

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—Jerry Hughsin

4-Way Test—Carla Cloud

Program— Jennifer Hart

March Invocation—Regina Brackett

March Greeters- Chrissa Matthews

Avery Spears-Mahoney

CLUB MAKEUPS

Russ Richardson
Dean Sackett

Aiken Sunrise 2/6
Los Cabos, A.C. 2/14

GUEST

Andra Watkins
Matthew Vasil
Brandon Shuman
Amanda Terrell
Senela Porca
Diane Brady

Lisa Tindal

guest speaker
student guest
student guest
guest of Keyatta Priester
Mike Fekula
guest of
Jane Page Thompson
guest of Liz Neal



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PROGRAM LAST WEEK by Tara Reeder



John McMichael introduced our guest speaker, Andra Watkins. Andra Watkins New York Times best selling author who in lives in Charleston, South Carolina with her husband, Michael T Maher. Andra is a non-practicing CPA and a former Rotarian President. She has a degree in accounting from Francis Marion University. In March 2014, she became one of the only living persons to walk the Natchez Trace as the pioneers did from Natchez, MS to Nashville, TN. She did it to launch her novel To Live Forever: An Afterlife Journey of Meriwether Lewis. but ended up having an incredible journey. She described something many authors know, that is, that writing a book is often the only fun part of getting it published. She described it as her "baby," an apt analogy that many parents learn. She

was turned down by many publishers and when it finally was born she conjured up the stunt to walk the 444-mile Trace to promote the book. Her goal was to do the journey 15 miles a day, 6 days a week and end up in Nashville for a scheduled book signing. She needed a wingman and searched until her only viable choice was her 80-year-old father...who was that last person she wanted to spend that kind of time with.

If you imagine that this was physically challenging, it certainly was, but the moment of revelation was one day when she found herself exhausted and discouraged and collapsed in a field. There, she said, she found herself face to face with a daffodil. Each day then became a day of meditation and living in the moment seeing the beauty around her. She also grew closer to her father and commented, "We don't realize how quickly we lose people. Make memories with them and hold them in your heart, and you'll have those memories when they are gone." There was a very special guest waiting on her at the end of the trail, which was none other than Kitty Windham.

STUDENT GUEST



Brandon Shumin from South Aiken was hosted by Rotarian Liz Stewart. Brandon participates on Serteens and the Robotics Club. He is a volunteer for the SPCA. Adam is ranked 8th in his graduating class and would like to major in Engineering. He enjoys astronomy, poetry and music.



Rotarian Monica Key hosted Matthew Vasil from Aiken High. He participates on the school's Interact Club, the AHS symphonic and marching bands, National Honor Society and Beta Club. Matthew is a volunteer at the hospital, his church and volunteers for Out of Darkness. She enjoys playing guitar and the saxophone. He is ranked 5th in his graduating class and is interested in attending Georgia Tech.



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PROGRAM TODAY

Tom Robertson
Resisting Sherman

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- 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

- Mallory Holley 03/06
Teresa Pope 03/06
Bob Hibbard 03/07
Ellen Priest 03/11

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- Gene Hart 3/7/2016
Carla Cloud 3/10/14
Joe Shields 3/11/2006



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

Owen was captured by the Barbary Pirates off the coast of Tunisia. He will be back March 9

Memory Monday

Channel your inner Jimmy Buffett, this original parrot print by local artist Mary McCullah will get you in the mood for summer! Donated by Liz Neal.



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

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

WELCOME TO ROTARY



Welcome to Rotary
Jenifer L. Granade!

Classification Talks



Keith Wood, Classification: Public Relations. Keith is the Vice President-Marketing & Communications at AECOM



Katrina Kulik, Classification: Medical Services. Katrina is the outreach coordinator at Community Medical Clinic of Aiken County