

## CLUB SERVICE

### 4-Way Test— June

6/24 Liz Neal

### 4-Way Test— July

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

### June Greeters-

Jamie Mothkovich & Bob Bigger

### July Greeters-

Kurt Mueller & John Girardeau

Guest-	Guest Of
Chief Charles Barranco	guest speaker
Aarron Dobbs	APS
Bill Bush	Bill Tucker

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In April of 2017, Aiken City Council purchased the building and a contractor was hired in June of 2017. Construction on the building began in April of 2018. The total cost of construction ended up at \$8.8 million compared to the original estimate of \$18 million to build a new headquarters. The building was move in ready in January of 2019.

The new location is also helping with crime in the area. Paces Run and Crossland Park have higher rates of crime compared to other areas within the City of Aiken and the calls to Public Safety have decreased in the Paces Run complex since the opening. The building is 46,000 square feet, has increased parking, an 8 bay fire apparatus area, a courtroom and a new modern dispatch center. The staff is excited and the new recruits all comment on how nice the facility is when they are given a tour. Finally, Chief Barranco was excited to share that the building was completed ahead of schedule and within budget! He also encouraged members of the Rotary Club to stop by and tour the facility.



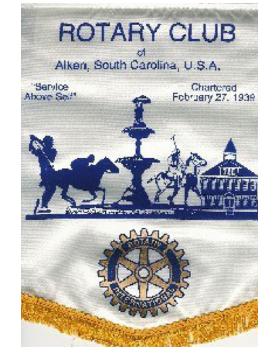
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# THE GEAR

JUNE 24, 2019



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### PROGRAM LAST WEEK by Mallory Holley



Chief Charles Barranco spoke to the Rotary Club of Aiken on Monday, June 17th about Aiken Public Safety and the construction of the new Public Safety headquarters. Chief Barranco was accompanied by Lieutenant Aaron Dobbs. The Public Safety office solve this problem at one of the empty "Big Box" stores on the Northside of Aiken. In a December 2015 audit, the old Aiken Public Safety building on Laurens Street was found to be busting at the seams. People were working in closets and it hurt officer recruitment. The initial proposal to build a new space was estimated at

\$18 million. One problem that the City of Aiken has is with empty "Big Box" stores. The empty buildings have an increased likely hood of squatters, vandalism and illegal activity. In addition, when a building sits empty, no one is regularly checking for fire hazards or reporting illegal activity because of a lack of inspection by property owners. As the City and Public Safety officials began exploring other options, they looked at the empty Food Lion building (a "Big Box") on Beaufort Street. The Food Lion was opened when the Aiken bypass included parts of Beaufort Street, but when the road was shifted, business dwindled at the Food Lion and they closed. After 10 years of sitting vacant, Aiken Public Safety decided to utilize the space for their new headquarters and help solve the issues at one "Big Box" store.

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## Margarita Make-Ups

The Willcox

5:15 pm - 6:15pm

Last Wednesday of each month

2018-2019

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

## Weekly Witticism

If you want to make enemies, try  
to change something.

Woodrow Wilson

## PROGRAM TODAY

June 24 -New Officers

### FUTURE PROGRAMS

#### **JULY THEME: FELLOWSHIPS MONTH**

7/1 MARK KEEL, SLED  
7/8 DR FRANK XIE-  
USCA PROFESSOR  
7/15 JOHN LINDSAY

### CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Clay Killian 06/24/02  
Bob Erikson 06/25/18

### BIRTHDAYS

Leighton McLendon 6/25  
Stan Jackson 6/30  
Lisa Van Pelt-Diller 6/28

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

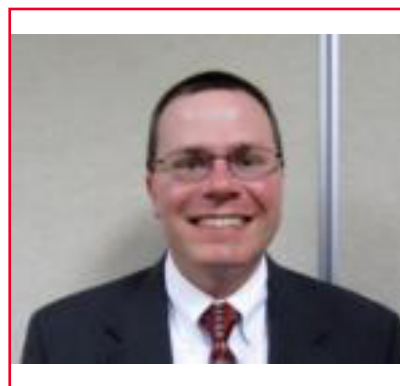


**CHUCK MUNNS**

Classification:

Nuclear Operations-Retired

Date of Induction: 12/15/2009



**SCOTT NEELY**

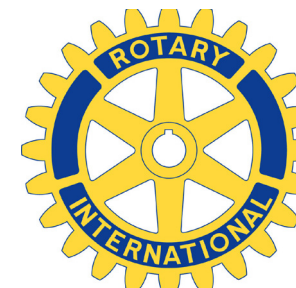
Classification:

Economic Development

Date of Induction 11/01/2010



The directory committee is in the process of finalizing the directory for the 2019-20 year. If have information that needs to be updated please let Mallory Holley or Rachel L. d'Entremont know. The deadline for submitting the changes is **TUESDAY, June 25 @ 5:00 pm.**



#### **The BOD beginning July 1st:**

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Sec/treasurer: Rachel d'Entremont  
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