

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Mallory Holley
4-Way Test—*next week* – Will Williams
Program—Sandra Jordan
Mar. Invocation—Ted Felder
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

Mike Pereyo	Speaker
Rachel Beeson	Student guest
Sawyer Berry	Student guest
Ashley Nelson	Student guest
Rob Novitt	visiting from Sunrise Club
Rich Waugh	visiting from Sunrise Club
Bill Rodgers	guest of Grant Wiseman
Harry Sampson	guest of Van Smith
Debbie Krajewski	guest of Jeff Howell

MAKE-UPS

Scott Hunter	eClubOne 3/11
Richard Holley	Club Service 3.11



PROJECT 1: BOOKS FOR SCHOOL THAT WAS DAMAGED BY A VOLCANO IN PACAYA

After a volcano erupted and destroyed much of the school and supplies, our local clubs stepped up and replaced many of the books.

PROJECT 2: MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

Instead of money, the local clubs collected wheelchairs, crutches, and walkers. One and a half cargo containers were shipped to Guatemala with the new supplies.

PROJECT 3: SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

Area clubs raised \$700 dollars and the district matched that with another \$700. This allowed the school to buy school material for the students. The next project will likely fund computers (two have already been collected).

PROJECT 4: BOOKS AND MATERIALS FOR ESCUELA OFICIAL DE PAZYULOS CONCEPCION DE CEDRO

Our area clubs helped this school, burned by the volcano, by raising \$800 and asking the district to match that donation with another \$800. The \$1600 bought books & materials for a year. This effort also resulted in repainting the school with donated paint as well as seeing that two bathrooms were installed with toilets.



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PROGRAM LAST WEEK

by: Catie Rabun



Lyn Kenny introduced our speaker last week, but first gave background on the committees that allowed the projects that were the topic of his discussion to happen. Lyn is the Chair for the Area International Committee. Each club in our Area, which includes Twin City, Batesburg Leesville, North Augusta, Sunrise, and Aiken, also has an International Committee. **Chuck Munns** is the head of our committee and **Mike Pereyo**,

who was our speaker last week, chairs North Augusta's committee.

Mike was born in Puerto Rico. He is married with children, and now grandchildren. He was instrumental in heading up efforts in our area that resulted in the completion of four mission projects in Guatemala that were all funded by money raised by our area clubs.

The projects are described on the back of this issue of *The Gear*, and they are all representative of this year's theme: *Peace Through Service*.

PROGRAM TODAY

Dr. Harris Pastides

PRESIDENT: UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH CAROLINA SYSTEM

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- APR 1 **Jamie Turner:** Executive Director,
Savannah River Cancer Foundation
- APR 8 **Larry Comegys:** Aiken Land
Conservancy
- APR 15 **Club Assembly:** FaceTime meeting
with Kadikoy Rotary Kulubu, Istanbul,
Turkey

BIRTHDAYS

- 3/25 Del Hickey
3/25 Matthew Herpich
3/26 Richard Holley
3/26 Jason Price
3/28 Scott Hunter
3/30 Doug Rabold

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/27 Tony & Rosa Distefano
3/29 Richard & Helen Church

CLUB MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/28 Andrew Siders (2005)
3/28 Joe Spencer (2011)
3/28 Barry Adams (2005)
3/30 Richard Garcia (2009)

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HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

TEN YEARS AGO-MARCH 2003

We were congratulating a new member of one year on the birth of his son in March 2003. Chad Matthews, and wife Chrissa (who at that time was not a member but joined in 2010) were the proud parents of Hayes, who had arrived kicking and screaming. (Well, now, 10 years later, we ask Chad and Crissa if that ten year old ever used that Rotary baby spoon that was presented to him to commemorate the birth).

FROM "THE GEAR" MARCH 1993

A few cases of poliomyelitis were reported in the Netherlands from people who had not been vaccinated in our Polio Plus campaign. To date (2013) almost the whole world of children have been vaccinated through Rotary's Polio Plus campaign.

HISTORICAL NOTES AND FACTS

Singing was a part of all our meetings in March 1983. Nat Stetson and Roland Windham were our song leaders and Martha Cathcart was our pianist. Some of the songs that were sung in March 1983 was a "rousing rendition" of "Smiles" and of course on St. Patrick's day we sang with enthusiasm "My Wild Irish Rose."

UPDATE ON MARCH'S STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Joe Shields again introduced **Rachel Beeson**, our South Aiken High

student guest for March. Rachel is involved with Campus Clean-up, Stand-Up, and LGBT Alliance. She is a National Honor Society member, a National Merit finalist, on the Academic team, and is a drama enthusiast.



Barbara Strack introduced to the club once more, **Sawyer Berry**, our

Aiken High student guest for March. Sawyer is 5th in his class. He works at the Bowling Alley, and will likely have an update this about a Washington DC trip he was scheduled to take over the weekend.



Sharon Rodgers introduced **Ashley Nelson**, our Mead Hall student guest

for March. Ashley is 1st in her class, she was recently accepted into two schools in California, UC Davis and UC Santa Cruz, and plans to major in Film.

CLASSIFICATION: GARY STOOKSBURY



Gary Stooksbury was our Classification Speaker last week. Gary is the CEO of Aiken Electric Cooperative. He attended the University of Tennessee. Gary and his wife of 31 years, Kathy, moved to

Aiken in 1995. Kathy is a schoolteacher and his two children, Brandon and Courtney, are graduates of South Aiken High School and the University of Tennessee. Gary's hobbies include being a University of Tennessee Sports Fan, deer hunting, bass fishing, and bow hunting.

LIZ STEWART: NEW DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Rick Waugh, of the Sunrise Rotary Club, announced last week that **Liz Stewart** has been selected as the

next District Governor for Area 8. Her three-year term will begin July 2013.