

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Regena Brackett
4-Way Test—*next week* – Bill Taylor
Program— Owen Clary
Apr. Invocation— Liz Neal
Apr. Greeters — Carlos Milanes
Apr. Student Hosts— Ahmed Samaha, Ruth Alexander, and Will Williams
Apr. Student Guests— James Carver, Kyle Newman, and Casey Narrows

GUESTS

Lisa Tindal	Speaker
Casey Narrows	Student guest
Mary Ethel Stack	guest of Robert Stack
Bill Fonvielle	guest of Robert Stack
Tony Distefano	guest of Robert Stack
Richard Owen	guest of Dan Zaloudek
Brian Newman	guest of Rob Wheeler
Ashley Moore	guest of Sandra Jordan
Sonya Chandler	guest of Liz Neal
Dan Ridout	guest of Liz Neal
Brian Tucker	guest of Rick McLeod
Emily Scotten	guest of Sharon Rogers
Carloe Sharoff	visiting Gloucester Mass
Hayward Barnes	visiting West Metro
Sharon Johnson	visiting Aiken Sunrise
Rob Novit	visiting Aiken Sunrise

MAKE-UPS

Jason Rabun	eClubOne 3/30
Dean Sackett	Club Service 3/23
Karen Guevara	Aiken Sunrise 3/30

EXCHANGE STUDENTS VISIT THE ROTARY CLUB OF AIKEN



Last week, Rotarians met German exchange students and some of their American hosts. Art Lader, who teaches German at Aiken High School, hosted the group.

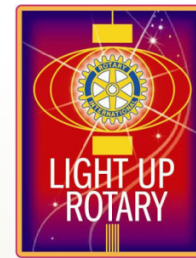
APRIL'S STUDENTS-OF-THE-MONTH

This month, the Rotary Club of Aiken will host three students from local high schools.

Rotarian Ahmed Samaha will host James Carver from Aiken High School, Rotarian Ruth Alexander will host Kyle Neira from South Aiken High School, and Rotarian Will Williams will host Casey Narrows from South Aiken Baptist.

We look forward to getting to know each of them over the next few weeks.

Welcome to Rotary!



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Chair: Richard Holley

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Richard Herring

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PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By Karen Guevara



Rotarian Liz Neal introduced speaker Lisa Tindal from Nurture Home, whose focus is restoring hope and ending homelessness for mothers and children. South Carolina ranks 48th among states in risk that children may become

homeless. Nurture Home provides transitional housing for up to two years for single mothers and their children; it is not an emergency shelter. The three markers of success for these women are 1) improved education and employability, 2) self determination, and 3) stable housing. Since 2009, Aiken's Nurture Home has helped 76 women (aged 17-54) and 91 children (aged 0-16), with an average stay of one year. There is currently a waiting list for spaces. Nurture Home will host a fundraiser on June 12th at the Willcox. More information on their program is available at mha.aiken.org.

PROGRAM TODAY

JASON GOINGS

AIKEN COUNTY TREASURER

FUTURE PROGRAMS

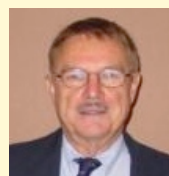
- APR 20 Vance Reynolds; Meet Aiken Regional's New CEO
- APR 27 Janice Hoffman; Aiken County Helpline 2-1-1
- MAY 4 Mike Hitchcock; Executive Director of the SC Retirement System

BIRTHDAYS

- 4/15 Buzz Rich

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/14 Richard Church (2003)
- 4/19 Henry Krippner (1999)



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

TEN YEARS AGO - APRIL 2005

We were putting emphasis on Rotary Foundation as we do several times a year. Our speaker at the Rotary Foundation Day in April 2005 was our former District Governor and member of the Aiken Morning Sunrise Rotary Club, Harriet Skinner. Harriet was an outstanding district governor and was the first female district governor of district 7750. Sadly, shortly afterward, Harriet lost her battle with that dreaded disease.

OUR PAST - "THE GEAR" APRIL 1995

We were preparing for the annual visit of a Rotary exchange Team from Brazil. President Bud Coward and President Elect, Richard Pearce, along with chairperson, Sara Wood, of the Exchange committee were busy making plans and getting homes for the visitors to stay. It was a good group and we sent two exchange persons from Aiken later to Brazil as part of our District's exchange group.

VISITORS COME & GO-AND SOME STAY

The Masters have come and "went!" Many visitors have come and gone to and from our fair city last week (Tried to get a reservation during last week at a local restaurant to celebrate an anniversary-was having to resort to the Juniper in Ridge Spring last Wednesday, but alas, they are closed on Wednesdays)!!! Speaking of visitors last week, we had a visitor in April 1975 during Masters week from Bathurst, Canada. Well, that visitor decided to come back to Aiken and stay. Yep, our own now, Rotarian Ron Wheeler, came back and stayed from that visit in 1975. He later became Club President and then District Governor.

POLIO VACCINE CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY

By Maureen Vaught
Rotary News
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Dr Jonas Salk with one of the first children to receive the vaccine. © WHO

Sunday, April 12, marks 60 years since the Salk polio vaccine was declared safe, effective, and potent. In that time, the number of polio cases has dropped by 99 percent worldwide. With just three countries remaining polio-endemic, we are closer than ever to eradicating this crippling disease.

Jonas Salk's inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) has been crucial in helping us reach our goal of a polio-free world. Before the vaccine was widely available, in the United States alone, polio crippled more than 35,000 people each year. By 1957 -- two years after the introduction of Salk's vaccine -- cases in the U.S. had fallen by almost 90 percent, and by 1979, polio had been eradicated there.

The impact on the rest of the world has taken longer. In 1988, when Rotary International launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) with its partners at the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, polio continued to cripple children in 125 countries. Today, polio remains endemic in only three: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. And it has been more than eight months since Nigeria's last case, making a polio-free Africa a real possibility.

Salk's vaccine will play an important role in the end-game strategy against polio when 120 countries introduce IPV into their routine polio immunization systems this year. Leading that effort are the GPEI partners and Gavi, a global vaccine alliance, along with Sanofi Pasteur, the largest manufacturer of polio vaccine.

"As more than 120 countries in the world are introducing IPV, we are beginning the last chapter on polio eradication," said Olivier Charmeil, Sanofi Pasteur's chief executive officer. "At Sanofi Pasteur, we have had a long-term vision of IPV as the ultimate public health tool able to finish the job started with Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV)."