

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Beth Everitt
4-Way Test—*next week* – Philip Merry
Program— Betty Ryberg
Mar. Greeters – Barbara Morgan & Josh Stewart
Mar. Student Hosts – Joe Shields, Susan Yarborough,
& Sharon Rogers
SAHS – Rachel Beeson – Student
AHS – Sawyer Berry – Student
Mead Hall – Ashley Nelson – Student

GUESTS

Rachel Beeson	Student guest
Sawyer Berry	Student guest
Ashley Nelson	Student guest
Bennett Tucker	guest of Doug Rabold
Eric Grande	guest of Doug Rabold
Chris Reichel	guest of Doug Rabold
Melanie Metts	guest of Doug Rabold
Gail King	guest of Doug Rabold
Shelly Marshall Schmidt	guest of Barbara Morgan
Bill Rodgers	guest of Robert Stack
Sandy Tucker	guest of Bill Tucker
Mac McKnight	guest of Dean Sackett
Jerry Hughson	guest of Chuck Munns

MAKE-UPS

Dean Sackett	eClubOne 2/25
Del Hickey	eClubOne 2/25

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS RECOGNIZED



Lee Boylston and Don Wells joined the fellowship of Rotarians as they received their first Paul Harris Fellow awards last week. Additionally, three of our Rotarians were recognized as multiple Paul Harris Fellows. Wade Body is at +2; Peggy Ford is at +3; and Liz Stewart is at +4.



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Van Smith	(2015)

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Wayland Lamar

John McMichael

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PROGRAM LAST WEEK

by: Jason Price



Following an introduction by **Barbara Morgan**, fellow Rotarian, **Doug Rabold**, presented the Club with the history and overall vision of Aiken's cherished Hitchcock Woods and the Hitchcock Woods Foundation.

Once owned by famed equestrians and philanthropists Thomas and Louise Hitchcock, the Hitchcock Woods has retained its natural character and cultural heritage through the

1939 establishment of the Hitchcock Woods Foundation. The Foundation's mission is to protect and preserve the Woods in a natural and ecological healthy state, maintain and manage historic and traditional equestrian and pedestrian uses, and foster education and research on the history and resources of the Woods.

Hitchcock Woods is comprised of 2100 acres, 70 miles of sandy trails, and 7 formal entrances. Although the Hitchcock Woods is among the largest urban forests in the nation, the Woods, arguably, holds distinction of being the largest privately owned urban forest in the nation. Many generations of Aiken's families and visitors have taken great pleasure in visiting the Hitchcock Woods and the Foundation is committed to ensuring that future generations will enjoy the same benefits.



EVERY COIN COUNTS

PROGRAM TODAY

Ralph Courtney

DIRECTOR OF TRI-
DEVELOPMENT CENTER

FUTURE PROGRAMS

MAR 18	Mike Pereyo: District International Projects Report
MAR 25	Dr. Harris Pastides: President of University of South Carolina System
APR 1	Jamie Turner: Executive Director, Savannah River Cancer Foundation

BIRTHDAYS

3/14	Tom Hallman
3/18	Barry Adams
3/19	Chuck Maxwell

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3/11	Amy Winn & Jack Swihart
3/13	Bob & Rose Ann Pistole
3/13	Melody & Sean Rick
3/18	Bill & Janice Howell
3/20	Bill & Linda Webb

CLUB MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

3/11	Joe Shields (2006)
3/12	Ben Reeves (2012)
3/13	David Jameson (2006)
3/15	Wayland Lamar (2010)
3/15	Brian Bernard (2010)
3/17	Bill Shreck (2008)
3/17	Josh Stewart (2008)
3/19	Mallory Holley (2012)
3/19	KT Ruthven (2012)
3/22	Clayton Quattlebaum (2004)

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HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

TEN YEARS AGO - MARCH 2003

Our own Fred Humes spoke to our Club on 24 March 2003 and was headlined as our guest speaker speaking on Economic Development. In the "Gear" of 24 March it stated that Dr. Larry Brede had spoken on the 17th. And then for the next two weeks the write up of what Dr. Brede had said was reported twice instead of what Fred had said even though the second report was a duplication of what Dr. Brede had said and even though it was entitled as Fred's remarks. (Confused)? Well, anyway, we know that Fred spoke on Economic Development Partnership and we know that he has always done a great job of helping bring industry to our area.

OUR PAST - FROM "THE GEAR" MARCH 1993

We brought in several new members into our Club in March 1993. They were Jeffrey Hicks, William Nock, Michael Schoener, Harold Peck and Neal Flowers. These Rotarians are no longer members for one reason or another. (However, in 1993, twenty years ago, two other Rotarians who joined our Club are still with us: Peggy Ford and Fred Andrea--even though it is most unusual for a Baptist preacher to stay in one place for 20 years.)

HISTORICAL TIDBITS FROM MARCH 1983

From our 30 year old "GEAR" of March 1983 we find these tidbits: Student Guest from St. Angela High School (Yes, newcomer folks, we once did have an excellent Catholic High School in Aiken); Winthrop College extended an invitation to all Rotary fathers to attend its Father-Daughter Day (Now that once all female college has more male students than female); and a California court found that Rotary is not a "business establishment" and did not have to admit women. (Well, well- once).

MEET MARCH'S STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Joe Shields introduced **Rachel Beeson**, our South Aiken High student guest for March.

Rachel is the daughter of Dwight and Michelle Mexcur. Mr. Mexcur works for the Salvation Army and Mrs. Mexcur is the Laboratory Manager at Aiken Regional.



Barbara Strack introduced **Sawyer Berry**, our Aiken High student guest for March. Sawyer is the

son of Dwayne and Kim Berry. Mr. Berry works at SRS and Mrs. Berry is a homemaker. Sawyer is ranked 5th in his class and his interests are in art and designing. He plans to pursue a career in Industrial Engineering.



Sharon Rodgers introduced **Ashley Nelson**, our Mead Hall student guest for March. Ashley is the

daughter of Matthew and Patti Nelson. Both parents are employed at SRNS. Ashley is ranked 1st in her class and she holds a 4.6612 GPA. Ashley plans to attend UCLA and major in Film.

JOHN MCMICHAEL: CLASSIFICATION

By: Jason Price



Last week, **John McMichael** gave the classification talk. His classification is Fire and Casualty Insurance. John, who currently works at Hudson-Etheridge Companies, is an Aiken native and graduated from

Aiken High in 1964. He said that he did not have the luxury of earning GPAs like "3.9" like our current Rotary students of the month, because courses were evaluated on a pass/fail basis. He graduated from USC-Columbia in Broadcast Journalism and worked Myrtle Beach for two years before transitioning over to the insurance industry, which he has been working in for the past 39 years.

He began his career at Continental Insurance Company, working in various areas such as Risk Management, Claims and Underwriting. He also volunteered to work in other areas in the industry, which he claims got him into lots of trouble. John's willingness to go beyond his work obligations led him to the catastrophe division in his company, which enabled him to make significant impact in people's lives throughout the nation.