

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – John Girardeau
4-Way Test—*next week* – Ron Wheeler
Program— Beth Everitt
Sep. Invocation— Teresa Haas
Sep. Greeters — Leighton McClendon and Liz Stewart
Sep. Students – Catherine Pullan (AHS) and Joseph Anthony (SAHS)
Sep. Student Hosts – Phil Spencer and William Price

GUESTS

Japanese Consul General Kazuo Sunaga	Speaker
Joseph Hayward	Student guest
Catherine Pullan	Student guest
Ashley Harris	guest of Mallory Holley
Anne Fulcher	guest of Carolyn McClain
Stacey San Pedro	guest of Karen Potteet
Rachel d'Entremant	guest of Philip Merry
Danny Wilson	guest of Jennifer Hart
Courtney Clyburn-Pope	guest of Keyatta Priester
Lessie Price	guets of William Price
Mick Fekula	guest of Dr. Sandra Jordan

MAKE-UPS

Liz Stewart	Rotary Reader
Sara Wood	Bozeman, MT 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25
Dean Sackett	Rotary Reader 8/24, 8/31
Richard Church	eClubOne 8/31

AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT



(Photo: Aiken High School Interact Leadership- Loughlin Anderson, Isabella Hill, and Sophia Gerstenberger with

Rotarian Barbara Morgan shared the exciting news with the club that Aiken High's Interact had 55 students join for the 2015-1016 school year. The leadership team- Sophia Gerstenberger, president; Isabella Hill and Loughlin Anderson vice presidents for the Aiken High Interact are pictured above. The Interact club hosted their first kickoff event, a spaghetti supper Thursday September 24th.



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PROGRAM LAST WEEK

By: Sarah Griffis



(Photo courtesy of David Jameson: Speaker- Japanese Consul General Kazuo Sunaga)

Last week Rotarian Congressman Joe Wilson introduced our speaker, Japanese Consul General Kazuo Sunaga. Consul General Kazuo Sunaga gave a lecture on "Japan's Economic Impact in South Carolina" and highlighted the impact of Japanese companies like Bridgestone in the Aiken area.

He shared with Rotarians that the Japan is the number one investor in the US and the US is the number one investor in Japan. In his lecture, Consul General Sunaga focused on how the economic relations between Japan and South Carolina has been strengthened in recent years by referring to the recent visit by a group of Keidanren (Japan Business Federation) U.S. Mission to South Carolina's capitol, where top-level business dialogue took place, continued FDI and expansions from Japanese companies to the Palmetto State, etc. He also talked about increasing trade between Japan and South Carolina touching upon ongoing Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations. He pointed out that the deal is expected to further invigorate South Carolina's trade with Japan and member countries once an agreement is reached.

PROGRAM TODAY

JOY SHEALY
ACADEMIC OFFICER FOR MIDDLE
SCHOOLS; ACPS STEM MAGNET
SCHOOLS

FUTURE PROGRAMS

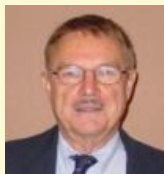
OCT 5 Corey Burns; Dance ... #trending
OCT 12 **NO MEETING: COLUMBUS DAY**
OCT 19 Prelude: The Allant Trio; Joy in
Aiken
Speaker: District Governor, Terry
Weaver

BIRTHDAYS

9/29 Richard Church
9/29 Sandra Jordan
10/2 Thomas Herlong
10/2 Mike McNeill

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

9/30 Cindy Meares (2002)



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

TEN YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 2005

In September of 2006 Regena Brackett, our social chair, announced that our Fall Social was just around the corner. We were to meet at Rose Hill for an evening of eat, drink, mingle, and enjoy. Entertainment was going to be by Preston and Weston. And a good time was had by all. Rose Hill was an attraction all by itself since it had been newly renovated. We also had an optional tour of the grounds by the owner which was our own Rotarian Steve Mueller. The food was good and it came from the kitchens of Rose Hill.

OUR PAST - "THE GEAR" SEPTEMBER 1995

We were observing and lamenting the loss of a long time Rotarian, Jim Sprawls. Jim joined our Club in 1959 and served as our Secretary/Treasurer for over 30 years. What a significant accomplishment! He received a unique RI Presidential citation for outstanding service to his. "Jim was a mentor" said Raymond Mizell who took his place and was also our Secretary/Treasurer for a number of years. (The Secretary/Treasurer of a large Club such as ours has a monumental job--but our previous two and our present one have all done a good job).

HISTORICAL NOTES AND FACTS

On September 30, thirty years ago, we were a singing Club just as we have become in recent years. (This is a good and traditional thing of Rotary Clubs throughout the world. And it sort of breaks the ice at the start of meetings and puts all on the same pitch level--thanks to whoever leads). Thirty years we were belting out "America, The Beautiful." Today we belt out the same--history repeats itself.

MEET SEPTEMBER'S STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

By Sarah Griffis

Rotarian Phil Spencer introduced returning student, Joseph Hayward. Joseph is a senior at South Aiken High School and president of his student body. He is active in his church, a member of FCA, and participates in cross-country.

Rotarian William Price introduced Aiken high school returning student, Catherine Fuller. Catherine is student body president at AHS, an extraordinary math tutor and is considering attending USC, USCA and Auburn for college.

LAST WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotarian Lee Boylston announced that October 31st is the Habitat for Humanity work day. Go on-line to sign-up if you can help.

Rotarian Carla Cloud announced that the ACTS mass choir is looking singers! November 15th is the Mass Choir concert. Please see Carla for more details.

Rotarian Chuck Munns presented information about the 24th annual Edward Teller Lecture/Banquet that is being held on October 19th at the USCA Convocation Center where Admiral Cecil D. Haney, U.S. Strategic Command will be key-note speaker. Tickets are \$50 per person. Contact CNTA at (803) 649-3456.

Rotarian Karen Guevara is seeking help to fill a vacancy with Rotary Readers. If you can help, please contact Karen.

Rotarian Mallory Holley is president of Aiken Junior Women's Club and explained that she is taking pre-orders of Jim Harrison framed prints for \$75. Please see Mallory for more information.