#### **CLUB SERVICE**

### 4-Way Test— April

4/8 Ahmed Samaha 4/15 Kim Abney 4/22 Corey Feraldi 4/29 Ahmed Samaha

### April Greeters- Betty Ryberg & Liz Neal

#### **Guest-**

Lvdia Terizzi South Aiken **Robert Morris** Aiken High

Caleb Levertt South Aiken Baptist

Sam Johnson Mead Hall

Joe O'Connor APS Sabrona Skiff

Aiken High **Buzz Rich** Herb Mattocks

Margaret Key Matilda Hill

Hollis Gunn

Mary Allen Tim McClendon

Rev. Butch Blackwell William McCartney

**Buzz Rich** 



5:15 pm - 6:15pm

Last Wednesday of each month

2018-2019

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



Rotaract is collecting items for Easter baskets to be delivered to Children's Hospital. Possible nonfood items include stickers. stuffed animals, pencils, playing cards, markers, crayons and socks. The goal is 25 baskets.



Cart fund update April 1 we **CART Buckets: \$206 CART Memory Monday** Auction: \$725



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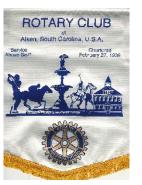
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# PROGRAM LAST WEEK by Jim Mara



On April 1, the Rotary Club of Aiken was visited by a group of dapper and polite young men from the Aiken Middle School Invictus Club. Betty Ryberg welcomed Aiken Middle principal Scott Floyd who summarized the inception and activities of the club. Principal Floyd arrived at Aiken Middle in January 2016 and was approached by Rev. Douglas Slaughter about forming a club to unite and lift-up young men attending the school. Their collaborations led to the creation of the Invictus Club. The club meets every morning for about 30 minutes at the beginning of the school day. Mr. Floyd will be starting at Schofield Middle School in the fall and plans to establish a second Invictus Club at Schofield.

The Invictus Club aims to instill leadership, discipline, responsibility,

and comradery in the young men and the Aiken Rotary Club was able to witness this in action! The Invictus Club members provided a spirited program that demonstrated the young men's beliefs and self-confidence. The program began with the students reciting in unison the poem "Invictus" by William Ernest Henley. The students then performed choreographed routines that demonstrated their determination and unity. Members introduced themselves and exclaimed "I am who I am"! Principal Floyd introduced club members Travaris, Michael, Dabyus and Alex and these young men confidently told us "What Invictus means to me." Mr. Flovd further related the challenges that African American men face in America and challenged Rotary Club members to embrace these young men and help them succeed.

From that we witnessed, these young men exemplified the spirit of the last lines in the Invictus poem "I am the master of my fate: I am the captain of my soul"!

# **PROGRAM TODAY**

Dr. Harris Pastides
USC President

#### **FUTURE PROGRAMS**

#### **April Theme:**

Maternal and Child Health Month
4/15 Civil Air Patrol Chris Medlin
4/22 SC Fire Safety Sheila Kinard
4/29 Project Lifesaver Joseph O'Conor

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Alicia Fitts 09 April Kim Enoch 10 April Raymond Mizell 10 April John Girardeau 11 April Josh Booth 12 April Cindy Meares 12 April Gary Stooksbury 12 April Debbie Eblen 13 April Rhonda Overbey 14 April

#### CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

 Pat Moore
 04/11/16

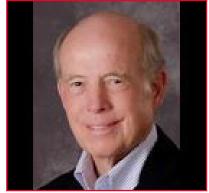
 Keith Wood
 04/11/16

 Lee Boylston
 04/12/10





THOMAS E. McCullough
Classification:
Physician-Internal
Date of Induction: 01/23/2012



LEIGHTON C. McLendon Jr.
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Real Estate-Agent
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