

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Tom Young, Jr.
4-Way Test—*next week* – Molly Jones
Program— Ellen Priest
Aug. Invocation— Teresa Haas
Aug. Greeters — TBA

GUESTS

Glenn Parker	Speaker
Charles Maxwell Jr.	guest of Chuck Maxwell
Stacey San Pedro	guest of Karen Poteat
Melanie Starks	Club guest
Lisa Fallaw	Club guest
Hiro Shimizu	guest of Ahmed Samaha
Bruce Cousins	guest of Joe Lewis
Shozo Shimizu	visiting Kotuen West
Rob Novit	visiting Sunrise Rotary

MAKE-UPS

Richard Church eClubOne 7/20, 7/27

ROTARY READERS

Lisa Fallaw and Melanie Starks from East Aiken School of the Arts joined us to kick off sign up for the Rotary Reader program. Sign up will continue through next week. The program's Orientation sessions begin the week of August 24th, with reading beginning the week of September 7th. There are many slots still available. Please check your schedules and sign up individually or with a friend. Non-Rotarians are invited to participate in the program as well, so alert others to this opportunity. Here is a summary of remaining timeslots, by Group number (Groups 1, 8, 10, 11, and 12 are now full):

2. 4K Thursdays, 1-1:30 pm
3. Kindergarten Tuesdays, 12:15-12:45 pm
4. Kindergarten Tuesdays, 12:45-1:15 pm
5. Kindergarten Thursdays, 12:30-1 pm
6. Kindergarten Thursdays, 1-1:30 pm
7. 3rd Grade Tuesdays, 8-8:30 am
9. 4th Grade Thursdays, 8-8:30 am
13. 4th Grade Thursdays, 12:50-1:20 pm
14. 5th Grade Tuesdays, 8:45-9:15 am
15. 5th Grade Tuesdays, 9:30-10 am
16. 5th Grade Tuesdays, 10:15-10:45 am
17. 5th Grade Tuesdays, 10:45-11:15 am
18. 5th Grade Tuesdays, 11:40-12:10 pm

Please also sign up for one of the Orientation Sessions, even if you've participated in the program in the past. The school uses these sessions to update us all on program tweaks and details about what our focus will be with our individual groups. The Orientation times are:

- Tuesday, August 25th 8:30-9:30 am
- Thursday, August 27th 12-1 pm
- Monday, August 31st 3-4 pm

The Orientation sessions take place in East Aiken School of the Arts' library. The school's address is 223 Old Wagener Road (off the bypass, near John Deere).



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PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Karen Guevara



Rotarian Bill Tucker introduced speaker Glenn Parker, Capital Projects Sales Tax Manager from the City of Aiken. He provided an update on Capital Projects undertaken with the 1¢ sales tax. The current 1¢ sales tax is the third campaign, and will last through the year 2020, garnering an expected \$33.4 million for capital infrastructure improvements in Aiken. Past projects have included such things as Citizens Park II, tennis courts at Odell Weeks, a band shell at Hopelands Gardens, and Aiken County Public Safety building improvements. Current projects include work at the Animal Shelter, Hitchcock and Whiskey Road work, development of a Northside Park, and renovation of The Alley in downtown Aiken. The first phase of Alley renovations, to convert the area to a pedestrian mall, will break ground at the end of this month and will finish next fall.

PROGRAM TODAY

GAYLE LOFGREN & ASHLEY HAMMETT CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

FUTURE PROGRAMS

AUG 17	Scott Stephens; Water of Life
AUG 24	Brad Majors; Increasing Awareness & Improving Rotary's Image in the Community
AUG 31	Karen Guevara & Chuck Munns; SRS History

BIRTHDAYS

8/14	Russ Richardson
8/15	Regena Brackett

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

8/11	Ron Henderson
8/11	Brenda Stein
8/14	Rakesh Jasani
8/15	Bob Byrne
8/16	Dave Tavernier



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

TEN YEARS AGO - AUGUST 2005

We were saddened to observe the passing of a 59 year member of our Club. Julian B. Salley, Jr. He had been president of our Club 1949-50 and was a WWII veteran. He was involved in numerous community organizations and particularly proud of his work with the Red Cross and passionate about protecting the Hitchcock Woods. Julian was father of our current member, Sara Wood, and they were our first father-daughter team in our Club. Sara continues Julian's legacy with Hitchcock Woods by being on the board of that organization.

OUR PAST - FROM "THE GEAR" AUGUST 1985

Speaking of the above passing of a long time Rotarian, in August 1985, we also were saddened to learn of the passing of long time Rotarian, Julian Elliott of Elliott Office Supply. Julian was tragically killed on I-20 when his auto ran under a transfer truck. He had been a member for quite a few years and always prided himself on his perfect attendance record. He was president of our Club 1960-61. (Years ago in the 70's and 80's we had local office supply companies downtown instead of mega Staples and Office Max in our mall areas. Well, Well, got to move with the times, eah?).

HISTORICAL NOTES AND FACTS

Last week our President, Joe Lewis, reminded us that August is Rotary Membership month and placed emphasis on the subject. We have 377 Classification slots in our Club and many of these of course are unfilled. Some slots that could be filled by new membership in those slots that are vacant are: Travel Agent; Transportation-RV's; Transportation-Railroad; Transportation-Motor Freight; Transportation-Bus; Transportation-Air; Training-Industrial; and Textiles-Supplies.

ROTARY NOTES

Rotary's theme for the month of August is Membership. President Joe announced to the Club the recent withdrawal of two members, Amy Winn and Kay Benitez. He noted that the Club typically loses 10-20 members each year, through normal attrition. So during the month of August, please invite a friend, neighbor or colleague to attend a Rotary meeting with you and consider joining our Club.

A visiting Rotarian from the Sokura, Japan Rotary Club presented us with his Club's banner and received our banner in return. If you are planning travel and would like to exchange banners with a Rotary Club at your destination, contact Sergeant-at-Arms Brenda Stein.

The 2015-16 Directories are here! If you find an error in your information, please let Karen Guevara know, and she'll compile an errata page for the directory. Her email is Guevara.karen@ymail.com.

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TRASH PICK UP

Rick McLeod reported a great turn out for last week's Highway litter pick up. Special thanks to new member Gil Allensworth for inviting members from his church to help out. The next pick up opportunity is in November.

