

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—John Girardeau
 4-Way Test Next Week - John Girardeau
 Program— Chris Dickson
 April Invocation-Keyatta Priester
 April Greeters- Patrick Moore & Sara Wood

GUEST

Robert Layton Gwinn	student guest
Julia Alavrez	student guest
Curtis Loftis	guest speaker
Edward Frazier	guest
Abigail Tiefenthaler	John McMichael
Yolanda Archuletta	Richard Church

CLUB MAKEUPS

Clay Killian E-Club for 4/3
 Robert Forrest Margarita Makeup for 4/3



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PROGRAM LAST WEEK by Scott Hunter



State Treasurer Curtis Loftis told Rotarians that our money “is more secure than it has ever been.”

The State Treasurer serves as the state’s banker and manages \$65 billion in public funds.

“My job is like the roof on your house,” Loftis said. “You don’t want it to leak.” Loftis said that when he became Treasurer there had not been an audit for 27 years. It took another three years to get one. But now Loftis is asking auditors to be even more diligent in looking at the funds.

Loftis said that despite heavily credentialed individuals helping to manage state funds, fees are down.

The Treasurer noted two programs: the College 529 Program and Unclaimed Property.

The College program is private money invested tax free and taken out tax free when used for any accredited college. It now has \$2.7 billion invested and 95,000 households are using it.

Disbursing Unclaimed Property, Loftis said, is his favorite thing to do.

“Nobody believes they have money coming,” he said. But he urged all to check the state website. He cited a citizen who recently received over \$700,000.

Loftis also touched on the state’s Pension Plan, which has been found to be severely underfunded. He said he feels much better about the fund on the investment side. He noted that he worries that changing from retirement funds to additional 401k investing, as proposed in the Legislature, could make it more difficult to hire public employees.

Missing Money?

MORE THAN \$550 MILLION OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS

<http://treasurer.sc.gov/unclaimed-property>

PROGRAM TODAY

John Carman and
Amanda McNulty
Making It Grow

FUTURE PROGRAMS

APRIL Monthly Theme: Magazine Month

April 24 Dr. Greg Eaves

MAY Monthly Theme: Service Above Self

May 1 Turner Simkins
Hickman Hall and Graniteville's
Future
May 8 Jill Jett and Garen Cofer
High School Thematic Programs
May 15 Susan Seldon
Domestic Violence
May 22 Student Scholarship Presentations
May 29 **No Meeting Memorial Day**

BIRTHDAYS

Vance Reynolds 04/20

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Corey Feraldi 04/18/16
Henry Krippner 04/19/99
Del Hickey 04/23/01
Tom Young 04/23/07



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

TEN YEARS AGO - APRIL 2007

Now that the Easter bunny has come and gone and left all those beautiful colored eggs, a couple of historical facts about Easter, one from an April issue of our "Gear" from 1987. A quote from there states that the week before Easter in Greece is known as "Dumb Week." During that week no services are held in churches throughout this period except on Friday, the eve of the Saturday of Lazarus." The quote from "The Gear" ends with: "Thought you should know!"

And on this Easter week, a new neighbor moved in next door whose name is Easter. "Thought you should know!"

Ten years ago on this week in our Club, our guest speaker was Mal McKibben, the executive director of CNTA. (Citizens for Nuclear Technology). There were local implications he said. The proposed global Nuclear Energy Partnership Program could bring to our area a recycling nuclear plant that would make nuclear-waste disposal cheaper and safer by recycling. Has the prediction come true?

Margarita Make-up Night.

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

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

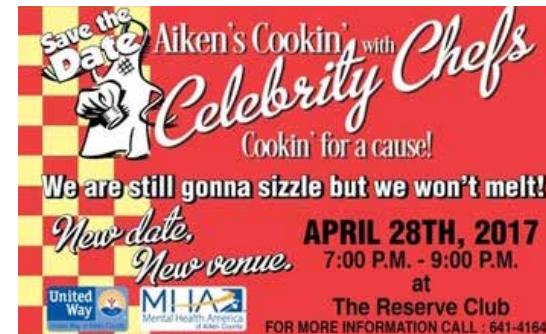
Remember you don't need a make-up!!

Just come spend time with fellow

Rotarians



Trash Pick Up May 13



We're looking for Rotarians to volunteer at the Mental Health America Celebrity Chefs' challenge on April 28th. Rotary will be hosting a "Healthy Smoothies" booth, and interested Rotarians should contact Jane Page Thompson or John Lindsey.



Derek Herron, Boy Scout executive for Aiken, Edgefield and Barnwell Counties, gave a classification talk.