRAM TODAY

**KATIE ARD
HOSPICE 101**



HISTORICAL
PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP REPORT
JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 2016

By Doug Rabold

The third quarter of the Club year saw membership activity in both directions. The Club enjoyed the addition of five enthusiastic new members. During the same period, five members resigned, resulting in a zero net change for the quarter. Many thanks to our new member sponsors.

New Members (and Sponsors)

Please go out of your way to personally welcome, and welcome again:

- Nat Green (Paul Dusenbury)
- Gene Hart (Jennifer Hart)
- Steve Miano (Ahmed Samaha)
- William Whittle (Bob Forrest)
- Ronnie Young (Clay Killian)

Resigned Members (and Year Inducted)

Please acknowledge these transitions:

- Beth Everitt (2008), Travel
- Doug Gregorie (1983), Family
- Molly Jones (2013), New job
- Bill Rodgers (2013), Moved to Pennsylvania
- Daniel Wilson (2015), Work demands

Well, two of the three events of the Triple Crown have passed and we have the Masters to look forward to next week. The azaleas and dogwoods are in all their glory and all is right in the world of Aiken except sadly the "Paulowania fortunei" tree, after only ten days, has dropped all its magnificent blossoms. One of our fellow female Rotarians showed me pictures of that Aiken tree as she sat under it (and she assured me she was OK in the category of its effects). So all are happy as we view those "million dollar" parkways with those exotic shrubs and native plants. But "ain't" nothing prettier than Aiken in the springtime.

Yep, it is the first part of April, and a good time for Rotarians and Aiken. In fact looking back over some of our history in April, we find that Barbara Morgan was mentioned three different times in three different years in "The Gear" during first weeks in April. In 1996 Solicitor Morgan spoke to our Club on Legislative Changes affecting Children and families. In 2006 she introduced her brother, Captain Paul Morgan, USN, to our Club as guest speaker who spoke on strike weapons and unmanned aviation. And in another report in "The Gear" it was mentioned that Barbara is now in our Rotary family (and in Fred's). And of course, Barbara, was president of our Club last year during the first week in April of 2015.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

APRIL MONTHLY THEME: MAGAZINE

- APR 11 Dan Zaloudek; A View From the Hill
- APR 18 Mike Pereyo; District Grant Projects
- APR 25 Dr. Jim Clements, Clemson President

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