

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* –

4-Way Test—*next week* – Chrissa Matthews

Program—Barbara Morgan

June Invocation— Billy Benton

June Greeters — Liz Neal and Mallory Holley

GUESTS

Dr. Donald Portnoy	Speaker
Em Ligon	guest of Dave Tavernier
Dick Smith	guest of Dave Tavernier
Sally Hofstetter	guest of Tom Hofstetter
Doris Begley	guest of Tom Hofstetter
Amy Hane	guest of Karen Bowles
Sonya Mazell	guest of Camille Furgiuele
Alex Osbourne	guest of Camille Furgiuele
Sarah Osbourne	guest of Camille Furgiuele
Rachel Davenport	guest of Camille Furgiuele
Ellen Luton	guest of Sharon Rogers
Lillian Hardaway	guest of Meredith Cook

MAKE-UPS

Robert Stack	MA Club 6/8
John McMichael	Club Service 6/8
Diana Riddick	Club Service 6/15

AFRICA ON BRINK OF POLIO ERADICATION

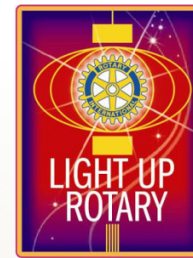
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Nigeria and the whole continent of Africa is on the cusp of being polio free, Dr. Hamid Jafari told audience members at the Rotary Convention on 8 June in São Paulo, Brazil.

Between 2013 and 2014, the reported cases of polio dropped from 53 to just six in Nigeria. Even more encouraging, said Jafari, is that the last case of polio in Nigeria was reported in July of last year and the last case in all of Africa was reported in Somalia in August.

“With a year of no polio cases in Nigeria tantalizingly close, and no cases in Somalia since August, the tireless work of so many people across the continent is paying off,” said Jafari, director of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative for the World Health Organization. “But it is incredibly important that Nigeria remains vigilant. As long as polio exists anywhere, it will continue to be a threat everywhere.”

Transmission of the wild poliovirus has also never been stopped in Afghanistan and Pakistan. In 2014, 85 percent of polio cases worldwide were in Pakistan, the country’s highest case count in over a decade. But progress has been made over the last few months to stem the spread of the virus. The focus for the government and all of the polio partners has shifted to missed children. Vaccinators have gained access to areas that have been out of reach for years, said Jafari.



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PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Catie Rabun



Last week, Jason Rabun introduced speaker, Matt Dunbar, with the Upper Carolina Angel Network (UCAN). Matt spoke to Rotarians about various Angel Investor networks in South Carolina and the benefits to both investors and entrepreneurs. UCAN is providing support for the new angel network, Central Savannah River Angel Network, being formed in Aiken by Peter Buckley and Paul Newsome, along with other local partners.

Angel investor groups invest typically in and around small towns and are able to offer both capital and expertise to entrepreneurs. Matt explained that angel networks fill a critical gap in capital raising for growing companies and find themselves interested in companies that are past the “seed” stage and are in the “start-up” stage but not yet to the “growth” stage.

In the past year, UCAN has reviewed 1400 proposals, listened to 170 pitches, has done diligence on 84 of those, and made 37 investments resulting in \$13 million funded.

Angels in groups report strong returns despite the higher failure rates, averaging a 27% rate of return. Matt explained that its critical for states to retain their entrepreneurs because it is new companies that create all net new jobs.

PROGRAM TODAY

END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY

FUTURE PROGRAMS

JUL 6	NO MEETING
JUL 13	Tony Venetz, Wreaths Across America
JUL 20	Corey Feraldi, the Director of Career Services; USCA Leadership Certificate Program

BIRTHDAYS

6/29	Karen Guevara
6/30	Stan Jackson

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

6/30	Len Browder (1965)
7/1	Dean Sackett (1991)
7/1	Paul Durban (1995)
7/1	Chuck Munns (2008)
7/1	Buzz Rich (1995)
7/1	Bob Hibbard (1992)
7/1	Gary Stooksbury (1995)
7/1	Ron Wheeler (1976)
7/6	Stan Smith (1998)
7/9	Robby Bowles (1997)
7/9	Collette Ball (2007)



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

CHANGING THE GUARD

Today we change officeres and board members. It has been a good year under Barbara Morgan and we know it will be a good coming year under Joe Lewis. Thanks to the retiring Board members, Henry Krippner, Chuck Munns, and Van Smith. Senior board members stepping up to the last of their three years terms will be Collette Ball, Liz Neal, and Will Williams. We will remember Barbara as she departs (from the Presidency, that is) for her Rotary quotes. Coming to the forefront as Joe steps up to the President's plate, will be President elect Jason Stewart.

HISTORICAL NOTES ON OUR CLUB

As we install a new president, we look back on some of the 78 Presidents of the Club. The oldest living President of our Club who is still a member is Marshall Cain who was President 1969-70; followed by Owen Clary, 1977-78; followed by Ron Wheeler, 1981-82; and Raymond Mizell, 1982-83. Of course our oldest member in terms of membership in our Club, is Wade Brodie, who joined our Club back in 1961 and who has over 50 years of perfect attendance.

MULTIPLE PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Three weeks ago on June 8th we honored our 49th multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Brenda Stein. Currently listed are 172 Paul Harris Fellows in our Club. Brenda joined the ranks of the other 48 members of this Club who have given above the standard and who want their contributions to extend Rotary programs throughout the world.

THANK YOU NOTES

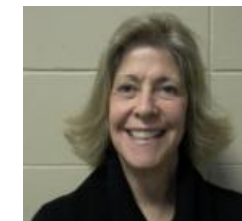
The Rotary Club of Aiken received two thank you notes that President Barbara shared with the group. The first note was from Ellen Lutten with United Way, thanking the club for the service grant they were awarded the previous week. The second note was from Sophie Nance, one of the Rotary Scholarship recipients and past student-of-the-month. Her note was for the scholarship she received from the club earlier this year.

FLAG PRESENTATION

Mallory Holley presented the club with a flag from the Rotary Club of Suffolk, Virginia. Mallory and her husband, Richard, both attended meetings there.

CLASSIFICATION TALK: DIANA RIDDICK

By: Catie Rabun



Last week, Diana Riddick gave a classification talk. Diana is the owner of Simplify, a home

office organization business. Diana's grandfather came to America from Italy via Ellis Island in 1913 so her mother was raised as an Irish Catholic before falling in love with a southern Methodist, resulting in an eclectic family that is welcoming and accepting and taught Diana values of integrity and honesty. Diana's businesses have mirrored those values as well. She owned and operated a dive shop in the Florida Keys, which became the #1 dive shop in America and had employees that were loyal and have stated over the years that they left better people after working for Diana. Diana eventually moved to South Carolina to be closer to her daughter and her number one goal right now is to help people understand that she respects privacy and her clients and employs the same set of values to this new business.