

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—this week – Van Smith

4-Way Test—next meeting – John Lindsay

Program— Gil Allensworth

June Invocation— Richard Holley

June Greeters — Paul Durban and Monica Key

GUEST

Brittany Hankinson	Community Service Grant
James Hankinson	Community Service Grant
Lyn West	Community Service Grant
Beverly Zeiselman	Community Service Grant
Dave Allen	Community Service Grant
Steve Patterson	Community Service Grant
Dean Gaskins	guest of Julia Walker
Bart Blackwell	guest of Charlie Hartz
Teresa Pope	guest of William Price

MAKE -UPS

Russell Richardson	Aiken Sunrise 6/9
Keith Wood	Paducah, Ky 6/8

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

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6/30	Len Browder (1965) 50 years



Directory Update

Updated 2016-17 Directories will be coming in July. Please provide any changes to your contact information **TODAY** to Karen Guevara (email guevara.karen@ymail.com).

Rotary Member Interest Survey

You should have received an email directing you to a quick, on-line survey about what Club meeting activities, committees, and projects interest you.

Please respond **TODAY**, so we can let incoming Committee Chairs know of your interests and get you involved in Club activities that are most meaningful to you.



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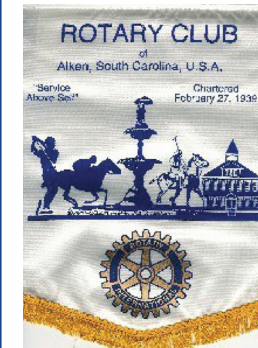
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PROGRAM LAST WEEK

Fellow Rotarian Ahmed Samaha introduced speaker and fellow Rotarian Dr. Sean Alford, Aiken County Public School



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(ACPS) Superintendent. Dr. Alford spoke about ACPS Accelerated Learning initiatives, aimed at graduating "Future-Ready" students – beginning at three high schools this year and all seven next year. The initiatives provide "academic stress" to develop students' skills at meeting higher expectation

levels – like those they will face in college.

Nearly 40% of all graduating seniors who earn Life Scholarships end up losing them because they fail to maintain their GPA. Therefore, Aiken and South Aiken High Schools will eliminate some of the less rigorous "Honors" courses for seniors, encouraging them to take Advanced Placement courses instead. Statistically, students who choose easier classes their senior year are most likely to struggle as college freshmen.

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PROGRAM TODAY

ELISE BIDWELL

**CHARCOT MARIE TOOTH
DISEASE, THRIVING WITH
PASSION AND HOPE**

FUTURE PROGRAMS

JUNE	MONTHLY THEME: Rotary Fellowship Month
June 27	Joe Lewis End of Year Assembly
July 4	No Meeting Independence Day
July 11	Peggy Ford Summer Institute
July 18	District Governor
July 25	Bradley Owens Augusta Film Office

BIRTHDAYS

6/25	Leighton McLendon
6/26	David Phelps

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HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

Last week we gave out community grant awards which we have done for years. Looking back 20 years to June of 1996 we find that we distributed \$6000 between several community agencies: Childrens Place, Playground Equipment; Habitat for Humanity for house construction; Hahn Village Health Clinic; Club Renovations Boy/Girls Club; and Food Warehouse, Golden Harvest Food Bank.

A quote from "The Gear" of June 2006: "One of the colorful traditions of Rotary is the exchange of small banners. It's a significant tradition and serves as a tangible symbol of international fellowship.

Rotarians traveling to distant locations often exchange banners with other clubs at 'make-up' meetings as a token of friendship. Recognizing the popularity of banner exchange, in 1959 the Rotary International board suggested that the banners contain text and graphics depicting an expression of the community and country of which the club is a part."

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In addition, Midland Valley High School is implementing an Early College program, in which students can enroll in college-level courses at Aiken Technical College or University of South Carolina Aiken – while still enrolled in high school and at no expense to the students! This summer, 18 rising sophomores are enrolled at ATC. Participants in the Early College program can fulfill credits for a 2-year college associate degree by the time they receive their high school diploma!

ROTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS

Fellow Rotarian Liz Stewart presented \$5,000 in Community Service Grants to four local charities. The committee received 13 applications totaling \$29,175, so the competition for funding was fierce. The recipients were selected based on the maximum good to be accomplished with the award, the broad reach of support, and the significance of improvement in the human condition the grants could provide. The four recipients were:

1. Aiken Electric Co-Op Operation Round Up – \$830 to assist with food, shelter, clothing, healthcare, and educational support to those in need.
2. Aiken Symphony Orchestra – \$1,000 to allow Aiken and Edgefield county 5th graders to attend one of the children's concerts.
3. Hankinson Boxing Gym – \$2,000 to fund travel expenses for three young boxers to represent the State of South Carolina in the US Junior Olympics and Prep National Boxing Championships in Dallas, TX.
4. TREES – \$1,170 to provide educational materials on life skills necessary to prepare inmates for re-integration into the community and workplace, and reduce recidivism rates.



Last week, the Club inducted new member **Bill Molnar**. Bill was sponsored by Club **President Joe Lewis** and serves as the Executive Director of the Lower Savannah Counsel of Governments, which focuses on job growth and economic development in six counties. He and his wife, Dr. Alison Hamilton, have one 11-year old son and moved to Aiken in 2015. Please introduce yourselves to our new member and welcome him to the Club.