

## THE BEAUFORT ROTARY CLUB

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**2025  
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about partnering with the Rotary.

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## Need a Meeting Makeup?

**2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 12:15 pm:** Sea Island Rotary Club

**Fridays, 7:30 am:** Rotary Club of the Lowcountry

All clubs meet at Sea Island Presbyterian Church



# THE MAGIC OF ROTARY THE WHEEL

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## ROTARY PROJECTS AROUND THE GLOBE

# SOUTH SUDAN

More than 100,000 books shipped to South Sudan have been unloaded and are in the hands of students. The materials, received in 2024 by the Rotary Club of Juba, include legal, pharmaceutical, and other science textbooks, along with 11 computers loaded with an additional 33,000 textbooks. The shipment had a value of over \$1.5 million. “The books are of great value to the students because not all of them could access online information due to internet issues,” says Simon Yongo, a past president of the Juba club. The shipment was coordinated by Books for Africa, a Minnesota nonprofit supported in part by Rotarians. Charles Cogan, a member of the Rotary Club of Northfield, Minnesota, who led the project, says senior Rotary leaders helped the project coordinators connect with UNESCO and the humanitarian arm of the U.S. Defense Department. “The partnerships were the key here and turned a smaller project of one container into five containers with 100,000-plus books,” Cogan says. The project was supported by the Juba club as well as 14 clubs in Minnesota and Wisconsin and a District 5960 matching grant.



# ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUFORT

89 Years Strong – Chartered November 1934



## Program Lineup Today

Today: Kristin Blank—Occupational Therapist,  
Certified Hand Therapist; Gravity Physical Therapy

## Club Calendar

May 28: Scot Clark, president—Friends of Port Royal Cypress Wetlands

June 4: Annual General George I. Forsythe Scholarship awards

## Celebrate a special anniversary or person in your life with a contribution to the Rotary Club of Beaufort Endowment Fund.

Annual earnings from contributions to our club's endowment fund help to provide scholarships to area high school students, as well as financial support for select club initiatives. Please donate today!

Contact Greg Dyson — 843-524-3962 [gdyson1947@gmail.com](mailto:gdyson1947@gmail.com)

## MEMBER MILESTONES

### MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY

Bob Allen, 05/27/15, 10 + 37 = 47 years

## TODAY'S SUPER DOOR PRIZE \$191 49 CARDS REMAINING

Congratulations to door prize winner **Vincent Avantagiato** for winning a prize donated by **Nancy Dykeman**.

### DONORS FOR DOOR PRIZES

May 21 – Greg Dyson  
May 28 – Barney Forsythe  
June 4 – Travis Fortson  
June 11 – Ken Fulp

Today's door prize winner has a chance to win the SUPER DOOR PRIZE by pulling the winning playing card. If the Ace of Spades is not picked, the drawn card will be retired, and 20% of the door will be added to the pot for next week's raffle. Tickets are \$2.00 for one and \$5.00 for three. Contact Robert Bussa (312-927-5860) or Jay Patel (843-252-2745) regarding your donation.

**WELCOME VISITORS & GUESTS:** The Rotary Club of Beaufort extends a warm welcome to all our visitors and guests. We hope to see you again in the very near future.

### TODAY'S AGENDA

Lunch is Served • Call to Order • Pledge  
Introduction of Visitors and Guests  
Business and Announcements • Program  
Club Response • Final Remarks & Drawing  
Meeting Adjourned

### THANK YOU FROM THE SGT-AT-ARMS COMMITTEE

Howard Heckrotte, Jay Patel and Robert Bussa, would like to thank those Rotarians who come early to set up and those who stay after to close up.

### REMEMBER MEETING ETIQUETTE

Nametags and Rotary pins on, phones off. Please refrain from holding conversations when someone is addressing the club. Thanks for exercising proper courtesy.

### PURCHASE A MEAL TO GO

Because our club guarantees a specific number of meals for each meeting, we often have additional meals available to-go for \$5 each. Place your order with Robert Bussa, Ron Garrett or Jay Patel prior to the start of the meeting.

## ROTARY PROJECTS AROUND THE GLOBE

# NETHERLANDS

An annual sale of used books, puzzles, and other items speaks volumes for the fundraising prowess of the Rotary Club of Venlo-Maas en Peel. Over three days in January, thousands of bookworms bought \$75,000 worth of books, a record sum directed to the club's charitable foundation, says Peter Elbers, governor-elect of District 1550. Around 140 Rotarians and other volunteers staffed the fair, which the club co-founded 36 years ago. The event is the culmination of a year's work, with Rotarians sorting and categorizing about 450,000 books each year in warehouse space donated by a club member, Elbers says. Books left unsold are pulped for recycling.

"Some people come every year to buy a few bags full of books and return them as a gift a year later," Elbers says, "and then, of course, buy new books again — a good way of implementing environmentally friendly circulation."



## Our club has proudly provided grants to the following organizations during the 2024/2025 club year:

South Carolina  
Nurse Retention Initiative  
Lowcountry Legal Volunteers  
United Way of the Lowcountry Early  
Grade Reading Program  
Rotary Youth Exchange: One inbound  
and one outbound  
Military Service Members of the Year  
Recognition 2024  
Savannah Honor Flight

New Life Deliverance Temple –  
Kenya Humanitarian Efforts  
Friends of Caroline Hospice  
Wardle Family YMCA  
Friends of Fisher House – provides  
lodging for Beaufort County  
Veterans/families who are receiving  
treatment at Ralph H. Johnson  
Medical Center in Charleston

## 2025 HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP DATES:

June 14: R - Y Aug 9: A-F  
Oct 11: G-J • Dec 13: K-P



## Help Us Welcome Prospective Members!

Recruiting new members is an important job for all of us! If you plan to bring a potential member to a meeting, please let Brenda know. She will bring a notebook to the meeting and talk with the prospective member. **251-622-1930** or [bcl6163@gmail.com](mailto:bcl6163@gmail.com)

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS UP 12% FOR A NET OF 8 NEW MEMBERS

*3rd best growth in our entire Rotary District!*

**BIG SHOUT OUT TO OUR MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIRS BRENDA LITCHFIELD AND OWEN HAND** and to our members.