

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Bill Taylor
4-Way Test—*next week* – Scott Neely
Program—Betty Ryberg
May Invocation— Amy Winn
May Greeters — Teresa Haas and Paul Durban
May Student Hosts— Joe Shields, Rakesh Jasani,
Ralph Courtney
May Student Guests— Allison Kekacs, De’Arrial
Behling, Stefan Zotovic

GUESTS

Mike Hitchcock	Speaker
De’Arrial Behling	Student guest
Stefan Zotovic	Student guest
Allison Kekacs	Student guest
Greg Ryberg	guest of Betty Ryberg
Ed Giobbe	guest of Bob Newburn
Jeff Baumgardner	guest of Bob Forest
Danny Vavat	guest of Betty Ryberg
John Klimm	guest of Philip Merry
Rep Bill Clyburn	guest of Betty Ryberg

MAKE-UPS

Brenda Stein	Club Service 4/27
Bud Coward	Aiken Rotary-Sunrise 4/16
Dean Sackett	Club Service 4/27
John McMichael	Club Service 4/27
Vicki Bukovitz	Club Service 4/13, 4/20

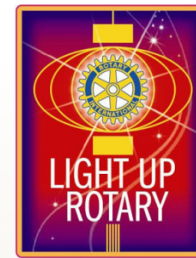
THE TERRIFIC “88s”

By Stan Smith



In the late 1940s one of the hottest production line vehicles on the market was the Oldsmobile 88. Appropriately called the Rocket 88 due to its “get up and go”, it may have had better acceleration than all competitors. Reportedly, the dealer would offer to put a large bill (\$\$\$) in the front seat and the prospective buyer in the back. When the accelerator was pressed, the buyer was to overcome the car’s acceleration and reach the money before the car reached 30 to 40 miles per hour. If he did, he could keep the money. The word on the street was the Olds always won. But these aren’t the terrific “88s” we want to discuss.

The recent addition of birth year to our club database points out that we have or will have four 88s of our own before year’s end. It is fitting we recognize them for their accomplishments in life and for their Rotary service. Over the next few weeks we will highlight them individually and give you the opportunity to know them better. Do you know who they are? Give them a special greeting as we honor our own 88s.



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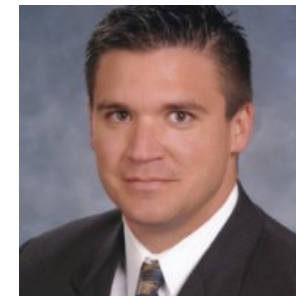
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PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By Karen Guevara



Rotarian Betty Ryberg introduced speaker Mike Hitchcock, Executive Director of the South Carolina Retirement System Investment Commission. The Commission invests and manages the \$29.8 Billion

retirement assets for over 500,000 state workers, police officers, National Guard, General Assembly and judges/solicitors. The seven-member Commission, chaired by a Governor appointee, consists of representatives from various state offices, plus a retiree representative. The Commission’s goal is to invest employee contributions in various public and private markets to earn a sufficient rate of return to sustainably pay benefits to current and future retirees. The Commission votes annually on overall asset allocation, balancing risk and return, especially for illiquid assets that cannot be sold quickly.

PROGRAM TODAY

TOM LEX

BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(BPAC)

FUTURE PROGRAMS

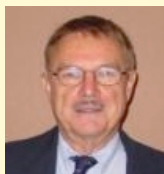
MAY 18 Rotary Scholarship Awards
MAY 25 **NO MEETING:
MEMORIAL DAY**
JUN 1 Dr. Paul Newsome,
University of South Carolina
Aiken; Young Entrepreneurs
Academy Update

BIRTHDAYS

5/11 Fred Humes
5/11 Leonard Browder
5/12 Richard Herring
5/16 Susan Winsor
5/16 Greg Paschal
5/17 Thomas Hofstetter

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

5/13 Jim Wetzel (2002)
5/14 Betty Ryberg (2007)
5/16 Jane Page Thompson (2011)



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

10 MAY (CMD)?

It was announced and also listed in our "Gear" last week that we would not meet on Monday 25, as that is a Memorial Day holiday. We are not sure when our Rotary Club started observing that day, but our oldest bound volume (1972) indicates we did observe it in that year. Our oldest directory (1966) did not have a meeting days calendar in the back like we have now in our current directories, so we can't say when our Rotary Club started observing the national Memorial Day holiday. We, however, in this area, have not always observed a Memorial Day holiday the last day or the last Monday in May. As a youngster (LOL) recalling schools and business closings, and special programs, one remembers sometimes a state holiday observance on 10 May (CMD).

The local newspapers and radios in the late '30s and mid 1940's reminded us on that date, 10 May 1865, J. Davis was captured, and that two years earlier, on 10 May 1863, S. Jackson was killed in battle at approximately 10 AM. Hence, 10 May for CMD. After all, history relates that Memorial Day got started in the northern tier, in the late 1800's, as a day set aside to decorate the graves of the Union dead. Hence, only in latter years, did the southern tier finally adopt the national Memorial Day holiday rather than observe a memorial day on 10 May (CMD).

On yesterday, 10 May, was there a pause--briefly--as had been done in yesteryears?

MEET MAY'S STUDENTS-OF-THE-MONTH

By Karen Guevara

Rotarians introduced three new Student Guests for the Month of May from area High Schools.

Rotarian Ralph Courtney introduced Aiken High's Allison Kekacs. Allison holds a 4.819 GPA and plans to attend the College of Charleston, majoring in Economics and Political Science.

Rotarian Carla Cloud introduced Aiken Performing Arts Academy's De'Arrial Behling. De'Arrial ranks 3rd in her class and enjoys decorating, designing, and singing. She hopes to pursue studies in patient care and nursing.

Rotarian Rakesh Jasani introduced South Aiken High's Stefan Zotovic. Rakesh has coached Stefan and his twin in tennis, both of whom have competed for State Championships. Stefan ranks #2 in his class of 292, and plans to study Mathematics. He is a recipient of the CSRA Tuition Scholarship.

Rotarian Buzz Rich was acknowledged with a Paul Harris "Plus 1" pin. The Paul Harris Fellow award is bestowed upon those who have given \$1,000 to the Rotary International Foundation (it is named after the founder of Rotary, Paul Harris). Buzz is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, having contributed an additional \$1,000 to the Foundation to support international and domestic service projects and disease eradication.

Rotarian Ahmed Samaha received his permanent Blue Badge, having completed the Club's Red Badge program. This program requires new members to attend a Board of Directors meeting, serve as a Greeter, participate in a Club activity beyond just attending routine lunch meetings, present a Classification Talk, visit with a Past President or a board member for six Club meetings, and review the PowerPoint Orientation to the Rotary Club of Aiken.

We picked up 8 bags of trash, which equals 120 pounds on Saturday (05/09/15). We had 15 total volunteers with 9 from Rotary and 2 from Interact Club and 4 volunteer guests. We are scheduled for our next pick up again on **August 1, 2015**.

In addition, John Lindsay helped with sign placement and with taking photos.

Rotary Member Participation on 05/09/15:
Ross Culligan, Phil Winsor, Phillip Merry, Joe Lewis, Cindy Meares, Barbara Morgan, Karen Bowles, Rick McLeod, and Will Williams

Interact Member Participation on 05/09/15:
Jacob Sargent, Lauren Grimm