

THE BEAUFORT ROTARY CLUB

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Need a Meeting Makeup?

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 12:15 pm: Sea Island Club 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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19th Beaufort International FILM FESTIVAL

THE BEAUFORT INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (BIFF), now in its 19th year, has become a cornerstone event in Beaufort, celebrating the art of filmmaking and fostering a vibrant appreciation for cinema. Organized by the Beaufort Film Society, BIFF has gained recognition as one of the fastest-growing film festivals not only in the Southeast, but in the world, attracting filmmakers and audiences from around the globe.

Scheduled for February 18-23, BIFF 2025 promises six days of diverse programming, including screenings of international and local short films, feature films, animations, educational forums, guest speakers, and social events, all set against the charming backdrop of historic Beaufort.



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ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUFORT

89 Years Strong – Chartered November 1934

Program Lineup Today

Ron Tucker, President & CEO Beaufort Film Society

Club Calendar

Jan. 15: Norb Vonnegut, American author of Wall Street thrillers and a financial commentator on his blog entitled “Acrimony”

Proposed New Member

Dr. James Stewart

Sponsor: Wyman Haigler

MAKE A YEAR-END CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION NOW!

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

TODAY'S SUPER DOOR PRIZE \$401 43 CARDS REMAINING

Congratulations to door prize winner **Paul Sommerville** for winning a prize donated by **Cris Steele**.

DONORS FOR DOOR PRIZES

Jan 8 – Carter Swenson
Jan 15 – Jay Taylor
Jan 22 – Clif Thomas
Jan 29 – Roy Tripp

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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The selection process for this year’s festival was highly competitive, with over 500 entries from 33 countries. The festival’s panel has chosen 54 films and 5 screenplays, encompassing a wide range of genres such as feature films, documentaries, shorts, student projects, and animations.

Notable feature films in the lineup include “Bound,” directed by Isaac Hirotsu Woofter from New York, NY, and “Silent Life: The Story of the Lady In Black,” directed by Vladislav Alex Kozlov from Los Angeles, CA. Documentary features such as “Echoes of Loss: Eight Days in Israel,” directed by Rob Mor from Los Angeles, CA, and “Segal,” co-directed by Vernon Alfredo Davidson and Ryan Krayser from Calabasas, CA, are also set to be showcased.

BIFF’s mission is to enliven the community by fostering a rich appreciation for the art of filmmaking. The festival provides a platform for aspiring filmmakers across various genres, including independent films, music, animation, documentaries, and screenwriting. Additionally, it serves as an opportunity to showcase Beaufort and the Carolina Sea Islands, regions that have historically served as backdrops for over 20 major motion pictures, including “Forrest Gump” and “The Prince of Tides.”

For attendees, the festival offers a unique chance to engage with filmmakers during Q&A sessions, participate in educational forums, and enjoy the hospitality of Beaufort. The event not only highlights cinematic achievements but also underscores the cultural and historical significance of the region.

As the festival dates approach, film enthusiasts and community members alike anticipate a week filled with cinematic exploration, cultural enrichment, and the timeless charm of Beaufort. To learn more and for tickets, visit www.beaufortfilmfestival.com

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

CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY

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MEMBER MILESTONES

MEMBERSHIP BIRTHDAYS
Bill Anderson, 11 January