

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—Gary Lamb
4-Way Test Next Week - Ellen Priest
Program— Bill Tucker
January Greeters- Barbara Nelson & Pat Moore
January Invocation-Jennifer Hart
February Greeters- Peggy Ford & Collette Ball
February Invocation-William Price

CLUB MAKEUPS

GUEST

Natalie Bolen	student guest
Brynne Berry	student guest
Travis Rice	APS
Casey Kneece	APS
Chase Jackson	Joe Spencer
Sue Shannon	Henry Kripner
Laura Turner	Raymond Mizell
Ann Cousins	Bruce Cousins
Rob Novit	Friend of Aiken Rotary
Terrence Colbert	Keyatta Priester
Kurt Wheeler	Keyatta Priester
Shelby Williams	Keyatta Priester
Dannette Rowe	Vance Reynold

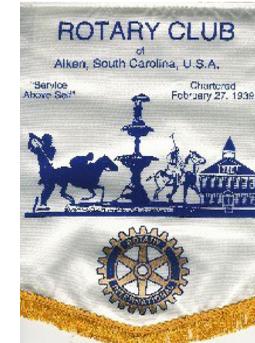


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Al Sorensen (2017)
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Grant Wiseman (2017)
John Lindsay (2018)
Rick McLeod (2018)
Jennifer Hart (2018)
Chrissa Matthews (2019)
Betty Ryberg (2019)
David Tavernier (2019)

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Robert Stack
Rachel d' Entremont
Richard Herring
Jeff Baumgardner
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THE GEAR JANUARY 29, 2018

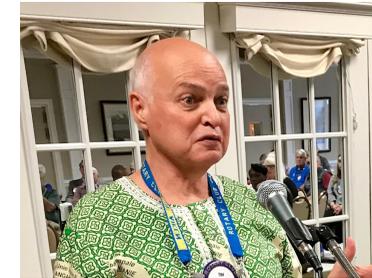


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PROGRAM LAST WEEK by Jeff Baumgardner



This past week's speak was Rotarian, Pastor, Potter, Missionary, Father, Grandfather and Friend to many, Doctor Tim McClendon. The focus of his talk this past week was on one of his numerous missionary trips. Tim spoke on the DRC or Democratic Republic of the Congo formerly Zaire, not to be confused with the Republic of the Congo. Remember the "Rumble in the Jungle" Muhammad Ali vs. George Foreman in October of 1974? (FYI, undefeated champion George Foreman was knocked out in the eighth round by Ali). Yes, there are two Congos in Africa and you now have the knowledge should it come up on final Jeopardy.

A turbulent political history and environmental challenges have plagued this area of Central Africa for centuries. Similar situations can be found in the neighboring countries of Uganda, Rwanda and South Sudan. Tim pointed out that the DRC is rich in minerals and a majority of related businesses are Chinese owned. He described poverty on a level that most people here have never witnessed. The dust, dirt, smells and heat cannot be accurately communicated through words and pictures. Tim pointed out that we can help most easily through monetary gifts that help fund the hands and feet on the ground. Should you chose to go he advised to go with a group, brush up on your high school French, take plenty of new crisp US currency in denomination of less than \$20 for incidental expenses (bribes), and finally don't ask what you are eating.

Save The Date



March 9th at 6:00pm
Rotary Spring Social
Spaghetti & Meatball
Dinner!
More Details to Come!

Margarita Make-Ups

The Stables at Rose Hill
5:15 pm - 6:15pm

Last Wednesday of each month

January 31st • February 28th

March 28th • April 25th

May 30th • June 27th

*Remember to turn-in your Make-up
to the Sergeant-at-Arms You don't need a make-up!!
Just come spend time with fellow Rotarians*

PROGRAM TODAY

Dennis Gillan
Mental Health Advocate

FUTURE PROGRAMS

February Theme:

Vocational Service Month

Feb 5 Senator Lindsay Graham

Feb 12 Governor Henry McMaster

Feb 26 Bill Molnar will speak

BIRTHDAYS

John Lindsay	31 January
Katrina Kulik,	01 February

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas Hofstetter	01/31/00
Ernie Allen	02/01/84
Stephen Surasky	02/01/87
Scott Hunter	02/01/90
Philip Merry	02/04/13
Richard Herring,	02/04/08



An anonymous donor gave our Rotary Cart a tube full of pennies picture above.

To raise additional funds, a 50/50 dollar raffle was held to guess the dollar amount in the tube. Forty six guesses were made ranging between \$6 and \$200. Once counted, they pennies totaled \$25.64 along with two dimes for a total of \$25.84.

Fred Kelsven had the winning guess at \$26. Fred will receive \$23 on Monday 1/29. Kitty Yundt was second closest with a guess of \$24.20 and will only receive a **THANK YOU** for her participation along with a **THANK YOU** to the other guessers.

Weekly Witticism

As the great “philosopher” Yogi Berra reportedly said, “You need to know where you are going, or you’ll wind up somewhere else.”

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

TEN YEARS AGO – JANUARY 2008

10 years ago our President was **Liz Stewart** and our past president was **Bob Newburn**. Thank you both for your many years of loyal service to our Rotary Club.

The January edition of The Gear recapped the Christmas Holiday program of 2007 which was put on by a makeshift Rotary Holiday Band. It was composed of **Rick Osbon, Clay Killian, Chad Matthews, Tim Simmons** and Luis Viera of the Salvation Army. **Andrew Siders** sat in and performed a soulful rendition of “The Christmas Song”.

Our bell ringing efforts that year raised \$3,839 which was a 32% increase over the previous year.



Owen Clary traveled to St. Maarten and found that their Rotary Club had erected four mile post signs along a scenic highway, each with a tenet of The Four Way Test and the Rotary emblem. Lets hope that we will soon have Rotary signage at our “scenic” entrances to Aiken so that our community and visitors will be aware of our presence!

The Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce recognized Aiken Electric Co-op as the large business of the year with **Gary Stooksbury**, CEO. **Liz Stewart** was named Woman of the Year and **Tom Hallman** Man of the Year.

Our Past – From The Gear January 1998

In 1998, **Raymond Mizell** was the Editor of The Gear and **Dean Sackett** was our club President. Our club is blessed to have so many long standing members!

The program 20 years ago was on the renovation of The Holly House, a.k.a. The Hotel Aiken. Isn't it ironic that we are still talking about that today?