

## CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—Jerry Hughsin  
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Program— Jennifer Hart  
February Invocation- Buzz Rich  
February Greeters – Collette Ball & Phil Winsor  
March Invocation-Regina Brackett  
March Greeters- Chrissa Matthews  
Avery Spears-Mahoney

## CLUB MAKEUPS

Jamie Mothkovich	Trash Pickup	2/11
Katrina Kulik	Trash Pickup	2/11
Bill Molhair	eClub	2/23

## GUEST

Matthew Vasil	student guest
Sharon Hagan	ARMC
Tamalyn Teems	ARMC
Nicole Morgan	ARMC
Katie Besley	ARMC
Dr. Pennington	ARMC
Lauri Sojourner	Aiken Sunrise
Marion Croth	Aiken Sunrise
King Lawrence	Aiken Sunrise
Sharon Johnson	Aiken Sunrise
Brad Crain	guest of Steven Mueller
Eva Mueller	guest of
Jenifer Granade	Keyatta Priester



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**President Elect**  
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**Past President**  
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**Sergeant-at-Arms**  
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Al Sorensen (2017)  
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Grant Wiseman (2017)  
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Betty Ryberg (2019)  
David Tavernier (2019)

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Chair: Richard Holley  
Robert Stack  
Rachel d' Entremont  
Richard Herring  
John McMichael  
Julia Walker  
Josh Booth

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## PROGRAM LAST WEEK by Dan Brown



A person doesn't know how much they may need an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator, often called an AED, until they don't have one. Vance Reynolds, CEO of Aiken Regional Medical Centers, made that point Monday at the Aiken Rotary Club weekly meeting, adding an AED occupies the top of the list of "must haves" at area schools and other civic locations in the event of a cardiac arrest. Partnering with the Aiken Sunrise Rotary Club, each organization raised \$1,500 and then had an additional \$3,000 approved by the District office.

The AEDs run about \$1,000 each, and the goal was to purchase 12 total to be placed around the city. Aiken Regional Medical Centers donated \$6,000 to cover the shortfall to make the placement of 12 AEDs throughout Aiken possible.

Aiken Rotary Club member John Lindsay, who coordinated the raising of money to purchase the 12 AEDs, said the seeds of the idea to purchase the defibrillators were sewn at last year's mid-year assembly in Greenwood,

when incoming District Gov. Lance Young told the story of how an AED saved his life when he had a heart attack at age 39.

"When we experienced some additional costs in completing the project, Aiken Electric Cooperative stood up to be a project sponsor," Lindsay said.

Reynolds said AEDs are invaluable in field emergencies, where the odds of surviving a heart attack or coronary emergency are less than 5 percent without one. He introduced cardiologist Dr. Weems Pennington, who spoke of the value of having an AED on site at area businesses and other civic and educational locations. Plain and simple, Pennington said,

"The AED saves lives."

"The big thing about an AED is they are very simple to use," he said. "The AED can automatically diagnose an abnormal heart rhythm and restore normal heart function with a shock."

During a cardiac arrest, there is no blood circulating through the body and no blood getting to the brain. "When an episode like this occurs, it only takes about three to five minutes for irreversible brain damage to occur," Pennington said. "Time is of the essence. In those three to five minutes where you do not employ an AED, the chances of survival decrease by 5 to 7 percent per minute."

AEDs can be used by anyone, Pennington said, and training on how to use them is included in most CPR classes.



## Happy

## 78th

## Birthday

## Aiken Rotary

## 2/27/1939-2/27/2017



**Rotary Club of Aiken**  
**@aikensc1939**

## PROGRAM TODAY

Andra Watkins  
I Walked 444 Miles to  
Make a Memory

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

- March 6 Tom Robertson  
Resisting Sherman
- March 13 Elaine Harpine  
Young Children's Education  
Program at Saint John's  
Methodist Church
- March 20 John Oakland  
The Peace Corp
- March 27 Elise Fox, PhD, SRNS,  
Solar Energy Project Manager  
Earth Day – Solar Power

## BIRTHDAYS

- 2/28 Rachel d'Entremont  
3/2 Grant Wiseman  
3/4 Susan Yarborough

## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- 02/27/12 Rick McLeod  
02/27/39 Phil Richardson  
02/28/11 Bob Stubbs  
02/28/11 Richard Holley  
03/01/94 Rick Osbon  
03/01/84 Bill Tucker  
03/01/82 McDonald Law  
03/03/14 Judy Chub  
03/03/14 John Dangler  
03/05/07 Geoff McGrath  
03/05/07 Russ Richardson



## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

TEN YEARS AGO-2007

Ten Years ago, February 2007, was a busy month for our Club. At the last meeting in January 2007 we inducted into the Club Chad Coghlan and Lyn Kenney who attended their first meeting as new Rotarians in February 2007. And in February we inducted into the Club, Bob Chelberg, Elliott Levy, Russell Richardson, Lauren Hobbs, and Geoffery Magrath as new members. Of the above, Russell and Geoffery are still with us after ten years. Congratulations Russell and Geoffery on ten years of service.

Also in February of 2007 Mayor Fred Cavanaugh gave his State of the City address to our Club. Fast forward to February 2017 and Mayor Rick Osborn on last week (not at our Rotary meeting) gave his State of the City address to an open invitation group on Tuesday night. (Seems like The Aiken Rotary Club is blessed with politicians and civic minded individuals). Our Club President in 2007 was Bob Newburn who steered us through a very active month of February.

## *Margarita Make-up Night.*

*The 2016-2017 dates for Margarita  
Make-ups are:*

*2/22, 3/29, 4/26, 5/31 &  
6/28/2017*

*at The Willcox*

*5:15 pm - 6:30 pm*

*Remember to turn-in your Make-up to  
the Sergeant-at-Arms*

*Remember you don't need a make-up!!*

*Just come spend time with fellow*

*Rotarians*

## ROTARY BRINGING THE WORLD TO ATLANTA



**10 - 14 June 2017  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA, USA**

**Bill Gates to keynote  
convention**



Time is of the essence:  
According the American Red Cross The average  
response time for first responders once 911 is  
called is 8-12 minutes.

For each minute defibrillation is delayed, the  
chance of survival is reduced approximately  
10%.

Because of the generosity of the Rotary Club of Aiken, Sunrise Rotary, ARMC and Aiken Electric Coop there were 12 AEDs placed in our community, including the City of Aiken, Aiken County Government, Aiken County Public Schools, USC Aiken and Camp Gravatt