

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Mick Fekula
4-Way Test—*next week* – John Girardeau
Program— Jane Page Thompson, Bill Tucker
Nov. Invocation— Susan Winsor
Nov. Greeters — Jeremy O’Donnell & Lee Boyleston
Nov. Students – Kristin Livingston (SAHS), Sophia Gerstenberger (AHS)
Oct. Student Hosts – Regena Brackett & Judy Chun

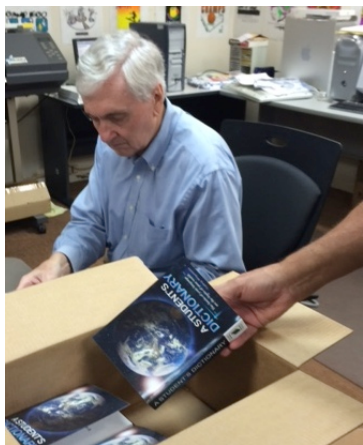
GUESTS

Robert Murphy	Speaker
Laura Garcia	Student guest
Sophia Gerstenberger	Student guest
Kristin Livingston	Student guest
Dick Hawkins	guest of Bud Coward
Paul Hyman	guest of Greg Roberts
Mike Wyttkamp	guest of Camille Furgieue
Mimi Wyttkamp	guest of Camille Furgieue
Corine Sikes	guest of Joe Shields
Don Skoggins	guest of Joe Shields
Angel Miatto	guest of Sandra Jordan
Madeline Thomas	guest of Sandra Jordan
Fred Dohse	guest of Karen Guevara
Charles Mitchell	guest of William Price
Christian Medders	guest of Sandra Jordan
Nat Green	guest of Paul Dusenbury
Joe Alexander	guest of Ruth Alexander
Kristina Collins	guest of Liz Neal
Julia Walker	guest of Charlie Hartz
Rob Novit	visiting Sunrise Rotary

MAKE-UPS

Vicki Bukovitz	Club Service 11/2
John Lindsay	District Assembly 11/2
Richard Holley	Club Service 11/2

DICTIONARY PACKING



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PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Catie Rabun

Last week, Rotarian Dr. Sandra Jordan introduced our speaker, Robert Murphy. Robert is the Director of Veteran and Military Student Success at USC Aiken which helps prepare, advocate and support student veterans and active military. USCA was named a 2015 and 2016 Best for Vets schools and is ranked #1 in the state of South Carolina.

Robert told Rotarians about the bill that Governor Nikki Haley signed that allowed veterans from anywhere in the country to get in state tuition at any state university in South Carolina. On average, about 3% of the student population is military nationally but 9% of the student population at USC Aiken is military or veterans.

Awards USCA's program has received include: US News & World Report #1 Best College for Veterans, Military Friendly School, Military Advanced Education Top Colleges & Universities, Best for Vets 2015 and 2016 (top 100 in the nation), and #1 Best for Veterans in the state.

PROGRAM TODAY

CHRISTINE ROLKA
HICKCOCK WOODS FOUNDATION

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- NOV 23 Mike Crapps, President and CEO of First Community Bank;
Federal Reserve and Banking
- NOV 30 Lauren Kantz & Students; North Augusta High School Robotics Team
- DEC 7 TBA

BIRTHDAYS

- 11/17 Ted Meyer
11/18 Bill Webb
11/18 Stephen Mueller
11/19 Bud Coward
11/20 Vicki Bukovitz
11/21 Al Richardson

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/18 Karen Guevara (2013)



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

NOVEMBER 2005/AND TODAY

Our kickoff speaker for November 2005 and our kickoff of the observance of Rotary Foundation month was Past District Governor, Richard Waugh, from our sister Club here in Aiken. He touted the projects to improve the quality of life, not only in our country but through the world. He also reminded us that Rotary through PolioPlus had helped to eliminate polio in almost every country in the world. Last week also in our Club we had an excellent introduction to the month of November as Rotary Foundation month.

DICTIONARIES

One of our great projects each year as a Club is the dictionary project which many of us worked on last week. We got great press on it (thanks to the local editor/publisher of our paper who is a noted member of our Club) and most of us felt good about being involved in various ways in the project. Students remember their gift dictionaries for many years afterwards as testified by some of our Rotary students of the month from our high schools. (This day, however, with their electronic devices, texting phones, tablets, and instant information sources, we might encourage our receiving students as their first look up, to look up the word "dictionary" in their dictionaries. And secondly, look up the word "book!")

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

By Karen Guevara

October Student Guests

Rotarian Doug Rabold re-introduced Laura Garcia from Aiken High as a leader, mentor, and singer. She also plays the ukulele. As a Young Entrepreneur Partnership participant, she developed and runs her "Clothing Queen" fashion line to celebrate diversity and combat the fashion industry's preying on and victimization of young women. Laura addressed the club and thanked Rotary for her experience here. She enjoyed learning about Rotary and the importance of helping the community, dedication, having a kind heart, and helping the world. She also thanked Doug for being a great host.

November Student Guests

Rotarian Regena Bracket introduced Sophia Gerstenberger from Aiken High. Sophia is president of our Interact Club. She is considering USC Honors College, Wofford, or Clemson Honors College. She wants to study Accounting and is interested in Forensic Accounting. She has a 5.266 GPA.

Rotarian Judy Chun introduced student guest Kristin Livingston from South Aiken. She is first in her class with a 5.276 GPA. She is active in her church and serves in the Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. Kristin is interested in studying Forensic Chemistry. She has been on mission trips to Honduras on three occasions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November Focus: Rotary Foundation

Rotarian Chuck Munns gave an overview last week of the Foundation. The Foundation strives for world understanding, goodwill, and peace through funding sustainable projects in six areas: peace, disease, clean water, mothers and children, economies, and education. He also reminded us that for every \$1000 given to the Foundation, \$500 comes back to the district for projects and \$500 goes to the World Fund. Charity Navigator gave the Foundation a 4 Star Rating and a 96.3% overall score.

Our club will be providing an opportunity for members to reach Paul Harris Fellow status (achieved a total of \$1,000 towards the Foundation). The Rotary Club of Aiken will be providing up to 500 matching points for the month of November.

Pancake Breakfast

The Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on November 21 at Fatz Café. As of last Monday, 340 tickets had been sold.

Foundation Banquet Awards

President Joe Lewis announced last week that the Rotary Club of Aiken received two awards at the Foundation Banquet held in Greenville this year. We were 3rd in total giving for Polio Plus and 2nd in total giving towards the Annual Fund.