

### CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—Sandra Jordan  
4-Way Test Next Week - Bob Byrne  
Program— Bill Molnar  
February Greeters- Peggy Ford & Collette Ball  
February Invocation-William Price  
March Greeters - Lee Boylston, William Price  
March Invocation- Tom Herlong

### CLUB MAKEUPS

## Margarita Make-Ups

Main House Bar at Rose Hill

5:15 pm - 6:15pm

Last Wednesday of each month

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

### GUESTS

Sydney Pepper	Student Guest SAH
Drew Samaha	Student Guest AH
Chris Hammell	APS
Sherriff Mike Hunt	ACSO
Kayla Kranenberg	Kim Enoch
Colin Demarest	Rhonda Overbey
David Enoch	Kim Enoch
David Tavernier	Mallory Holley
Todd Wright	Keith Wood
Stuart MacVean	Teresa Haas
Bob Erikson	Kitty Yundt
Dede Biles	Aiken Standard
Zee Homoki	Ruth Alexander
Steve Homoki	Ruth Alexander
Joe Alexander	Ruth Alexander
Rick Ford	Peggy Ford
Floyd Peak	Tim McClendon
Larry Whittenmyer	Jerry Hughson
Tim O'Brient	Rick Osbon
Stewart Bedenbaugh	Rick Osbon
Anne Cain	Marshall Cain
Dannette Rowe	Vance Reynolds
Matt Merifield	
Lexie Milford	Ellen Priest
JR Hancock	Richard Holley



March 9th at 6:00pm  
Rotary Spring Social  
Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner!  
Free for members and  
\$15.00 for guests



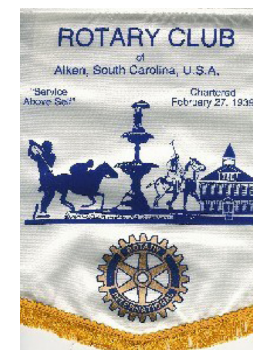
**Rotary Club of Aiken**  
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Monday, 12:30 PM  
Newberry Hall  
117 Newberry Street, SW  
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John Germ  
District Governor  
Ed Irick  
Club President  
John McMichael  
President Elect  
Will Williams  
Vice President  
John Lindsay  
Past President  
Jason Stewart  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Rachel L. d'Entremont  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
Richard Holley  
Assistant Governor  
Carol Burdette

**Board of Directors**  
Al Sorensen (2017)  
Ellen Priest (2017)  
Grant Wiseman (2017)  
John Lindsay (2018)  
Rick McLeod (2018)  
Jennifer Hart (2018)  
Chrissa Matthews (2019)  
Betty Ryberg (2019)  
David Tavernier (2019)

**Sergeants-at-Arms**  
Chair: Richard Holley  
Robert Stack  
Rachel d' Entremont  
Richard Herring  
Jeff Baumgardner  
Josh Booth

# THE GEAR

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## Rotary Club of Aiken



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### PROGRAM LAST WEEK by Dexter Price



Painting a bright and optimistic picture for South Carolina's future, Governor Henry McMaster addressed Aiken Rotarians and guests saying that economic development is crucial to the hoped-for outcome for the state. Serving as the 117th governor of the Palmetto State, McMaster, himself a Rotarian in Columbia, urged that a good job is a cure for many of the state's problems and that education, particularly through the special schools program and technical colleges ( Forest Mahan was heard to be cheering! ), can be the enemy of poverty. Asked to address the

SCANA Santee Cooper default and the MOX project uncertainty at the Savannah River Site, McMaster described the nuclear reactor construction project as a "big mess" explaining that there's plenty of responsibility to go around and that the state's ratepayers should not bear the burden of \$4.3bn bonded indebtedness. As for the precarious funding status of the Mixed Oxide Fuel project at SRS, the governor says he told U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Perry during a recent visit to SRS that there is no good alternative to MOX which is nearly 70% complete. McMaster assumed the position of governor following the appointment of then-governor Nikki Hailey to be U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations in the Trump administration. He previously served as South Carolina's Lt. Governor, Attorney General and as a U.S. Attorney.

## PROGRAM TODAY

26 Bill Molnar  
LSCOG Programs and Services

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

### March Theme:

### Water and Sanitation Month

March 5 Kathryn Smith, author: "Me, as Missy"

March 12 Richard Holly and Cindy Mears:

Tax Cuts and Job Act update

March 19 Dr. Roy Jones: Call Me Mister

March 26 Bill Reynolds:

Friends of Hopelands and Rye Patch

## BIRTHDAYS

Rachel d'Entremont 28 February

Grant Wiseman 02 March

Susan Yarborough 04 March

## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Liz Stewart 02/26/01

Jenifer Granade 02/27/17

Rick McLeod 02/27/12

Phil Richardson 02/27/39

Richard Holley 02/28/11

Judy Chun 03/03/14

John Dangler 03/03/14

McDonald Law 03/01/82

Rick Osbon 03/01/94

Bill Tucker 03/01/84

## TRASH TALK

March 3rd will be our quarterly trash pickup. Meet at 9 am at the Aiken County Government building, 1930 University Pkwy. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Feb. 26 meeting or contact Rick McLeod at [rick.mcleod@srsco.org](mailto:rick.mcleod@srsco.org)



It's Triple Crown month in Aiken. Gentleman, you can go to the 52nd Running of the Steeplechase in style wearing a Lionel Smith bow tie as you watch horses fly from Liz Neal's rail side spot. Thanks to these Van Smith and Liz Neal for their generosity!

## Weekly Witticism

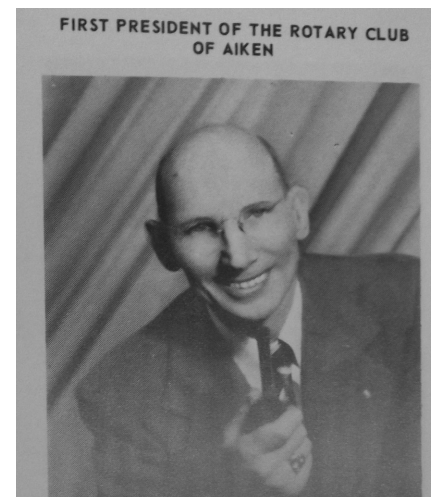
Whether you think you can  
or think you can't, you're  
right.

Henry Ford

## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

### OUR PAST — WE GOT STARTED IN FEBRUARY 1939

February was a very big month back in 1939. On February 8, 16 business and professional men met at the Commercial Hotel (now Hotel Aiken) to "take steps for the organization of a Rotary Club in Aiken". They met with a Porter Carswell of the Waynesboro GA Rotary Club. The weather was beautiful, daffodils and camellias were blooming. These men became the nucleus of "a complete cross section of the community's economic life". They decided to have monthly meetings at 1:30pm on Wednesdays at the Commercial Hotel and the first meeting was held on February 15. Wilbur Thornhill, the District Governor from Charleston, attended and an application for a Charter was submitted. B. J. King was elected President.



The club's next meeting was on Wednesday, March 17 and some 200 people were invited to attend. The subject of a Rotary Club in Aiken got first page coverage from the weekly Aiken Standard and Review on three issues in February and two or three more in March. Why do you think our Rotary Club got so much excellent coverage by a small weekly newspaper? The answer is — the editor of the newspaper was B. J. King! And there is a grand and heart-warming connection with the past — our current member **Bill Howell** is a nephew of — yes — B.J. King.

To learn what happened at the March 1939 meeting with 200 guests, and what they had for dinner, watch for next month's HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE. And learn how we found that original charter just a few years ago in a very strange place!

### FROM THE GEARS 10 AND 20 YEARS AGO IN FEBRUARY

In 2008 **Barry Adams** and **Leighton McLendon** were the hosts for our student guests, and **Fred Andrea** and **Rick Osbon** were on the Board of Directors. In 1998, **Dr. Mark Meyer** was a speaker on the subject of Haiti's need for medical help. Senator Shane Massey gave one of his first speeches as SC's youngest state senator. And **Richard Herring** joined the Club and is now a long-term Sergeant at Arms.