

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—Regena Brackett

4-Way Test—Corey Feraldi

Program— Chris Dickson

March Invocation-Regena Brackett

March Greeters- Chrissa Matthews

Avery Spears-Mahoney

April Invocation-Keyatta Priester

April Greeters- Chrissa Matthews

CLUB MAKEUPS

John Lindsey Rotary Reader 3/14

Susan Winsor Brevard, NC 3/14

Richard Garcia Aiken, SC 3/18

Chuck Munns Trash P/U 3/19

GUEST

Charles Combier guest of speaker

Rhonda Overbee guest of Keyatta Priester

Michael Herksberg Peace Corp

Fred & Ann Matthies Peace Corp

Dr. Sanela Porca guest of Fekula



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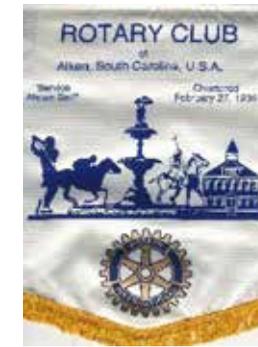
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PROGRAM LAST WEEK by Robert Byrne



The Peace Corp; One Man's Experience

John Oakland

March is traditionally the month for Peace Corp volunteers and alumni to speak about their experience of "the hardest job you will ever do and love"; service above self as a Peace Corp. volunteer. John Oakland of our own Rotary Club of Aiken shared his service above self in his own experience that began in September of 1963.

The Peace Corp was announced in the inaugural address of President John F. Kennedy in January of 1961, launched by executive order in March of 1961, and permanently established in an act of Congress in September of 1961. It was and remains a material opportunity to live out the famous quote of President Kennedy, "...ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." John's service began with training; survival in nature in Puerto Rico and continued at Columbia University in New York, NY in September of 1963. Successful completion of training initiated two years in Nigeria living out the challenge of Carrie Hessler-Radelet, Director of the Peace Corp under President Barack Obama who said, "Peace Corp is for Americans who are interested in not just imagining a better world; but

in rolling up their sleeves and doing something about it." For John this meant rolling up sleeves and impacting the lives of students while teaching math and science in western Nigeria at Fiditi Grammar school. John's teaching began in a new building at Fiditi Grammar school; but a new building that had no books and no supplies; only a simple black board. Lessons in the areas of algebra, trigonometry, calculus, geometry, chemistry and physics had to be executed on the black board using a few books from John's education at Iowa State University. The Rotary Club of Algona Iowa heard of the dilemma from John's father, a Rotarian himself, and soon 29 boxes of books arrived in Nigeria. Between service above self in the action of the Algona, Iowa Rotary Club and a dedicated teacher all the Nigerian students learned their lessons and later passed their entrance exams for the university. Teaching in Nigeria; serving in the Peace Corp. is more than the service itself; but also the opportunity for life lessons and experiences. During down time and when not tutoring students for national exams John had that opportunity in visits to Cameroon and Ghana. In Ghana the reality and horror of the slave trade was a life lesson made real in seeing the Elmira Castle, the shipping point for such trade until the work of John Newton and William Wilberforce put an end to it. The Peace Corp then and today remains the opportunity to experience the hardest job you will do and you will love; for service that makes a difference in the lives of those served and those serving. It made a difference for Elsie Clitheroe whose service began at age 71 and for John Oakland fresh from graduation in 1963. Service above self in the Peace Corp then and now continues to make a difference.

March Student Guests

Shannon Katherine Mulhall from Aiken High was hosted by Rotarian Gil Allensworth. Shannon participates in Serteens, the Robotics Club, Beta Club and the National German Honor Society. She is also a member of the Hornets marching band, symphonic band and jazz band. She is ranked 6th in her graduating class and would like to attend the University of Tennessee majoring in Chemical Engineering.

Rotarian Sharon Rodgers hosted Ansleigh Eaves from Mead Hall Episcopal School. She is on the schools math and varsity soccer teams as well as participates in the school's Interact Club and Beta Club. Ansleigh is a volunteer at Aiken Regional Medical Center. She enjoys playing art and student government. She is ranked 2nd in her graduating class and is interested in attending USC Honors College.

Memory Monday

We are in need of items to be auctioned off for Memory Monday. If you would like to donate, please see Liz Neal or ANY CART FUND committee member.

PROGRAM TODAY

Elise Fox, PhD, SRNS,
Solar Energy Project Manager
Earth Day – Solar Power

FUTURE PROGRAMS

APRIL Monthly Theme: Magazine Month

April 3	Reagan Gibbs Rubicon
April 10	State Treasurer Curtis Loftis
April 17	John Carman and Amanda McNulty Making It Grow
April 24	Dr. Greg Eaves

BIRTHDAYS

Linda Strojan	3/27
Scott Hunter	3/28
Jason Rabun	4/01

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Andrew Siders	03/28/05
Barry Adams	03/28/05
Joe Spencer	03/28/11
Keyatta Priester	03/30/15
Richard Garcia	03/30/09
Sara Wood	04/01/89
Tommy Wessinger	04/01/82



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

ROTARY AND "THE MASTERS"

As many of our members will be going to the Masters this week or having Masters guest in for our great local event, it is interesting to reflect on past associations with our Club and the Masters, especially with programs given around this time of the year.

One program we had in April 1987 was given by Ed Shearer, Southeastern Regional Sports Editor of the Associated Press, who spoke on the impact of The Masters. In 1988 we had the official photographer of the Masters who was retired. He spoke and showed old photos of the Masters. Interesting also were his photos of personalities who had visited the Aiken area: Eisenhower, Astaire, Bing, and the Duke of Windsor. One program in the 90's for our Club was given by our member Dan Bacot, who shared a film or video of the previous year's Masters highlights, provided by the insurance company which he represented.

One issue of our "Gear" had this quote: "Last week we were down with 51 of our required attendance members absent. Of course last week we had the Masters which caused a large absence of our members."

So Rotarians who are lucky enough to have tickets, enjoy this event. We're sure that Paul Harris may have gotten in as a guest, being he founder of Rotary International. (On the other hand he might not, knowing the strict rules of the Augusta National--and also we wonder if President Trump could get in as the owner of several prestigious golf courses world wide and a golfer)?

Margarita Make-up Night.

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

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

Absent? Making up a meeting is easy

- Attend another club's meeting.*
- Participate in a Rotary event, such as a committee meeting, social function, interactive event, etc.*
- Make up at E-club online: www.rotaryclubone.org.*
- Margarita Make-up Night.*



Rotaract Club at USC Aiken is in need of help with their Easter Basket Project. They are looking for donations for packaged candy, small toys and bunnies that could be fit for a basket. These finished baskets will be delivered to the Children's Hospital.