

CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test— July

7/1 TBA
7/8 John McMichael
7/15 Bob Byrne
7/22 Bob Byrne
7/29 Bob Byrne

July Greeters-

Kurt Mueller & John Girardeau

Guest-

Justin Rousseau
Ellen Weaver
Beth Cronk-Horch
Russ Kobel
John Mitchel
Frank Sawyer
Paul Dusenbury

Guest Of

APS
guest speaker
Kitty Youndt
Larry Wittenmyer
Bill Taylor
Grant Wiseman
Myrtle Beach Rotary

Margarita Make-Ups

The Willcox

5:15 pm - 6:15pm

7/31, 8/28, 9/25, 10/30, 11/27,
1/29, 2/25, 3/25, 4/29, 5/27

Last Wednesday of each month

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



CART Miniature CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) buckets are available at the Sergeant at Arms table which are sized to go in your vehicle cup holder. Tax receipts for donating large quantities of coins are available.

If you would like to donate items to be auctioned off, please see Tara Reeder Thank you for your support!

Weekly Witticism
"Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It is already tomorrow in Australia." – Charles Schulz



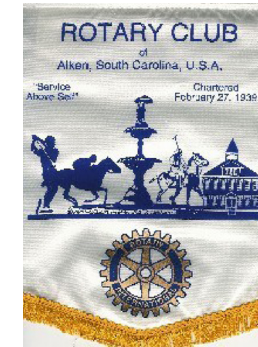
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Ellen Priest
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Rachel L. d'Entremont
Sergeant-at-Arms
Richard Holley

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(RY 19-20)
Betty Ryberg
Chrissa Matthews
Jon Notestein
(RY 20-21)
Al Sorensen
Karen Poteat
John Dangler
(RY 21-22)
Jerry Hughson
Gil Allensworth
Liz Stewart

Sergeants-at-Arms
Chair: Richard Holley
Robert Stack
Rachel d' Entremont
John Rush
Josh Booth

THE GEAR

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PROGRAM LAST WEEK by Jim Mara



The speaker at the July 22, 2019 meeting was Ellen Weaver. Ms. Weaver, a Greenville native, is the Founding President and Chief Executive Officer of the Palmetto Promise Institute – a think tank located in Columbia. Prior to taking this position, Ms. Weaver held several positions on the staff of US Senator Jim DeMint.

Ms. Weaver's presentation on improving education in SC was influenced by the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Mission. She stated that it will require "Moonshot thinking" to shift the paradigm and trajectory of public education in our state but that we do have the opportunity to "Relaunch 21st century student success." However, Ms. Weaver noted that we are in a crisis-situation with the current state of our public schools. She provided eye-opening statistics regarding lack of student achievement and low teacher retention rates even though SC spends in the top tier of regional states on education. Ms. Weaver posed 3 questions to assess our current public education posture and how we value education: i) What does

public education mean; ii) Is our education system equipped for the future; and iii) Are we underfunding education in SC? She methodically walked through these questions to assess the landscape of education in SC. She concluded that a quality education is a shared value in our state. However, she also concluded that our education system is mired in the past and adopts a one-size-fits-all approach where students are taught at the same time and pace. Finally, she concluded that our schools are not underfunded but that funding is not properly aligned to facilitate student success.

To address these issues, Palmetto Promise has developed the H.O.P.E. Plan. The H.O.P.E. Plan includes three elements to "Help Our Students Excel." First, the state needs to streamline funding and shrink bureaucracy. Funding should be student-centered and allow flexibility, accountability and fairness. Secondly, school choices should be expanded. She provided an example of how school choice in Florida has improved both alternative and public schools. Finally, she said that teachers must be supported including rewarding top-talent teachers and supporting continuing education and certification.

Ms. Weaver closed by acknowledging Dr. Ron McNair. McNair was a SC native and an astronaut who perished in the 1986 Challenger Space Shuttle Disaster. His story is of a boy from a small, rural town with a thirst for knowledge leading to a PhD in Physics from MIT. In closing, she pondered - Is the next Ron McNair sitting in a rural SC classroom?

PROGRAM TODAY

MAYOR RICK OSBON

FUTURE PROGRAMS

JULY THEME: FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

AUGUST 5- ROTARY READERS
AUGUST 12 CONVENTION OVERVIEW
(MUNNS & LINDSAY)

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Kim Abney	07/31/17
Tom Cofer	08/01/76
Tim Simmons	08/01/81
Bill Webb	08/01/87

BIRTHDAYS

Richard Garcia	30 July
Kitty Yundt	30 July
Corey Burns	01 August
Stan Smith	01 August
Judy Chun	02 August
Paul Durban	03 August
Chad Matthews	03 August

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



SANELA PORCA

Classification:

University Professor

Date of Induction: 08/28/2017



KAREN L. POTEAT

Classification:

Senior-Services

Date of Induction 09/08/2014

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Presidents - Present & Past

July is the month that marks Rotary's "New Year". Our club recently "Celebrated" our 80th anniversary with **Will Williams** handing off the Presidential position to John Lindsay. You can see John's 2019-2020 goals on page 6 of our new Club Directory.

This year marks a milestone for one of our Past Presidents! It is the 50th anniversary of **Marshall Cain's** tenure as President from 1969-1970.

Other milestone years for Past Presidents include: 25 Years **Bud Coward** 94-95, 15 Years **Buzz Rich** 04-05, 10 Years **Regina Martin** (now Brackett) 09-10

Our Red Badge program requires new members to sit with 6 Past Presidents. That shouldn't be a problem with the list of Past Presidents who are still current members of our club. See page 8 of the Club Directory for that list. We all offer our gratitude to our club leaders who have taken on that duty!

Club Directories

We are so thankful to **Mallory Holley** and **Tara Reeder** for getting the 2019-2020 directory out. It seems that the directories are published in the July time frame to correspond with the new year.

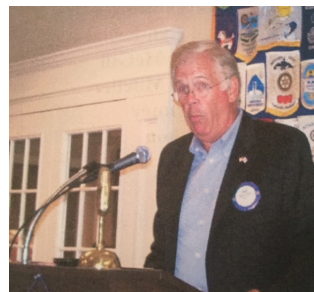
20 years ago, the Club Directory was dedicated to **Randy Davidson**, our voice of "all the news that's fit to speak". Randy owned a local radio station and he delivered the news before **Bill Tucker** took over that role.

Then 10 years ago the Club Directory was dedicated to **Bill Tucker**. The Club Directory was first dedicated to a member in 1984 with Past District Governor, Ron Wheeler, as the first recipient.

Our oldest surviving directory in our historical files is from 1968-1969. If anyone has any dating prior to that, we would love to have them for our archives.

10 Years Ago - July 2009

You might wonder why all the confusion over just "who" is giving us the news. **Peggy Ford** might be able to help us out on that, but in July of 2009, **Bill Taylor** actually did provide the news. I understand that he even brought his own golden microphone as well as recorded lead-in music. "**Tuck**" you might have to step up your game!



20 Years Ago - July 1999

Past President **Bud Coward** returned to the club for a limited engagement to tell us about his job as Director of the Aviation Division of the South Carolina Department of Commerce. In that capacity, Bud provided air transportation for the Governor and other constitutional officers. His division maintained a fleet of jets and prop planes used for Economic Development and, on occasion, he even piloted them himself.