

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—Corey Feraldi
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Program— Betty Ryberg
April Invocation-Keyatta Priester
April Greeters- Patrick Moore & Sara Wood

CLUB MAKEUPS

Richard Herring Sunrise 3/13
Billy Benton 3/7

GUEST

Elise Fox	guest speaker
Ron Dellamora	guest speaker
John Carman	
Shannon Muhall	student guest
Ansleigh Eaves	student guest
Stephanie Eaves	guest of àSharon Rodgers
Keith Alde	Roswell, NM
Ralph Marrinson	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Linda Webb	guest of Bill Webb
Bill Webb	guest of Carla Cloud



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PROGRAM LAST WEEK by John Lindsay



Shining a light on solar, Aiken Rotarians were urged to “do your homework” when considering installation of solar energy systems for homes and businesses. In anticipation of the annual Earth Day activities in Aiken on April 22, members heard Dr. Elisa B. Fox, PhD, program manager for solar initiatives at the Savannah River National Laboratory, describe the recent and remarkable growth of solar energy in South Carolina. Residential and commercial solar

interconnections in South Carolina have increased by 500% since 2015. Job growth in the solar industry doubled since 2015. Solar energy projects at MTU, Aiken Electric Cooperative and ESA Renewables, all in Aiken County, have contributed to regional solar energy expansion. Thinking about switching to solar? Do your homework said Fox. Contact your accountant or tax attorney to decide whether leasing or buying makes the most sense. South Carolina has some of the best tax credit incentives available Fox says. Call your utility to learn about connection details and net metering. Obtain at least three quotes from reputable solar energy system installers identifiable at www.scsolarcouncil.



**KEEP
GREEN
AND
PICK UP
LITTER**

Trash Pick Up May 13

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

Reagan Gibbs
Rubicon

FUTURE PROGRAMS

APRIL Monthly Theme: Magazine Month

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

BIRTHDAYS

Mike Willis 4/5

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Bud Coward 4/4/2011



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:

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.*

Congratulations to the Paul Harris Recipients:
Ron Wheeler, John Lindsay, Karen Poteet, Jon Notestein and Linda Webb (wife of Bill Webb)

