

Rotary

Club of Hilton Head Island



Soundings February 6, 2025

OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE
USCB HILTON HEAD CAMPUS
1 SAND SHARK DRIVE

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

A menu is posted at the beginning of the buffet line. It is especially important for you to review this menu carefully if you have any food allergies.

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 [Low Country Environmental Club](#)

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

The [Low Country Environmental Club](#) meetings are held in the **Buckeye Room at Mangiamo's**.
Meetings are the **1st and 3rd Wednesday** of each month starting at 5:30.



Club Speaker

February 6th: [Wayne Boutwell](#)
CEO - "Encompass Health"

Club Events



Thursday, February 6th
5:30 PM

Club Meeting

Hilton Head Island
Meets at ZOOM and
USCB-Hilton Head
Campus

Lunch available at noon

USCB - Hilton Head
Campus 1 Sand Shark
Ln
Hilton Head Island, SC
29928

Time: Thursday at
12:30 PM

Speakers

February 6th
Wayne Boutwell
Encompass Health

February 13th
Mark Wilson
"The Enduring Legacy
of Scottish Poet, Robert
Burns"

February 20th
Mel Campbell
Gullah Community

February 27th
Russell Baxley
Beaufort Memorial
Hospital

Events

February 6th
Happy Hour at Red
Stripe

Birthdays

Jeffrey Rogers
February 9th
Pam Cooper
February 12th

Wedding Anniversaries

Joan Simpson & Joe
Player
February 9th

Years of Service

Joe Chappell
February 10th
14 Years

Club Leaders



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Happy Hour at Red Stripes

840 William Hilton Parkway
To sign up, see or email Scott Hamlin

"Lady, lady show me that magic again..."



Each day we have the opportunity to experience our own moment of *The Magic of Rotary*.
Write down the memory of that magic moment and place it in our Rotary Magic hat.
We will read *The Magic of Rotary* moments during club meetings throughout the year, anonymous or otherwise.

We have a Magic of Rotary text number: [\(803\) 392-3685](tel:8033923685) if you prefer to text your Magic moment.



Remember to bring books to the **Little Free Library**



Hilton Head Island Rotary Club News

****Bio Update - DACdb****

Please take a moment to review and update your information in DACdb.
Go to DACdb.com, type in your email address as your Login.
Click "Forgot Password" to reset if you do not remember your password.
The most important information is your telephone number and email address.

Rotary Club Dues

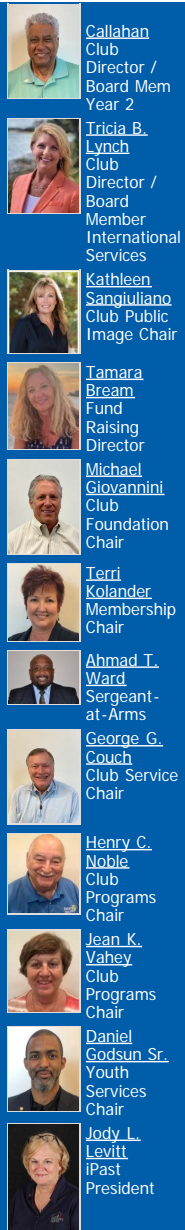
The January Rotary Dues Invoice was sent out by email on **January 1**.
Please contact Cindy Whalen if you have not received your dues invoice.
Cindy's email address is: office@hiltonheadrotary.org

Upcoming Events

Delivering on *The Magic* - Mission Trip to Honduras

We invite you to join us to see and hear about an ongoing medical mission program led by Rotarians Jeff Yung of Hilton Head Island and Marc Benard of Pinehurst, NC and supported by Rotary Global Grants. Marc and Jeff visited Honduras where they screened 160 children and operated on 32 children, correcting deformities in their feet that would severely limit their ability to lead a normal life.

This is an opportunity to learn about a medical mission program that is changing the lives of children in Honduras through the



dedication of Drs Benard and Yung, the active support of Rotary Clubs in Honduras, and the global grant program. Marc and Jeff will talk about the history of this program, the impact that it is having, and the overall organization.

This program will take place at the HHSO's Sound Waves facility on Lagoon Rd on Hilton Head Island on **March 5th starting at 5:30pm**. The HHSO is donating use of their facility, so admission is free. Snacks and a cash bar are available.

This is a great opportunity to bring friends and colleagues who are curious about Rotary to showcase an example of the **Magic of Rotary** around the world.

This event is capped at 100 people due to facility constraints. Please use this link to reserve your spot(s): [CLICK HERE](#)

Please contact Rotarian and Past President, Joe Chappell, with questions about this special event.

Rotary Leadership Institute February 22nd

Contact Deborah Burt for more information.



Enhance Your Rotary Learning In-Person RLI Part 1, 2, and 3 Hosted by District 7770

Saturday, February 22, 2025

Check-in begins at 8:30 pm

Class run from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Technical College of the Lowcountry

New River Campus

100 Community College Drive, Bluffton, SC 29909

Registration of \$95 includes all materials plus lunch

Join us and bring a friend

Any questions, contact your RLI District Chair, Tom Ledbetter at tom.ledbetter.rotary@gmail.com

Link to register:

<https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77802487&NoCaptcha>

**** Save-the-Date ****

Hilton Head Island Hall of Fame presented by the Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island Thursday, May 8th

Details shared during the March 27th Rotary meeting

Club Rotarian Health and Well-being

Mark O'Neil

Mark's outpatient care is progressing well at Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital. Mark continues to receive outpatient services 3 days a week for OT, PT, and speech.

Mark is slowly regaining strength, although he has a long way to go.

Mark's mailing address is: 100 Rossmore Drive, Malvern, PA, 19355.

Mark's cell number is [\(610\) 246-9155](tel:6102469155)

Please feel free to call and send cards and letters.

The Caring Bridge link below openly shares Mark's progress and challenges on his road to recovery.

Please continue to support Mark and Mark's family in whatever way possible. The Caring Bridge site provides frequent updates on Mark's condition:

[Caring Bridge](#)

You may contact Mark's wife, Ann, at: anndoneil@comcast.net

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 1990, the Hilton Head Island Rotary Club started refurbishment of the Low Country Human Development Center at Camp St. Mary's. This was a hands-on project consisting of painting, carpentry, landscape, and drainage work and continued through 1993.

- In 1947, Rotary International Foundation selected 19 students for the first class of scholarship recipients from Norway, Australia, and the United States.

Community Service

****Save-the-Dates****

ROCS – ROTARIANS OFFERING COMMUNITY SERVICE

Saturday, **March 22nd**
More information is coming soon.

RBC HERITAGE

April 15th through **April 20th**
Mark Your Calendar.



Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island 2025 Scholarship Announcement

The Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island is again offering academic scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Scholarship awardees are eligible to receive funding of **\$4,000 per year** for a maximum of four years. Applicants must be residents of Hilton Head Island although they may attend off-island high schools.

The scholarship application is available on the following link: <https://hiltonheadrotary.org> (top right-hand corner). The scholarship application along with the requested attachments and uploads must be submitted no later than Monday, April 28, at 11:59 pm.

An applicant's potential for post-secondary success at a two- or four-year college or university is evaluated utilizing the following parameters:

- Academic performance
- Financial needs
- Participation in school activities
- Community volunteer experience
- Work experience (if applicable)
- Letters of recommendation from two unrelated adults



Image courtesy of Rotary Club Public Relations Chair, Kathy Sangiuliano

January 30th Meeting

Our meeting was primarily dedicated to the Business Expo that highlighted Rotarians in their respective business ventures throughout Hilton Head Island and surrounding communities. Table displays were neatly arranged and highlighted the business diversity within our community.

Special recognition to Club Board Member, **Ezra "Cal" Callahan**, and Past President, **Jody Levitt**, for organizing this wonderful event. Our Business Expo was made possible through the strong participation of our Rotary business leaders and their colleagues.

Thank you!



Photos courtesy of President Mario Incorvaia

The link and the passcode are offered below if you would like to view the meeting:

[January 30th Meeting](#)

Passcode: v%?*A7to

2025 HHI Rotary Club Business Expo Participants

As a full-time REALTOR® at Dunes Real Estate, I specialize in serving the Hilton Head and Bluffton's communities with over 12 years of experience, in-depth knowledge, and unwavering dedication to my clients. My main objective is to deliver Exceptional Service, ranging from home staging, marketing, negotiating, local area expertise, contractor connections, downsizing strategies, and hands-on assistance. Personalization is a cornerstone of my real estate approach, and I take immense pride in tailoring these outstanding services to meet each client's unique needs. My commitment to providing exceptional, individualized care has earned me a stellar reputation that surpasses my competition. Discover the difference that personalized service can make by choosing me for your real estate needs.



Liberty Tax Bluffton opened in 2008, as part of a 4,000-office network of tax professionals across the U.S. and Canada. Our office has access to the leading tax software in the industry along with expert tech and tax support. Our business software is the same used by CPAs across the country. As Bluffton has grown, our tax preparation has exploded. We process returns from a number of states remotely via our secure portal. Our Liberty team includes four experienced tax professionals, including a former IRS employee and retired corporate financial officers, and two staff members who facilitate appointments, handle office needs and assist with marketing. Our trained and certified tax professionals look forward to working with you!



Spartina Marine Education Charters offers an "In depth revelation of the Lowcountry waterways" aboard SPARTINA, a 25ft. Bateau! Different from a sight-seeing tour, Captain Amber will spend two hours guiding a scientific expedition. Her Master's Degree in Marine Science and experiences as a child on the May River bring her explanations to a different level of comprehension accompanied by a touch of storytelling.



Weichert, Realtors® - Coastal Properties is a premier, independently owned and operated full-service real estate company with five strategically located offices serving Hilton Head Island, Bluffton, Okatie, Beaufort, South Carolina, and Savannah, Georgia. Established over 28 years ago by Owners/Brokers Karen and Joe Ryan, our company has grown into one of the top three largest real estate firms in the Lowcountry.

Combining the strength of a trusted national brand with deep local expertise, we deliver unparalleled service through a dedicated 25+ administrative team, the largest in the local real estate industry. We have staff members for each facet of the transaction including listings, contracts, closings, agent coordination, relocation, technology, and training. Our internationally recognized, award-winning marketing team ensures that every property shines on a global and local stage.

With a commitment to excellence, Weichert, Realtors® - Coastal Properties provides exceptional support and specialized training for our agents, empowering them to exceed client expectations at every step of the real estate journey. Experience the difference of working with a company where expertise meets excellence!



Robinson Grant & Co., P.A. has been providing audit, financial, and tax advisory services to the Lowcountry since 1982. Robinson Grant believes in loyalty, honesty, and excellence, focusing attention to its client's financial needs and goals. Its motto "We go

beyond the numbers" is the firm's promise to its clients that they can always depend on the firm. The firm offers a wide range of services to individual and business clients including tax preparation and planning, bookkeeping, and financial statement audits, in addition to consulting services such as business valuations, succession planning, and litigation support.



The Island Funeral Home has proudly served our Hilton Head and Bluffton communities for over 43 years. Founded in 1981, we have grown to become the areas trusted choice for end-of-life care. With the addition of an on-site crematory in 1983, your loved one never leaves our care. Our recently renovated facility offers serene spaces for reflection, private viewings, and life celebrations that honor your loved one's unique story.

We understand the importance of honoring our veterans, which is why we coordinate military honors for our veterans, ensuring a fitting tribute to their service. Our expert event planners can bring any vision to life, from intimate memorials to grand celebrations, with options for catering, flowers, themed decor, and more. We also work closely with cemeteries to seamlessly arrange graveside or interment services, taking care of every detail to ease your burden during this difficult time. At The Island Funeral Home, we celebrate life with dignity, respect, and personalized care.



LOCAL Life is about living well in the Lowcountry. Stories are everywhere: intriguing people and places, food and fashion, culture and creativity, homes and health. These stories embody our local style and sophistication with a southern twist. Eloquent written words and stunning photography capture the local essence in a way that educates, entertains, and engages locals who are inspired and want more. #LiveLikeALocal



We are a values led company. The Pinnacle approach is a very people-centric one. It takes an unwavering focus and commitment of leadership to make it work.

The same five key business strategies Pinnacle has employed since inception shape our focus today:

- Focus on businesses, real estate professionals and consumers that desire a deep relationship with their financial partner.
- Provide distinctive service and effective advice.
- Hire and retain highly experienced and qualified financial services professionals.
- Offer a full line of financial services including banking, investments, mortgage, trust, insurance and financial planning.
- Offer extraordinary convenience.



Launched in 2016, Connected HHI has evolved from an initial focus on network security and failover to a full-service IT services company for small to medium businesses in the lowcountry of South Carolina.

In the past four years, we have invested an increasing amount of our time and resources on cybersecurity services. We have built upon a foundation of firewalls and endpoint security, adding email security, ransomware detection / protection, O365 backup services, O365 auditing, penetration testing, and recently adding dark web monitoring along with phishing training and testing. At each step, we have continued to add tools that allow us to monitor, inspect, manage, and respond quickly and effectively.

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?

Upcoming Rotary Fellowship Opportunities



Thursday, **March 6th** 5:30 PM
Happy Hour at Tio's 40 Shelter Cove Lane
See Scott Hamlin



Rotary of HHI Pickleball Social

March 29th
10am - 12n

\$25 per person

Rotarians, family and guests are invited to an **INDOOR Pickleball social** at the new **Dill Dinkers** <https://locations.dilldinkers.com/us/sc/hilton-head/mathews-drive/>

Enjoy random play and a pot-luck lunch. Please bring a lunch style covered dish of your choice.

\$25 includes court time, a custom t-shirt (please include your shirt size), water, soft drinks and eating utensils.

LIMITED to 20 Players

The deadline to sign up is **February 20th**.
We will have to cancel if we do not have enough players

Questions: email George Couch via georgecouch@comcast.net

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 Mario or Sergeant-at-Arms Ahmad Ward 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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