

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – TBD

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Program—Jennifer Hart

Mar. Invocation—Will Williams

Mar. Greeters — Carolyn McClaine and Beth Everitt

Mar. Student Hosts— Grant Wiseman and Sharon Rogers

Mar. Student Guests— Matthew Squires, Holly Petersen, Katie Rogers

GUESTS

Michelle Koval	Student guest
Morgan Keating	Student guest
Caleb Durden	guest of Kay Benitez
Ted Cummings	guest of Judy Chun
Joel Peterson	guest of Joe Shields
Fran Ouellette	Visiting: Lake Shore Serenua
Dan Rickabaugh	Visiting: North Augusta
Rich Waugh	Visiting: Sunrise

MAKE-UPS

John Dangler Aiken Sunrise 2/2

FEBRUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



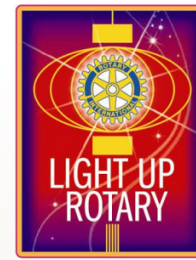
Last week, Regena Martin introduced Aiken High School

Student, Morgan Keating. Morgan will be going on her 6th mission trip to Nicaragua this year to help build a food bank for orphans.



Joe Spencer introduced South Aiken High School Student, Michelle

Koval last week. Michelle volunteers for ACTs, tutors at Chucker Creek, plays in the band, and has been accepted to Clemson University where she will start studies in the fall.



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PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Amy Winn

Rick McLeod chairs the club's environmental highway project and introduced last week's speaker, Sandra Langley. Sandra has served as the Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator for Aiken County for seven years and received the Coordinator of the Year award in 2013. She noted that this recognition is a reflection of Aiken County and hard-working volunteers who are committed to a litter free county.

This program was started in 1988 and, according to Palmetto Pride, has reduced the litter in half. In 2014 the reported pick-ups for Aiken County were 29,805 pounds (equivalent to the weight of seven Ford F-150s) and 331.5 miles (equivalent to walking from Aiken to Orlando). She noted that there are several groups that pick up, but don't report to her. Totals for the year across the state were 1,064,762 pounds, 4,707 miles and 1,904 groups participating.

Enforcement Officers try to combat the litter problem with citations, fines and school presentations that raise awareness on the effects of littering on our neighborhoods and county. There is also a litter pick up crew made up of one county employee and usually three inmates that pick up daily throughout the county. In 2014 they picked up 26,085 pounds over approximately 444 miles.

Sandra thanked Aiken Rotary Club for the 65 volunteers who picked up 795 pounds in 2014.

PROGRAM TODAY

PAT KEATING

RETURN TO LEARN—ADULT EDUCATION

FUTURE PROGRAMS

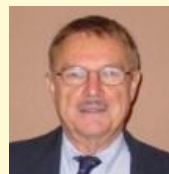
MAR 9	Jim Rhodes; Equine Rescue
MAR 16	Kim Elle; Aiken Augusta Warrior Project
MAR 23	Mallory Holley; Community Medical Clinic

BIRTHDAYS

3/2	Grant Wiseman
3/3	Karen Bowles
3/4	Susan Yarborough
3/6	Mallory Holley
3/7	Bob Hibbard

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

3/3	Judy Chun (2014)
3/3	John Dangler (2014)
3/5	Russ Richardson (2007)
3/5	Geoffrey Magrath (2007)



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

TEN YEARS AGO - 2005

Great change came ten year ago to one of our Rotary programs. Since 1946 we had had a student loan program where we loaned college students money and one year after graduation they would start paying it back at 5% interest. Then in 2005 under the Scholarship committee headed by Bob Pistole and members Garrett Clanton, Kenny Wiland, and Regena Martin the Club voted to change the loan aspect to a scholarship program. Under the program we would award five scholarship for \$2500 each. This practice has continued and our Club is noted each year for the awarding of scholarships.

OUR PAST - "THE GEAR" MAR 1995

Our Club was just coming off its annual banquet in which it helped Rotary International celebrate its 90th Birthday. President elect Richard Pearce did a great job of planning our banquet in which our District 7750 recognized Roland Windham as he received the District Governor's Rotary Foundation Award. Our Club also recognized Unsung Heroes from our community as we had done for years at our annual banquet. The Club also recognized Sara Wood at the banquet for bringing three new members into the Club.

HISTORICAL NOTES AND FACTS

One of our student guests for March 1985 was introduced and was from St. Angela Academy High School where he played football and basketball. (Info for some of our members who may be recent movers into our town, yes we did have a very active and large private religious private high school who could put forth athletic teams. At that time also we had the public high schools with championship athletic teams. Sadly to say St. Angela School closed in the late 80's as it was an academic leader in the Aiken area).

ROTARY SHIRTS FOR SALE

Rotary tee shirts are now for sale. Several versions of the Rotary shirts are available including men's golf shirts, women's golf shirts, and regular tee shirts. These shirts will help Rotarians be easily identifiable at events outside of our regular Monday meetings. Suggested times to wear Rotary shirts: Rotary Readers, map painting days, Pancake Breakfast fundraisers, trash pick-up, during the Guatemala trip, and even at non-Rotary events in an effort to bring awareness to our club.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Rotary Club of Aiken Scholarship application is online. If any Rotarians know of a high school senior who qualifies please notify that student of our \$2,500 scholarship and encourage them to apply through our website:
www.aikenrotary.org.

ROTARY AROUND THE WORLD



The Race for Humanity held at the Mahalaxmi Race Course in Mumbai.

Photo Credit: Courtesy Rotary District 3140

Article: www.rotary.org

Rotary members in India selected a popular racecourse in Mumbai to promote Rotary to the tens of thousands of racing aficionados who gather there daily, raising more than \$350,000 for club service projects in the process.

And between races, spectators at the Mahalaxmi Race Course were also treated to the Rotary members' attempt at a Guinness World Record as 650 members, 75 of them dressed in white and 575 in black, formed the shape of a horse -- with the Rotary wheel as its eye -- on the lawn of the members' area.

District leaders in western India chose the Mahalaxmi Race Course for their Race for Humanity event because it draws people from all segments of Indian society. They reached out to Gulam A. Vahanvaty, a member of the Rotary Club of Bombay who also is a member of a track committee, to facilitate a deal that enabled Rotary clubs to name seven of the eight races run on 23 November after their respective service projects.

Leading up to race day, each club had raised at least \$50,000 for the projects, which support literacy, children's health, and education, among other causes.

More than 6,000 Rotary members attended the Race for Humanity event, and club leaders distributed 1,500 membership kits to race goers. In addition, Rotary colors and flags lined the paths to the complex, banners hung in every available location, and a five-minute Rotary public service video was shown throughout the event as well as on video feeds to other racing sites throughout the country.