

Soundings September 11, 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/HHIRotary

You can also find activities online from the [Lowcountry Environmental Club](#)

Visit their Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/HHIRotaryLowcountryEnvironmentalClub
Please remember to "follow", "like" and "share" when visiting the page

The [Lowcountry Environmental Club](#) meetings are 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. Debi Lynes
"Sleep and Sleep Deprivation"

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

September 11, 2025

Dr. Debi Lynes
Sleep and Sleep Deprivation

September 18, 2025

Sandy Morckel
DG Official Visit

September 25, 2025

Ezra Callahan
Teacher Appreciation

October 02, 2025

President Terri Brashears
Club Assembly

October 02, 2025

Domenico De Sole
Former Chairman
Sotheby's, Former Pres & CEO, Gucci Group

October 09, 2025

Bernie Riedel
Polio Plus

October 16, 2025

Robin Dease, UMC Bishop
The Church and Social Justice

Events

September 27th
Hilton Head Island ROCS

October 2nd
Hilton Head Island Fellowship

Birthdays

Mark June
September 14th

Wedding Anniversaries

Janice & Eric Magnin
September 12th

Years of Service

Tami Bream
September 15, 2005
20 Years

Donice Krepps
September 14, 2006
19 Years

Brad Bloom
September 11, 2013
12 Years HHI
37 Years Total

Mario Incorvaia
September 16, 2015
10 Years

Jean Vahey
September 16, 2015

Club Events

No organized events for the upcoming Rotary week



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



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 1982**, the Hilton Head Island Rotary Club sponsored the first student recognition award presentation and this program continues today. The Van Landingham Rotary Club sponsored the District Conference on Hilton Head Island.
- **In 1919**, Rotary arrived in Asia and chartered a club in Manila, Philippines, in June followed by China four months later. The Rotary club became the first club in India in January 1920.

Red Badge - Blue Badge Commencement

We recognized the engagement of **Jonathan Tompkins**, who completed the requirements necessary to formally transition from a Red Badge to a Blue Badge. Jonathan completed requirements focused on community service, fellowship, and club support that are necessary to make this badge transition.

10 Years

Club Leaders



Teresa M. Brashears
President



Deborah L. Burt
President - Elect



John C. Boretti
Vice President



Terri Kolander
Secretary
Membership Chair



Jason T. Stevens
Treasurer



Ezra Callahan
Club Director / Board Mem
Year 2



Kathleen Sangiuliano
Club Public Image Chair



Tamara Bream
Fund Raising Director



Amy D. Fee
Sergeant-at-Arms



Michael Giovanni
Club Foundation Chair



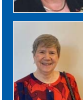
George G. Couch
Club Service Chair



Michael E. Fleener
Club Programs Chair



Nancy Williams
Club Programs Chair



Nancy Clark
Millette International Service Chair



Sarah Ann Hobson
Youth Services Chair



Mario Incorvala
iPast President



Cynthia Whalen
Club Executive Secretary



Photos courtesy of Club photographer, Larry Sanders

Congratulations, Jonathan!

Lowcountry Environmental Club News

Lowcountry PaddleFest - Quench Buggy!

Our mobile water station was a hit this weekend at the Lowcountry PaddleFest! What a beautiful day with amazing athletes from all over the country! Way to show off our gorgeous salt marshes and dedication to our environment and hydration! The Outside Foundation Island Recreation Center Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island Rotary International District 7770.



Text and photos courtesy of The Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island Facebook page

Lowcountry Environmental Club - Awareness

In June, the Hilton Head Public Service District (PSD) earned the 5-Year Directors Award from the Partnership for Safe Water.



That's an alliance of seven national drinking water organizations, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the American Water Works Association, and more than 500 water utilities.

Our drinking water is safe, clean and does not come in plastic bottles.



Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island
Lowcountry Environmental Club



Learn more: [CLICK HERE](#)

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@Rotary International District 7770 #hiltonheadisland #Rotary
@Hilton Head PSD

Community Service



ROCS - Rotarians Offering Community Service **Saturday, September 27th**

****Our Community Service partner locations follow****

Pathway Sign Rejuvenation

Rotary Leader: **Michael Marks**

Scope: 2 teams of 3 Rotarians to clean around the existing signs, install three replacement signs if available.

VIM - Volunteers in Medicine

Rotary Leader Needed

Scope: Cleaning up tree planting project: landscaping and laying mulch and likely planting some blueberry bushes.

Pockets Full of Sunshine

Rotary leader: **Tricia Lynch**

Scope: 1) Deep cleaning and organizing the warehouse.

Scope 2) Sorting and preparing eggs for Easter Eggstravagaza

Scope 3) to landscape small area (if possible)

SoundWaves

Rotary leader Needed

Scope: Painting main room of Soundwaves studio/performance space.

Oyster Shell Bagging

Rotary Leader: **Karl Scharrer**

Scope: Preparing mesh bags and shoveling oyster shells into buckets and transferring the buckets to the bags. Demos for each task are provided coupled with a brief presentation about shell recycling and reef restoration.

Team 1 - mesh bag cutting: medium physical activity: 2 Rotarians

Team 2 - counting bags: low physical activity: 2 Rotarians

Team 3 - tying bags: low physical activity: 2 Rotarians

Team 4 - shoveling shells into buckets: medium physical activity: 6 Rotarians
 Team 5 - pouring shells from buckets into bags: high physical activity: 6 Rotarians
 Team 6 - carrying and stacking bags: high physical activity: 10 Rotarians

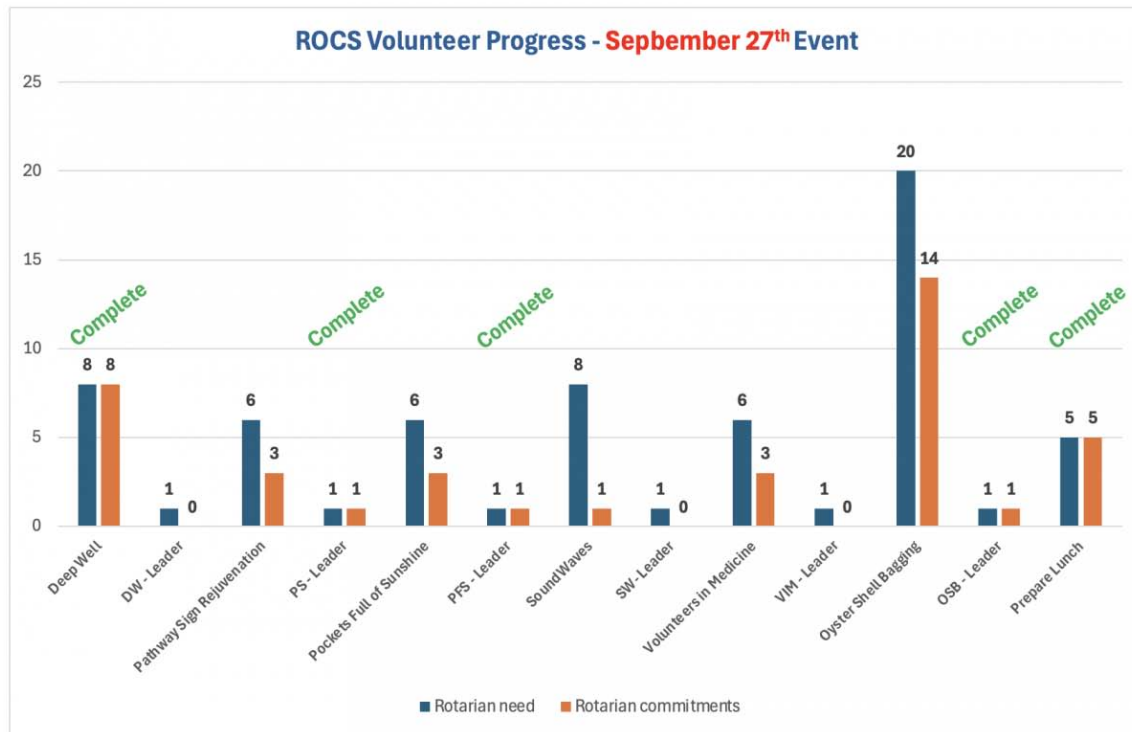
Deep Well? Rotary leader Needed

Scope: Reorganization of Deep Well's donated furniture/appliance room & Switch School Readiness program into Santa Shop staging area.

Team 1 - furniture moving - medium physical activity: 4 Rotarians

Team 2 - Santa Shop staging: low physical activity: 4 Rotarians

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to sign-up



** Librarian Services **

Rotarian **Roz Shaw**, a former educator, has volunteered to serve as our **Little Free Library (LFL) "Librarian"** for our new LFL at the Hilton Head Island Recreation Center.

Roz will work with **Sarah Hobson**, Youth Services Director, and our **Interact Club at Hilton Head High School** to keep our new LFL and the existing kids' LFL at the Rec Center serviced and stocked.

Please continue to bring your gently used books (kids' books too!) to club meetings for our LFL.



Thank you, Roz!



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Safety Town Needs You!

Our newly appointed **Mayor of Safety Town, Amy Fee**, is calling on **3–5 volunteers** to join the **Safety Town Committee**. Your participation is key to ensuring a successful **Fall Safety Town event**.

Time Commitment: Just **1–2 hours per week**

Why It Matters: Your experience and dedication help create a safe, engaging environment for the **Pre-K children of our island community**—teaching them life-saving skills in a fun and memorable way.

Please contact Amy Fee if you are interested at AmyD.Fee1@gmail.com

Flat Bernie - Polio Awareness

It is a Challenge and an Awareness Campaign:

Flat Bernie is Back—and He's on the Move (Kind of)!

Remember **Run With Bernie**? Well, he's back! But this time, Bernie's not running... he's flat.

That's right—our beloved RRFC Bernie Riedel is back in action for our **End Polio Now Awareness Campaign**, but with a twist. We're calling it **Minutes in Motion with Flat Bernie**, because even though Bernie's gotten a little older (haven't we all?), he's still on a mission to End Polio—one motion-filled minute at a time! And he needs your support!

How to Join the Fun:

It's simple. Just **move**!

Walk, run, bike, dance, row, paddle, jog, hula-hoop—however you get your body in motion, it counts. Track your **motion minutes** and send them to mary@gasque.com at the end of each week. I'll keep tabs on all the movers and shakers (send your name and club name or name of non-Rotarian). There will be **prizes** for the person(s) who racks up the most minutes in motion.

Make It Social:

So how are you gonna' do that!

Snap a **photo while you are "in motion"** and post it on Facebook and use: #movewithFlatBernie and tag Rotary International District 7770. Show us where you are and how you're moving—and don't forget to **wear your End Polio Now shirt** for extra flair (and awareness)!

We want to flood Facebook with Rotarians in motion. Let's make some noise and get people talking about Rotary's mission to End Polio Now!

Need a Bernie?

Is your club having any special meetings between now and October 24 (it doesn't have to be Rotary related) where we can educate the public on how we are working hard to End Polio Now? Let us know and we will get a Flat Bernie to you. He is booking up now. If you want to have a photo made with Flat Bernie, we've got **three Flat Bernies** moving around the district, ready to roll:

District Governor Sandy
Sandee Brooks

Mary Gasque

Need a Polio Program or photo op with Flat Bernie? Sandee and I would love to stop by for a fun update on our End Polio Now efforts. Bonus: Your club president gets a **purple wig** at the end of the presentation. (Yes, another photo op!)

Remember:

This is an **awareness campaign**—and awareness is powerful. If you raise money along the way, fantastic! But our top goal is to make sure the public (and our fellow Rotarians) know that **we are still working tirelessly to End Polio**. Your Club President will receive a separate email with instructions on Raising Money for Polio.

So...

**Where will Flat Bernie turn up next?
How will YOU move with Flat Bernie?**

Save the Date: **October 24 – World Polio Day**

Let's get as many Rotarians and Rotary Clubs involved as possible.

Let's get moving. Let's get noticed.

Let's End Polio Now—with a little help from our flat friend.

Sandee Brooks and **Mary G Gasque**
End Polio Now Co-Chairs



September 4th Meeting

The Environmental Club is seeking volunteers to help with the Quench Buggy at island events — a fantastic opportunity to serve our community! Thank you, Bonnie Brill, for sharing the news.

Our speaker, former Congressman Bob Inglis, a national leader in conservative climate advocacy, shared his insights on the power of bipartisan solutions for environmental progress. Bob Inglis' work aligns with Rotary's mission to foster sustainability and stewardship, reflecting our seventh area of focus: protecting our environment.



Thank you, Congressman Inglis!

Let's continue to make a difference, together!

#RotaryClub
#PeopleOfAction
#HiltonHeadIsland
#uniteforgood #hhirotary
#hhilowcountryenvironmental

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

Click on the link and copy and paste the passcode if you would like to see the **September 4th Rotary Club meeting:**

[CLICK HERE](#)

Passcode: Passcode: .9gy@LbF

United Way - Read Indeed Program

Dear Rotarians,

I'm following up on Kathy Sangiuliano's announcement at today's meeting about the opportunity to volunteer with the **Read Indeed** program through United Way of the Lowcountry. Just **one or two hours a week** can have a lasting impact on a young reader's life—and yours, too!

As a volunteer tutor, you'll work one-on-one with a first through third grade student who needs extra support in reading. You'll witness their growth firsthand, building confidence and literacy skills that will serve them for years to come. It's a rewarding experience that combines purpose, connection, and the joy of learning.

Tutor training begins in September, and tutoring sessions will start in October.

Flexible morning or early afternoon hours are available based on your schedule and the student's needs.

Tutoring takes place at the Hilton Head Island **School for Creative Arts**.

If you're interested, please [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the Read Indeed Program page to learn more and register.

You will also need to submit a volunteer registration with the Beaufort County School District, which includes a background check.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to start this process on the Beaufort County School District Volunteer page.

Please be sure to indicate your school of choice as **Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts** and note that you are volunteering with **United Way**.

Let's help our early readers turn the page to a brighter future—one story at a time.

With appreciation for your consideration and time,

Terri Brashears

President, 2025-2026 Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island
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Human Trafficking Mock Trial

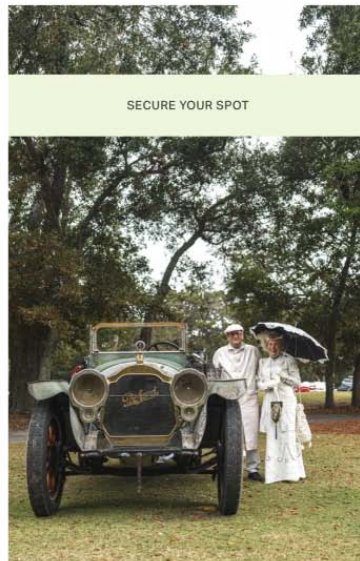
We have a few Mock jury seats left to fill on **Thursday, September 25**.
The Mock trial is related to **human trafficking**. Please see **Sarah Hobson** for details if interested in participating.



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.



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.



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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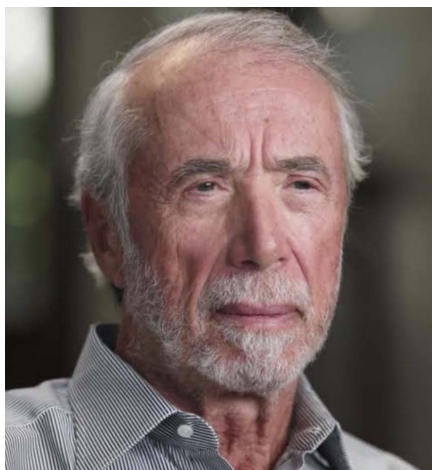
2025 CHIEF / CELEBRITY GUEST JUDGES

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Domenico De Sole
Thursday, October 2
5:30PM

Former chair of Sotheby's and former president and CEO of Gucci Group

Soundwaves
7 Lagoon Rd
light hors d'oeuvres and cash bar
[CLICK HERE to sign up](#)

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

Fish and Grits
MUSIC FESTIVAL

PRESENTED BY
Island LEGACY FUND
THE BANK
HILTON HEAD'S BEER GARDEN

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
FISHANDGRITSMUSICFEST.COM

Fish and Grits Festival at Lowcountry Celebration Park
Saturday, October 4
12pm to 6pm
[CLICK HERE to learn more](#)



Saturday, October 18th
11AM – 4PM

Italian Heritage Festival

Coastal Discovery at Honey Horn
Tickets are \$8 - Free Parking
[CLICK HERE for more information](#)



Saturday November 22

4:45 - 8:00PM

Hilton Head Island Lantern Parade

Alder Lane – Lowcountry Celebration Park



Educational and Fellowship Cruise (TBD)

Captained by our own Amber Kuehn!

Space is Limited

Departs from the Calhoun St. dock in Bluffton (110 Calhoun Street)



Nov 26 – Dec 28

Arts Center of Coastal Carolina

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](#)



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>

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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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

RIM Legacy Builder

Liberty Tax Service

Terri Brashears

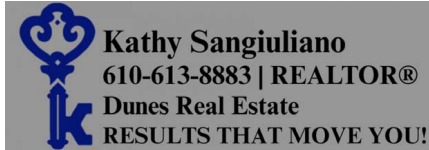


[Liberty Tax Service - Bluffton, SC](#)

(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



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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