

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test— January
1/28 Karen Poteat

4-Way Test— February
2/4 Bob Byrne
2/11 Karen Poteat
2/18 NO MEETING
2/25 Bob Byrne

February Greeters-
Chrissa Matthews & Peggy Ford

Guest-

Sammy Crawford	AHS
Ryan Conner	SAHS
Jared Keklak	AHS
Tyneisha Brailzen	Betty Ryberg
Mark Blades	APS
Pierce Buckingham	Rachel L. d'Entremont
Anthony Wise	Scott Neely
Megan Mueller	Kurt Mueller

Margarita Make-Ups

The Willcox

5:15 pm - 6:15pm

Last Wednesday of each month

2018-2019

1/30, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24, 5/29,

6/26

Remember to turn-in your Make-up to the Sergeant-at-Arms You don't need a make-up!! Just come spend time with fellow Rotarians



Cart fund update
January 14th we
received \$101.00



USC AIKEN CAREER CLOSET

WHY DONATE?	HOW CAN YOU HELP?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help others be prepared for the interview process. Encourage students and boost their confidence. Educate students on proper business attire. Get others motivated for career planning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring current fashion clothing. Set aside any gently used, clean clothing to donate. Men/Women <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business suits • Button up shirts • Slacks • Ties • Closed toe shoes

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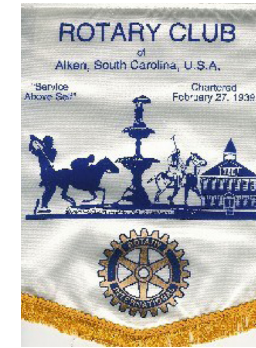


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PROGRAM LAST WEEK by John Lindsay



Describing the merger of Dominion Energy and SCANA as the “most complicated transaction ever seen”, Dan Weekly, Vice President of Southern Operations for Dominion Energy, returned to the Aiken Rotary Club to outline the impacts of the merger agreement fashioned after extensive legislative and regulatory attention. Weekly recalled that after the July, 2017 announcement that construction of the two new nuclear generating facilities in South Carolina was to be discontinued, “everybody was mad.” The initial Dominion merger proposal to refund approximately \$1000.00 to each typical residential customer gained critical statewide attention.

Extensive legislative and regulatory hearings narrowed the focus to “refunds verses rates”. While refunds were appealing to many residents, it became clear that reduction in electricity and natural gas rates promised the best return for the long-term interests of South Carolina residents and industry. Without the significant 15% reduction created by the merger, South Carolina could not be competitive with the energy rates in the neighboring states of North Carolina, Georgia and Florida causing a long term-negative economic development impact. The state made the right decision, he said. The Dominion Energy executive said the 15% rate reduction will result in reduced monthly energy bills for average household usage. Weekly says Dominion has much to learn from the quality of SCANA day-to-day operations and that signs of change can be expected soon.

PROGRAM TODAY

Charlotte Wiedenman
Robert Stack
Historic Aiken Foundation

FUTURE PROGRAMS

February Theme

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

2/4	Chad Leverette	Flavoring food
2/11	Hartley Powell	Dir of Revenue
2/18	NO MEETING	
2/25	Vahid Majidi	SRNL

BIRTHDAYS

Joe Lewis	28 January
John Lindsay	31 January

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas Hofstetter	01/31/00
Ernie Allen	02/01/84
Stephen Surasky	02/01/87

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



ROBERT B. KENT

Classification:

Marketing-Sales, Incentives

Date of Induction: 09/17/2012



CLAY KILLIAN

Classification:

Government-County

Date of Induction: 06/24/2002

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

10 YEARS AGO - JANUARY 2009

2009 marked the 50th anniversary of the Student Loan/Scholarship Fund, Rotary Club of Aiken. For 50 years, Rotarians and non Rotarians have contributed to the fund with the understanding that their contribution would be used exclusively to assist local high school seniors obtain a college education. That year the Fund allowed the Fund Committee to award \$15,000 in scholarships.



The Sergeant at Arms thought they would “pull one” by adding a chair to one of the more popular tables. That table remains very popular to this day and sometimes has even more than 9 chairs around it!

Marti Healy presented to the Club her book “Antiques in the Heart of Aiken” which is a historical guide and fundraising effort to benefit the Aiken Center for the Arts. She gave a brief history of the Aiken Center for the Arts which was founded in 1972 by artists Pat Koelker and Nancy Wilds at the Rose Hill Estate and called the Rose Hill Arts Center. In 1993, the Center moved to its current location on Laurens Street and was renamed Aiken Center for the Arts. This year marks the 20th year of the Aiken Antique show which runs January 31st - February 3rd.

20 Years Ago - January 1999

Aiken Rotarians Scott Hunter, Rick Osbon and Barbara Strack were involved with the opening of a free medical clinic sponsored by Area Churches Together Serving (ACTS). The Acts of Caring Clinic opened for business in December 1998 with the mission to serve the medically indigent residents of Aiken County. It is now the Community Medical Clinic of Aiken County with Rotarian Jamie Mothkovich as the Executive Director.

Our newest member in January of 1999 was Roger Le Duc, who had just recently been appointed as City Manager. Roger served as Aiken’s Director of Public Works and Economic Development for 12 years before becoming City Manager. He served our city for almost 25 years. He was also the first recipient of the coveted Richard Pearce Truly Great American Award!

Our Past from The Gear - January 1989

We welcomed our second woman into the Aiken Rotary Club, Ruth Alexander. Congratulations Ruth on 30 years of service to the Aiken Rotary Club!