

## THE BEAUFORT ROTARY CLUB

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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

5/28/2025

## THE PORT ROYAL CYPRESS WETLANDS IN PORT ROYAL

The Port Royal Cypress Wetlands in Port Royal, is a vibrant ecological sanctuary offering both natural beauty and educational opportunities.

### KEY FEATURES:

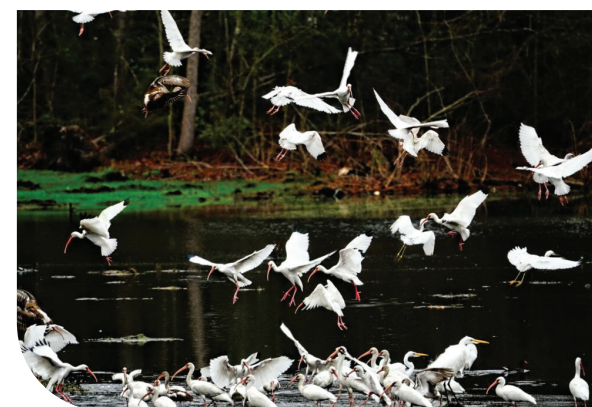
#### Location & Access:

Situated along Paris Avenue, the wetlands are easily accessible with parking available on Paris Avenue and a handicap-accessible pad behind the Port Royal Police Station.

#### Trail & Facilities:

Features a 0.56-mile loop trail comprising boardwalks and paved paths, suitable for all ages and abilities.

Amenities include an open-air amphitheater and public restrooms located at the nearby police station.



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# ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUFORT

89 Years Strong – Chartered November 1934

## Program Lineup Today

Today: Friends of Port Royal Cypress Wetlands,  
Dr. Travis Folk and Dean Harrigal, Folk Land Management

## Club Calendar

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

Wyman Haigler, 06/03/09, 16 years

### MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Howard Heckrotte, 29 May

Carter Swenson, 29 May

Jim Weiskopf, 03 June

## TODAY'S SUPER DOOR PRIZE \$217 48 CARDS REMAINING

Congratulations to door prize winner  
**Owen Hand** for winning a prize  
donated by **Greg Dyson**.

### DONORS FOR DOOR PRIZES

May 28 – Barney Forsythe

June 4 – Travis Fortson

June 11 – Ken Fulp

June 18 – Ron Garrett

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.

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## Wildlife & Birding:

Home to a diverse array of wildlife, including herons, egrets, hawks, owls, falcons, geese, ducks, and other migratory waterfowl.

Regular sightings of alligators, turtles, and snakes among the cypress trees.

## Ecological Importance:

Serves as a critical habitat for various species and functions as a natural stormwater retention system, filtering runoff before it enters local waterways.

## Educational Opportunities:

Offers educational signage along the trails and hosts Master Naturalist tours to educate visitors about the local ecosystem.

## Community Engagement:

Managed in partnership with the Friends of Port Royal Cypress Wetlands, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and education of the wetlands.

The Port Royal Cypress Wetlands is a must-visit destination for nature enthusiasts, bird watchers, and anyone interested in the unique ecosystems of South Carolina's Lowcountry. To learn more, visit [friendsofportroyalcypresswetlands.org](http://friendsofportroyalcypresswetlands.org)

## 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

Honor Flight Savannah

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 [bel6163@gmail.com](mailto:bel6163@gmail.com)