

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Ahmed Samaha
4-Way Test—*next week* – Regena Brackett
Program— John McMichael, Liz Neal
Apr. Invocation— Liz Neal
Apr. Greeters — Carlos Milanes
Apr. Student Hosts— TBA
Apr. Student Guests— TBA

GUESTS

Gene Hart	Speaker
Holly Petersen	Student guest
Katie Rogers	Student guest
Matthew Squires	Student guest
Charlie Hartz	guest of John McMichael
Melissa Petersen	Student parent
Lane Rogers	Student parent
Kathy Rogers	Student parent
David Squires	Student parent
Bonnie Squires	Student parent
Rich Waugh	Visiting: Aiken Sunrise

MAKE-UPS

John McMichael	Club Service 3/23
John Lindsay	Club Service 3/16
Dean Sackett	eClubOne 3/16
Del Hickey	Club Service 3/16, 3/22

NEW MEMBER INDUCTED

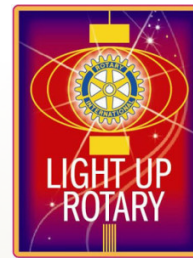


Last week, the Rotary Club of Aiken welcomed new member Keyatta Priester, sponsored by President Barbara Morgan. Keyatta's classification is Electrical Services-Cooperative. Keyatta has worked for Aiken Electric Cooperative since 2000.

The Rotary Club of Aiken welcomes you Keyatta!

RED BADGE PROGRAM GRADUATE

Camille Furgiuele graduated from the Red Badge Program and received her permanent Blue Badge during last week's meeting. The Red Badge Program was instated as an introductory course for new members and offers opportunities for new members to get involved and learn about Rotary International, their fellow Rotarians, committees, service projects, and much more.



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Ron Parker (2017)

Grant Wiseman (2017)

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PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By Dave Tavernier



Last week's speaker Mr. Gene Hart, Director of Operations Dumpster Depot, was introduced by his wife and Aiken Rotarian, Jennifer Hart. Gene is a member of Leadership Aiken County's Class of 2014 – 2015 and he spoke about both Leadership Aiken's purpose and his class project in

supporting Helping Hands, a social services organization that provides emergency housing for youngsters who are victims of abuse, abandonment and/or neglect.

Leadership Aiken County serves to identify and motivate new, local, leaders to respond to societal and economic needs of the community. As part of that training, each LAC class is challenged with creating a project to benefit and improve the community. This year's group, composed of twenty-seven members, chose to provide a service to Helping Hands.

The group plans to donate couches, armchairs, and clothes washers & dryers to the common areas on the Helping Hands campus. Gene spoke about what many of us take for granted in our daily lives is not the case for so many children who come into the care of Helping Hands. It is his LAC class's goal to help improve the living environment for those who are so disadvantaged, and come into Helping Hands care.

PROGRAM TODAY

LISA TINDAL

NURTURE HOME: RESTORING HOPE, ENDING HOMELESSNESS FOR MOTHERS & CHILDREN

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- APR 13 Jason Goings; Aiken County Treasurer
- APR 20 Vance Reynolds; Meet Aiken Regional's New CEO
- APR 27 Janice Hoffman; Aiken County Helpline 2-1-1

BIRTHDAYS

- 4/10 Raymond Mizell
- 4/11 John Girardeau
- 4/12 Gary Stooksbury
- 4/12 Cindy Meares

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/6 Carlos Milanes (2009)
- 4/8 Bill Rodgers (2013)
- 4/12 Lee Boyleston (2010)



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

TEN YEARS AGO - APRIL 2005

We were honoring our Club's longest serving Rotarian in April of 2005. We even printed a copy of his original membership card issued in 1946 in our "Rotary Gear". Yep, Clint Foster, from Nyack, NY was 92 back in April 2005. Clint joined our Club in 1975 and was a faithful member until he passed away. Clint Foster served as President of his Nyack Club when he lived there before moving to Aiken.

OUR PAST - "THE GEAR" APRIL 1995

We were hearing from our District Governor, Clarence Burman, on the success and dedication of District 7750's medical clinic in Kenya. Most clubs in our District contributed to this international project sponsored by the Rotary clubs of our District. The Liyavo Medical clinic provided health care and medical services for that community and surrounding areas. Our Club had contributed \$400 under the presidency of Bill Tucker. One great aspect of Rotary International is that it promotes improvements and special projects throughout the world. The International Committee of our Club is charged with the task of recommending to our Club projects that will benefit mankind in other parts of the globe.

HISTORICAL NOTES AND FACTS

Several members of our Club were growing beards in April of 1985. This was for participation in the year-long events scheduled for the 150th celebration of the founding of Aiken in 1835. It was a grand affair (anyone remember it)? There were parades, picnics at the Museum, and costume dress up affairs. One of the best beards and dress was our own Wade Brodie!

MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Standing in for Grant Wiseman, Sam McGill

introduced South Aiken High School student, Katie Rogers, to the club for the final time last week. Katie addressed the club. She said she is thankful for the opportunity to join our club for the month. She enjoyed the programs and identifies with Rotary's dedication to service as she has been a Girl Scout for 13 years and completed many service projects through that program.



Regena Brackett introduced Aiken High

School Student, Matthew Squires, to the club again last week before Matthew addressed the club. He thanked the Rotary Club of Aiken for the opportunity and prepared a piece to play on the flute for the club.

QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP REPORT JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 2015

By Doug Rabold

What a quarter it has been, with the induction of nine new members! As usual, however, our Club also experienced some member attrition. We lost five members during the same period. At the end of the quarter, we enjoyed a net gain of four members, bringing our total Club membership to an all-time record of 183!

New Members (and Sponsors)

Please go out of your way to personally welcome, and welcome again:

- Gil Allensworth (Will Williams)
- Ted Cummings (Judy Chun)
- Phillip Dunn (John McMichael)
- Bob Forrest (Judy Chun)
- Bill Inman (Gary Stooksbury)
- Keyatta Priester (Barbara Morgan)
- Jason Rabun (Bill Tucker)
- Diana Riddick (Judy Chun)
- Ahmed Samaha (Liz Stewart)

Resigned Members (and Year Inducted)

Please acknowledge these transitions:

- Bob Bigger (2007) – Took a new job in Augusta
- Tami Burke (2009) – Took a new job at SRS
- James Goodman (2014) – Deceased
- Clifton Jones (2012) – Relocated for a job in Texas
- Lynn Shepard (2009) – Personal