

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test— March

3/18 Karen Poteat

3/25 Karen Poteat

4-Way Test— April

4/1 Corey Feraldi

4/8 Corey Feraldi

4/15 Kim Abney

4/22 TBD

4/29 Ahmed Samaha

March Greeters-Lee Boylston & William Price

April Greeters- Betty Ryberg & Liz Neal

Guest-

Sam Johnson	Mead Hall
Em de Graff	SAHS
Holly Revell	SAHS
Dede Biles	Aiken Standard
Al Bischoff	John McMichael
Rachel Allen	Mary Allen
Michael Moore	Dan Zaloudek
Beverly Willis	Mike Willis
Ronnie Brewer	Marshall Cain
Shakila Browning	Keyatta Priestler
Tanya Williams	Russ Richardson
Rick Ribesell	Russ Richardson
Kristin Huber	Russ Richardson

Margarita Make-Ups

The Willcox

5:15 pm - 6:15pm

Last Wednesday of each month

2018-2019

3/27, 4/24, 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*



Membership Monday. First Monday of every month at 11:15 at Security Federal Bank on Lauren's Street. Please bring someone that you think would be a great addition to our club. RSVP to Mallory at mholley@securityfederalbank.com



SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER
We will continue to hold a weekly 50/50 drawing to benefit the scholarship program.
\$91.00 was collected last week to go towards the Scholarship Fund!



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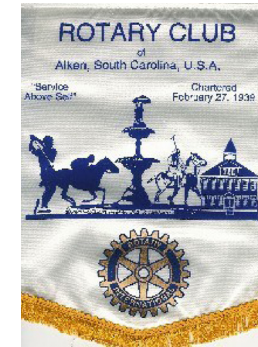
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THE GEAR

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PROGRAM LAST WEEK by Mallory Holley



Rotarian Dr. Forest Mahan spoke to the club on Monday, March 18th. Dr. Mahan is the President of Aiken Technical College and he provided the club with an overview of the College, as well as the College's plans for the future.

The vision of Aiken Technical College is to be a first choice for education in our community. Aiken Technical College offers a variety of different certifications and degrees that provide students with the opportunity to find good paying jobs with less of an investment than a traditional four year degree.

The student body of Aiken Technical College is comprised of 71% Aiken County residents, 17% surrounding South Carolina Counties and 12% Out-of-State students. The Out-of-State students primarily come from Richmond and Columbia County, Georgia.

One of the newest programs is the Tower and Wireless Installation Program. Two 90 foot towers were constructed on campus to allow on-site training and it is the only program in the state of South Carolina.

The Aiken County Public School District and Aiken Technical College work hand in hand a lot to help inform students about regional career opportunities and to develop programs. Together they have worked together on Cybersecurity Programs and an Early College graduate program. The Early College Program allows students to graduate from Aiken Technical College with an associate's degree before they graduate from Midland Valley High School.

As Aiken Technical College and technical careers continue to grow, the campus of Aiken Technical College continues to grow. Degrees are being tailored to fit the regional needs of cyber security and the needs of the Savannah River Site. In addition, the College is seeking additional capital money to build additional resources for the nursing program. The nursing program is very popular and there is a need for additional labs, classrooms, offices and meeting spaces to increase the number of students accepted into the program.

Finally, Dr. Mahan spoke about the Technical College's Family Giving campaign. All employees are asked to donate to the College and if the College employees raise \$12,000 and there is 100% employee participation, Dr. Mahan will climb one of the cell towers that were installed for the Tower and Wireless Installation Program.

The College continues to grow and change to fit the changing employment needs of our county, state and region and they are looking forward to celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2022.

PROGRAM TODAY

Bryan Riley
Interact at AHS

FUTURE PROGRAMS

April Theme: Maternal and Child Health Month

4/1 Invictus

4/8 Dr. Harris Pastides USC President

4/15 Civil Air Patrol Chris Medlin

4/22 SC Fire Safety Sheila Kinard

4/29 Project Lifesaver Joe O'Connor

BIRTHDAYS

Del Hickey 25 March

Karl Steene 25 March

Richard Holley 26 March

Linda Strojan 27 March

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Barry Adams 03/28/05

Andrew Siders 03/28/05

Joe Spencer 03/28/11

Richard Garcia 03/30/09

Keyatta Priestester 03/30/15

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



CHARLES C. MARTIN JR.

Classification:

Beverage Distribution

Date of Induction: 09/22/1997



CHAD E. MATTHEWS

Classification:

Human Resources

Date of Induction: 10/29/2001

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

As our Rotary club approaches its 80th anniversary, we look back at the people and events in that long history. A new service club at the outset of WW II, we have witnessed an unparalleled sweep of change, in Aiken and the world.

10 YEARS AGO – MARCH 2009

In honor of our club's 70th anniversary, Mayor Fred Cavanaugh read a proclamation naming the last seven days of February as Rotary Club of Aiken days. Past President and Club Historian Owen Clary read a many-stanza poem he composed especially for this anniversary, provided a chronology of club activities over the years and brought artifacts reflecting club history since 1939.

Bill Taylor shared his journey to Orange, San Leon and Galveston, Texas in the aftermath of hurricane Ike with his specially outfitted shower-truck. The vehicle provided welcomed respite to victims and first responders to the damage from the 13-foot water surge to hit those communities after the hurricane landed. His caring and generosity demonstrated the very best of service above self.

20 Years Ago – March 1999

We welcomed new members Michael Brazeal, owner of Brazeal Construction, Inc. specializing in large-scale planned golf communities and planned unit development and Dave Beadles a claims consultant, recently retired after a distinguished career at Gen Re Corp in Chicago and Atlanta. New member **Henry Krippner** was proposed sponsored by **Buzz Rich**.

30 Years Ago – March 1989

On March 10, 1989 the Rotary Club of Aiken celebrated its 50th anniversary at Hounds Lake Country Club. The menu featured "half smothered chicken, marsh mellowed candied yams and spiced crabapple". **Raymond Mizell** received the President's award as Rotarian of the Year and Wade Brodie was recognized for 27 years of perfect attendance.