

Rotary

Club of Hilton Head Island



Soundings January 16, 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

January 16th: [Galen Miller](#)
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

Club Events

No Club Events for the next Rotary week

Support the [Lowcountry Environmental Club](#) and the [Quench Buggy Project](#)
Donations for the Quench Buggy Project are accepted through this link: <https://gofund.me/b58728f2>
Please share this link with family and friends



Over **3 million plastic water bottles** are discarded each year on Hilton Head Island!
Substitute a refillable water bottle for plastic. And donate to our [Quench Buggy Campaign!](#)

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

January 16th
Galen Miller
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

January 23rd
Mark Wilson
Robbie Burns

January 30th
Ezra Callahan
Business Expo

February 6th
Wayne Boutwell
Encompass Health

February 13th
Juanita Babet Villena-
Alvarez

Events

No events scheduled for
the next Rotary week

Birthdays

Lisa Lauder Milch
January 16th
Ray Dowe
January 16th
Michael Campbell
January 20th
Eric Magnin
January 22nd

Wedding Anniversaries

Zane & Brian Julius
January 20th

Years of Service

Ted Gregg
January 20th
20 Yrs
Dan Sinkiewicz
January 18th
7 Yrs

Club Leaders



[Mario Incorvaia](#)
President



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Secretary



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Did you Know?

The **Quench Buggy Campaign** fundraising goal is **\$70,000**

The **Low Country Environmental Club** is **40%** toward the fundraising goal.

Thank you to all who have contributed to date!

Please continue to share this giving opportunity throughout our community.

"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

Club Rotarian Health and Well-being

Mark O'Neil

Mark traveled to their home in Philadelphia on Sunday, January 12th, and will remain there while continuing outpatient physical therapy. Mark was in either a hospital or a rehab center for 79 days and is very happy to return home! Mark's family will situate him to participate in Zoom calls so hopefully we will soon see Mark remotely at Rotary meetings.

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

Mark's cell number is (610) 246-9155

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:
<https://www.caringbridge.org/site/bf903264-97aa-11ef-bccc-9f9c115a7905>



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Sr.**
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Jody L. Levitt
Past President

Upcoming Events

ROTARY CLUB OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND FOR-PROFIT BUSINESS EXPO JANUARY 30th

Please contact **Jody Levitt** - jody.levitt@thechildrenscentersc.org if you would like your business represented



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>

**** New Member Update ****

The following person was approved by our Club Board of Directors for induction into our Hilton Head Island Rotary Club on **January 16th**

Jenny R. Miller – Sponsor Don Brashears

Jenny is the Learning and Literacy Manager at Bluffton Self Help, a non-profit agency. Jenny lives on Hilton Head Island and is a relatively new resident. When Jenny lived in Ohio, she actively involved herself in service opportunities and she has missed helping others since her relocation. Jenny is a former elementary teacher, and has coordinated an AmeriCorps program, the Ohio Reading and Math Corps, for the past 10 years. Jenny is passionate about education and believes that everyone should have equitable access to a high-quality education as a pathway to economic prosperity. Along with other service activities, Jenny wants to continue to help others on their educational journey. Jenny's desire is to become a more active member of the Hilton Head Island community and participate in more service projects. Jenny believes that joining Rotary is a great way to meet these goals.

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 1997**, the Hilton Head Island Rotary Club began a Club Gift of Life Program largely through the efforts of Rotarians Brian Carmines, Dr. Bob Laughlin, and Bruce Pitkin to help needy individuals with health problems receive care. Money was raised to transport, support, and arrange accommodation for patients during treatment and recovery. Our first recipient was four-year-old Edgar "Neto" Vasquez from El Salvador who received facial reconstruction as a treatment for a congenital abnormality. Neto and his mother stayed with Rotarian families as part of the caregiving project.

- **In 1968**, Rotary certified its first Rotaract club at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Rotaract was created as a program for college-age students and young professionals. Rotaract clubs are redefined as a unique type of membership in Rotary starting in 2019.

Community Service

Hilton Head Island Rotary Club - United Way of the Low Country

READ INDEED Program

The Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island selected the United Way of the Low Country's READ INDEED program as our project to help improve literacy in our communities. We encourage Rotarians interested in literacy and helping elementary students to improve their reading to sign up for this program as soon as possible to begin tutoring in January 2025.

A child learns to read until the fourth grade. After that, they read to learn. With the help of volunteer tutors, United Way of the Lowcountry's Early Grade Reading Initiative works with Pre-K through third-graders to help ensure children are prepared for success in school. Read Indeed! Offers one-on-one, in-person tutoring at the following schools on Hilton Head Island or Bluffton:

- Hilton Head School for Creative Arts
- Red Cedar Elementary School, Bluffton

Volunteer as little as two hours a week during the school calendar year

Trained Read Indeed! Volunteer reading tutors are matched with children in grades Pre-K through third grade who are identified by school literacy specialists as needing additional help with reading. These are the students who would otherwise fall through the cracks if they did not receive other intervention.

- Tutoring begins in October and January.
- Locations vary based on where tutors are needed,
- Morning or early afternoon hours are offered based on the student's availability and your schedule.
- Each school's hours of operation vary.
- Tutors receive training prior to and during the tutoring program. A background check is mandatory.

**Your time and commitment will make a lifetime of difference to a child.
Please click [HERE](#) if you are interested in becoming a volunteer Rotary EGR tutor!**

For more information, contact: Bethany Marcinkowski, Volunteer Coordinator for the United Way of the Low Country at [843-837-2001](tel:843-837-2001) or email her via bmarcinkowski@uwlowcountry.org

January 9th Meeting

We were thrilled by the impressive turnout during last week's meeting with many members of the Low Country Environmental Club and guests in attendance. Our Rotary family continues to grow and have a positive impact in our community!

We were proud and honored to announce that Rotary has partnered with the Salvation Army for 50 years on Hilton Head Island. We presented the Salvation Army with a check totaling \$21,027 from our bell-ringing efforts during the 2024 holiday season. Thank you to all who contributed to this meaningful cause through donations and bell ringing.



We were also honored to host Dr. Thomas Mullikin. Dr. Mullikin shared his insights on ecotourism and education. Dr Mullikin emphasized the importance of exploring, caring for, and protecting our environment to foster a passion for preserving the world around us. Dr Mullikin also discussed the role of industry in reducing its footprint and increasing profitability.



It was also a pleasure to induct two new members into our Rotary family: [Ann and Doug Shippy](#).



Welcome, Ann and Doug, into our Rotary family.
Congratulations!

Text and photos inspired by the Hilton Head Island Rotary Club Facebook page

Rotary Club Recognition - Mr Larry Sanders



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We are thrilled to celebrate our fellow Hilton Head Island Rotary member, Larry Sanders, for his remarkable dedication to service! Larry's commitment to volunteering in the community is truly inspiring, and we are honored to partner with him as he amplifies the values that Rotary is all about.

Congratulations, Larry, on receiving the well-deserved award for your seven years of service on the Hospital Board. Your passion for making a difference is a shining example for us all, and we're proud to have you as a member of our Rotary family. 🏆 🙌

Join us in celebrating Larry's achievements and thanking him for his incredible contributions to our community!

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Courtesy of the Hilton Head Island Rotary Club Facebook page

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





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
Sign-up deadline was January 13th.

Click here to sign up: [CLICK HERE](#)

Questions: email George Couch via georgecouch@comcast.net

Experienced Rotarians, family, friends and beginners are welcome!

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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