

Soundings August 14, 2025

OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE
Palmera Inn & Suites
 12 PARK LANE
 Lunch \$25.00

[CLICK HERE](#) after 12:20pm to join the meeting via **ZOOM**



Have you visited the **Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island** online?

www.hiltonheadrotary.org
www.facebook.com/HHI Rotary

You can also find activities online from the **Low Country Environmental Club**

Visit their Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/HHI Rotary Lowcountry Environmental Club
 Please remember to "follow", "like" and "share" when visiting the page

The **Low Country Environmental Club** meeting is held at the following location:

Mariott Vacation Welcome Center - Meeting Space
 1044 William Hilton Parkway

Meetings are the **1st and 3rd Wednesday** of each month **starting at 5:30**.



Club Speaker

Dr. Katherine Seeber
 "Who Lived Here First?"

Club Events

Club Meeting

Hilton Head Island at our new location and through ZOOM:

Palmera Inn & Suites
 12 Park Lane
 Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

Time: Thursday at 12:30PM

Lunch available at 12:00PM

Speakers

August 14, 2025
 Dr. Katherine Seeber
 Who Lived Here First?
August 21, 2025
 Angie Stone, Assistant
 Manager
 Town Government Overview
 & Strategic Plan Update
August 28, 2025
 Terri Kolander
 Membership
September 04, 2025
 Bob Inglis
 Can Free Enterprise Solve
 Climate Change?
September 11, 2025
 Dr. Debi Lynes
 Sleep and Sleep Deprivation

Events

Happy Hour at NALA's
 August 14th at 5:00pm

Birthdays

Bob Eberly
 August 19th
 Don Brashears
 August 22nd
 Sharon Webster
 August 23rd
 Brad Bloom
 August 24th
 Mary Tuchscherer
 August 24th
 Michael Giovannini
 August 25th
 Edwina Sanders
 August 26th
 Kathy Sangiuliano
 August 27th

Wedding Anniversaries

Lisa & Jack Lauderemilch
 August 18th
 Rose & Jerry Jackson-Knighton
 August 20th
 Mary & Konrad Tuchscherer
 August 20th
 Sally & Jeff Rogers
 August 23rd

Years of Service

Karen Cully
 August 26, 2010
 15 Years
 Steve Steele
 August 21, 2013
 12 Years HHI
 13 Years Total

Club Leaders



Teresa M. Brashears
 President



Deborah L. Burt
 President-Elect

John C. Boretti
 Vice President



Thursday, August 14th, 5PM
Happy Hour at Nala's
Hosted by our own Alvaro Camilio Florida
14 Folly Field Rd



Remember to bring books to the [Little Free Library](#)



**** New Member Information ****

The following person was approved by the Board of Directors for induction into the Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island.

Taiwan "Tai" R. Scott - sponsor Don Brashears

Tai has deep roots in our community as native Islander and seventh generation Gullah. Tai is the owner of Beautiful Island Square food truck court on Hilton Head Island. In 2023, the Post and Courier named Tai one of twelve black leaders to know in South Carolina. Tai was a central figure in several legal cases backed by the Legal Defense Fund and the ACLU to defend heirs' property rights and fair political district mapping in the Lowcountry. Tai is looking forward to becoming a Rotarian so that he can further his community engagement and advocate for its betterment. Tai lives with his wife, Lisa, and enjoys extensive travel and experiencing different cultures.

Dirk J.L. Kotze - sponsor Terri Brashears

Dirk is a lawyer and a South African lodge owner who lives on the Island with his wife, Lyzette. Dirk is a previous member of the Hatfield Pretoria Rotary Club in South Africa, having stepped back in 2006 due to his remote location existing approximately 100 miles from the nearest Rotary club. Dirk is looking forward to re-joining Rotary to allow him to focus on community service as he settles into his new home in the USA. Dirk's interests include cycling, pickle ball and traveling.

Linda Rutherford Grindle - sponsors Cathy Robine and Mary Stuart Alderman

Linda resides on the Island with her husband, Michael Williamson. Linda is a retired Intelligence Professional. Linda has lived all over the world for most of her life and has seen the best in humankind and, sadly, the worst in humankind. Linda has lived among the obscenely wealthy as well as the poorest of the poor and her joy lies in helping those that need and deserve it the most. Linda's primary goal since childhood was to give more to this world than she takes from it, and that's how she lives her life. Linda's interests lie primarily with nonprofits that serve the working poor families and children with education support, health and wellness, including medical and mental health, workforce readiness, meeting basic needs, and anything that may fall under the purview of helping the underserved. Linda is very excited to become part of the Rotary Club family on Hilton Head Island. Linda's hobbies include tennis, golf and many more.

Welcome our newest Rotarian, Amy Howerton

Our club's newest member, Amy Howerton, was inducted during our August 7th meeting.



[Terri Kolander](#)
Secretary
Membership Chair



[Jason T. Stevens](#)
Treasurer



[Kathleen Sangiuliano](#)
Club Public Image Chair



[Tamara Bream](#)
Fund Raising Director



[Amy D. Fee](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms



[George G. Couch](#)
Club Service Chair



[Nancy Clark Millette](#)
International Service Chair



[Mario Incorvaia](#)
iPast President





Photo courtesy of Club photographer, Larry Sanders

Welcome, Amy!

Red Badge - Blue Badge Commencement

We recognized the engagement of two Rotarians who completed the requirements necessary to formally transition from a Red Badge to a Blue Badge. Matt Uppenbrink and Peter Liggett completed requirements focused on community service, fellowship, and club support that are necessary to make this badge transition.



L to R: Matt Uppenbrink and Peter Liggett
Photos courtesy of Club photographer, Larry Sanders

Congratulations, Matt and Peter!

Hilton Head Island Rotary Club News

Would you like to share photos, stories, and media related to our **Hilton Head Island Rotary Club**?
Please mail to: HHIRotaryPR@gmail.com

Did You Know?



- In 1976, the Hilton Head Island Rotary Club scholarship program began to recognize outstanding and deserving high school students. This program has continued each year since.

- In 1914, Rotary clubs in Great Britain and Ireland formed the British Association of Rotary Clubs to facilitate connections among the growing number of clubs in the region. In 1922, the name was changed to Rotary International – Association for Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) and the relationship with Rotary International was further defined.

Community Service



ROCS - Rotarians Offering Community Service
Saturday, September 27th

**** Community Service partner locations and details soon to follow ****

August 7th Meeting

Hilton Head Island Rotary Meeting Update

What a meeting!!!

ReThreaded: Unite for Good, where members were encouraged to bring in their tee-shirts. This is a remarkable nonprofit dedicated to empowering survivors of human trafficking. Their mission is to restore choice, reduce vulnerability to exploitation, and break cycles of generational trauma.



Dr. Steven Wiersma delivered a thought-provoking program, discussing PEPFAR's (President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief) impact on global health. Through the implementation of the Three 95s, PEPFAR has been instrumental in addressing HIV and AIDS, saving 25 million lives and ensuring that 5.5 million babies were born HIV-free.

Dr. Wiersma shared personal experiences, reflecting on the transformative journey from despair to hope and new opportunities.



Thank you, Dr. Wiersma!

Text inspired by the Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island Facebook page
Photos courtesy of Club photographer, Larry Sanders

Click on the link and copy and paste the passcode if you would like to see the **August 7th Rotary Club meeting**:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Passcode: Passcode: %D6Yj^42

Rotary Leadership Institute - RLI



We are pleased to share **Rotary Leadership Institute, RLI**, training opportunities available to Hilton Head Island Rotary Club members.

The dates are:

July 21, 2025 – Virtual – Part I

August 9, 2025 – In-Person in Duncan, SC – Parts I, II & III

August 18, 2025 – Virtual – Part II

Registration can be completed on DACdb on the calendar page.
Please contact President-Elect, Deborah Burt for additional information.

Rotarians Against Human Trafficking

Jenny Miller, who is now our Club's liaison for Rotarians Against Human Trafficking (RAHT), introduced the Rethreaded program at our meeting today. We will have a laundry basket entitled Unite for Good - Rethreaded, at next week's meeting through September to collect gently used t-shirts.

Rethreaded will use the shirts to create products for sale. The proceeds go to help survivors reclaim their lives.

If you would like to learn more about Rethreaded, please follow this link: <https://rethreaded.com/>
Rethreaded | Unique Products Created By Survivors of Human Trafficking

Every purchase and donation directly helps survivors with employment, counseling, and career development. Shop, learn, or become a donor.



Human Trafficking Mock Trial

We have a few Mock jury seats left to fill on **Thursday, September 25**.

The Mock trial is related to **human trafficking**. Please see **Sarah Hobson** for details if interested in participating.



28th Annual Habitat for Humanity of the Lowcountry Golf Tournament

The 28th Annual Habitat for Humanity of the Lowcountry Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, September 29th, at the Oldfield Club in Okatie, South Carolina. Please see [Larry Sanders](#) for additional information.

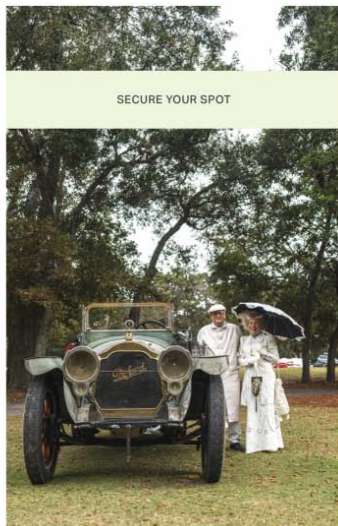
[28th Habitat for Humanity Golf Tournament - CLICK HERE](#)



Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance and Motoring Festival

Driven by Passion, Defined by Elegance.

Welcome to the Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance & Motoring Festival, a celebration where Art Moves and elegance meets the exhilarating world of motoring. Nestled in the serene Lowcountry, this festival invites you to explore a tapestry of iconic vehicles and cutting-edge innovation, all against the stunning backdrop of Hilton Head Island.



SECURE YOUR SPOT

Innovation in Every Detail, Beauty in Every Mile.

Art Moves as we honor the past, embrace the present, and welcome the future, creating a dynamic narrative woven into each unique event. Join us for this extraordinary celebration of automotive artistry and help continue a legacy that educates and inspires.



OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Opportunity for volunteers to help with Ticketing/Admissions on **Saturday, Nov 1st** and **Sunday, Nov 2nd**.
The more volunteers the higher the donation from the Concours.
Space for 15 to 20 volunteers each day.

Sign up [CLICK HERE](#)

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EXHIBITORS / PARTICIPATE IN 2025

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2025 CHIEF / CELEBRITY GUEST JUDGES

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**NALA'S
BEACH**
BAR & GRILL

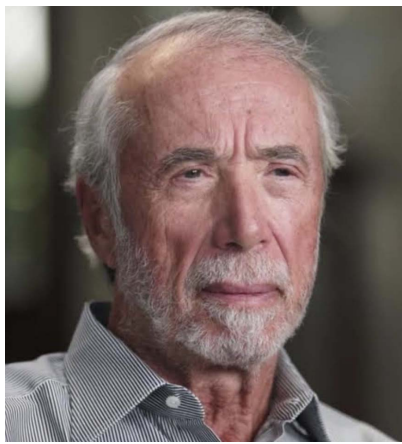
Thursday, August 14th, 5PM
Happy Hour at Nala's
Hosted by our own Alvaro Camilio Florido
14 Folly Field Rd



Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 2, 7:30 PM
HHSO Outdoor Concert
John Brackett Quintet

Domenico De Sole

Domenico De Sole is an Italian businessman and lawyer who is best known for his role in turning around Gucci from near bankruptcy into a successful luxury group.



Thursday, October 2, 2025

5:30pm

Fish and Grits Festival at Lowcountry Celebration Park

Saturday, October 4, 2025

12pm to 6pm

LOWCOUNTRY CELEBRATION PARK - HILTON HEAD ISLAND

CELEBRATING GULLAH GEECHEE CULTURE	LISTENING TO CELEBRATED LOCAL INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS	TASTING NEW & DIVERSE CUISINES
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FEATURING:
LATRESE BUSH
QUEEN QUET
REGGAE INFINITY
MARCUS ALLEN
DENINUFAY AFRICAN
DANCE & DRUMS

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Saturday, October 18th 11AM – 4PM
Italian Heritage Festival
Coastal Discovery at Honey Horn
Grape Stomping & Pizza Eating Contests, Traditional Italian Food, Silent Auction
Tickets are \$8, Free Parking
For more information, visit <https://www.iachh.org/italian-heritage-festival>



Saturday November 22 4:45 – 8:00PM
Alder Lane – Lowcountry Celebration Park
Hilton Head Island Lantern Parade



TBD Educational and Fellowship Cruise
Captained by our own Amber Kuehn!
Space is limited. Tickets are \$XX.
Departs from the Calhoun St. dock in Bluffton
(110 Calhoun Street)



Nov 26 – Dec 28
Arts Center of Coastal Carolina

Happy Dollars!

Let's support Alzheimer's research by making donations to the CART fund. Share a happy moment with fellow Club members and put money into the blue bucket on your table. Feel free to put money in even if you don't have something to share. All funds go towards research in order to curb or cure this horrible disease.

The Rotary has a dedicated CART Fund where **100% of your donation** goes directly to Alzheimer's research. By contributing to this fund, you can have a lasting impact on the lives of those affected by this debilitating disease.

To learn more and make a donation, visit the link below. Together, we can create a world without Alzheimer's.
<https://www.mycartfund.org/Join>

Do you have a Happy Dollars moment or event to share?

Invite Your Friends To Attend!

Club members are encouraged to invite friends or visiting Rotarians to attend our weekly meetings as well as prospective members. Club members are also encouraged to invite friends and prospective members to participate in our many community service projects. It's an easy way to introduce someone to Rotary and potential members can see at a glance who else belongs to the Club. Remember to provide President Terri Brashears or Sergeant-at-Arms Amy Fee with information regarding potential visitors and guests so that they may be recognized at the meeting.

The Four-Way Test

Of the things we **think**, **say** or **do**

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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Thank you, sponsors! To become a Sponsor of the Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island, contact Public Image Director Kathy Sangiuliano, HHIRotaryPR@gmail.com. Your logo and link to your website will appear in the Soundings and on our website (www.hiltonheadrotary.org).

Interested in spotlighting your business and sponsoring the Hilton Head Island Rotary Club?

*Participate in **Rotary In Motion - RIM!***

The following local businesses actively supported the Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island Scholarship program during our 2025 fundraising campaign. Please visit these dedicated community leaders with your business needs.

RIM Legacy Builder

Coastal Home Indoor and Outdoor Furnishings

Heidi Shultz & Steve Steele

Coastal Home Indoor and
Outdoor Furnishings

<https://coastalhomehhi.com/>

[\(843\)-837-4100](tel:(843)837-4100)

RIM Legacy Builder

Liberty Tax Service

Terri Brashears



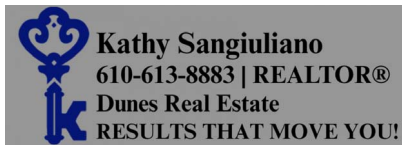
[Liberty Tax Service - Bluffton, SC](#)

[\(843\)-605-4867](tel:(843)605-4867)

RIM Community Enhancer

Kathy Sangiuliano - Results that Move You!

Dunes Real Estate



<https://kathy.dunesrealestate.com/>
(610)-613-8883
Kathysang88@gmail.com

RIM Velocity



Connected HHI

Joseph Chappell - ConnectedHHI

<https://connectedhhi.com/>
(843)-715-9894
support@connectedhhi.com

RIM Accelerator



David Deaton - United Community Bank

<https://www.ucbi.com/>
(843)-837-8433

Hudson's Seafood on the Docks



HUDSON'S SEAFOOD

<https://www.hudsonsonthedocks.com>
(843)-681-2772

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