

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Chrissa Mathews
4-Way Test—*next meeting* – Tom Calhoun
Program— Dr. Susan Winsor
Sep. Invocation— Judy Chun
Sep. Greeters — Brian Bernard and Ruth Alexander
Sep. Students — Sophia Nance (AHS), Alonzo Hay (SAHS)
Sep. Student Hosts — Buzz Rich, Jennifer Hart

GUESTS

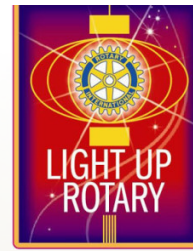
Merry Glenne Piccolino	Speaker
Keith Liner	Speaker
Sophie Nance	Student
Alonzo Hay	Student
Diana Riddick	guest of Judy Chun
Chris Dickson	guest of Joe Lewis
Dickey Boardman	guest of Leighton McLendon
Mike O'Donnell	guest of Jeremy O'Donnell
Debbie O'Donnell	guest of Jeremy O'Donnell
Larry Wood	guest of Rob Novit
Susan Fenske	visiting Denver Sky High Club

MAKE-UPS

Ron Wheeler	Aiken Noon 9/29
Brenda Stein	Club Service 9/5

RED BADGE PROGRAM GRADUATE: JEREMY O'DONNELL

Last week, new Rotarian Jeremy O'Donnell, received his Blue Badge after completing the Red Badge Program requirements. Jeremy has participated in the Rotary Readers program, has offered financial advice to the Rotary Club of Aiken, benefited by sitting with past presidents, gave a classification talk, and has served as a greeter. Congratulations, Jeremy!



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Liz Neal (2016)
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PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Meredith Cook



At Monday's meeting, Beth Everitt introduced our two speakers, Merry Glenne Piccolino, the new public information officer for Aiken County Schools, and Keith Liner, a school board member and engineer at SRS.

Merry has been on the job 70 days is already passionate about Aiken County schools. Not only does she see the dedication and successes of our students, teachers, and schools, she is keenly aware of the challenges that lie ahead.

Keith spoke to the specifics of the 1% tax that is coming to our ballots on November 4th and discussed the affects of the tax on the residents Aiken County as well as what it will mean for the future of our schools. the tax is approved in November, Aiken High School, North Augusta High School, Ridge Spring Monetta, and Leaville-McCambell will all be rebuilt 2014. Additionally, classrooms will be added to the Aiken County Technology Center. If the tax does not pass, Ridge Spring Monetta and Leaville-McCambell are the only two schools that will rebuilt in the next decade.

Merry and Keith encouraged our club to get out and vote on November 4th - mark your calendar!

CART



EVERY COIN
COUNTS

PROGRAM TODAY

MINDY METS NUCLEAR WORKFORCE INITIATIVE

FUTURE PROGRAMS

OCT 6 Business Field Trip: MTU in Sage Mill Industrial Park—SEE BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION

OCT 13 **NO MEETING: COLUMBUS DAY**
OCT 20 TBA

BIRTHDAYS

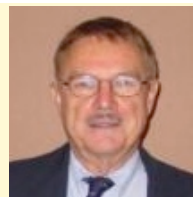
9/29 Richard Church
10/2 Mike McNeill
10/2 Tommy McCullough

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

9/30 Cindy Meares (2002)

MTU FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

SIGN UP TODAY!! We need a head count for the field trip by the end of the week. Because of security we have to provide MTU a list of the names and addresses of all the Rotarians who are going **and** each Rotarian making the trip will need to bring a Drivers License or another form of photo ID to be used as we are checked in at the facility. Lunch is being provided at MTU by Newberry Hall. Visitor parking at MTU is limited! We have use of the North Augusta H2 Bus (38 seats) but will make further arrangements for transportation if necessary.



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

TEN YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 2004

In our “Gear” of September 2004 we were reporting, with photographs, our booth that was set up at Aiken's Makin'. Pictured manning our booth was then Rotarian Dick Witter. Dick is no longer a member of our Club so we have no first hand account from him as to what we did or exhibited. (Does anyone who may have manned the booth also remember what we did or showed)?

HISTORICAL NOTES & FACTS

Two week ago in our “Gear” we noted a first for the Club: That two Rotarians who both joined in 1994 got married later while in the Club (Kathy Noble and Tom Abbot). A couple of you asked what were some other firsts in our Club. Listed here are some other firsts or other anomalies in our Club:

- First female member: 1988-June Murf
- First woman President: 1996-97 Jane Boston
- First meeting place: Commercial Hotel (Now Hotel Aiken)-1939
- First meeting of the Club: February 1939
- First female to give birth while a member: Margaret Key-1995
- First Afro-American member: 1976-James Taylor
- First District Governor from Club: 1963-64-Audley Ward
- Oldest Directory in series: 1968
- First Group Study Exchange: 1975
- First move to another meeting place after 36 years: 1975
- First Ladies’ Night: Sept. 1939
- Start of Student Loan Fund: 1948 with \$500
- Oldest surviving “Gear”: December 1953
- First 100% attendance at meeting: Oct. 1939 (17)
- First benefit golf tournament: 1973
- First Paul Harris Fellow: 1976-Albert George
- Lost last charter member: 1984-Jack. Parker
- First mention in “Rotarian” magazine: 1998-Photo on Habitat House
- First 50 Year 100% attendance member: Wade Brodie-Joined 1961
- Broke 100 membership for first time: 1978
- First Directory with pictures: 1989
- Shortest Presidential Term: 1 month-July 1977-Herb Gladden
- First President: 1939-Benjamin King
- First Father-Daughter Rotarians: Julian Salley, Sara Wood
- First Three Generation Rotarians: George Townes Sr. and Jr. and Mike Townes

SEPTEMBER’S STUDENT-OF-THE-MONTH



Buzz Rich introduced Aiken High’s

Rotary Student of the Month, Sophia Nance, again last week. Sophia is an AP student and ranked #1 in her class. She attends St. John’s Methodist Church, is the President of the Student Body, a member of the National Honor Society, amongst other things. In her free time, she likes reading, playing tennis and hiking.



Jennifer Hart introduced South Aiken High

School’s Student of the Month, Alonzo Hay. Alonzo has a passion for theater and won Best Supporting Actor two years in a row at the USCA Garcia Festival. He also spends time volunteering for Relay for Life, Make-a-Wish, and the Boys and Girls Club. Alonzo also enjoys playing basketball.

DICTIONARY PROJECT

On October 18, the Rotary Club of Aiken will be boxing up dictionaries to be sent to children at local schools. Molly Jone has a sign up sheet for the meeting today. Sign up if you haven’t already.

MENTORING TOUCH A LIFE

Last week, Fred Kelsven handed out the 2014 *Mentoring Touch a Life Guidebook*. This is the 9th year for this countywide mentor program. If you have any additional questions please email Fred: fredandannr@gforble.com.