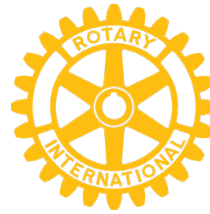


# Rotary

## Club of Hilton Head Island



### Soundings January 23, 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](http://www.hiltonheadrotary.org)  
[www.facebook.com/HHIRotary](https://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](https://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 23rd: [Mark Wilson](#)  
"The Enduring Legacy of Scottish Poet, Robert Burns"

### Club Events



Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 PM

Dine & Dance  
MLK Celebration Dinner Party & Dancing  
Port Royal Beach House  
\$85 per person

For tickets or more information, see Joe Chappell

### 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 23rd  
Mark Wilson  
Robbie Burns

January 30th  
Ezra Callahan  
Business Expo

February 6th  
Wayne Boutwell  
Encompass Health

February 13th  
Juanita Babet Villena-Alvarez

### Events

Dine and Dance  
January 25th

### Birthdays

David Deaton  
January 24th  
Nancy Williams  
January 25th  
Matt Hunt  
January 27th  
Cathy Robine  
January 28th

### Wedding Anniversaries

Dafina & Ahmad Ward  
January 29th  
"You're special!"

### Years of Service

No Years Of Service to  
celebrate this week

### Club Leaders



[Mario Incorvaia](#)  
President



[Teresa M. Brashears](#)  
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Club Director /  
Board Mem Year 2

[Tricia B. Lynch](#)  
Club Director /

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!**

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

The **Low Country Environmental Club** achieved their fundraising goal last week.  
Administrative costs remain to support start-up although the original \$70,000 goal was achieved.

**Congratulations!**

**Thank you to all who have contributed to and actively supported our Quench Buggy Project!**

We will share additional Low Country Environmental Club updates when available..

**"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 Log In and if you do not remember your password, click "Forgot Password" to reset it.  
The most important information is your telephone number and email address.



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Club Programs  
Chair



Daniel Godsun  
Sr.  
Youth Services  
Chair



Jody L. Levitt  
iPast President

## 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](mailto:office@hiltonheadrotary.org)

## Club Rotarian Health and Well-being

### Mark O'Neil

Mark

Mark returned home to Malvern approximately one week ago. Mark started with 24/7 assisted care and this was reduced to a minimum of 6 hours in the afternoon and early evening.

Mark is starting outpatient therapy on January 21st and is eager to make progress. Mark continues to struggle with feeling in his foot, although his leg is gaining strength by the day.

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>

You may contact Mark's wife, Ann, at: [anndoneil@comcast.net](mailto:anndoneil@comcast.net)

## Upcoming Events

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

Please contact **Jody Levitt** - [jody.levitt@thechildrenscentersc.org](mailto: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](mailto:tom.ledbetter.rotary@gmail.com)

Link to register:

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

Would you like to share photos, stories, and media related to our **Hilton Head Island Rotary Club**?

Please mail to: [HHIRotaryPR@gmail.com](mailto:HHIRotaryPR@gmail.com)

## Did You Know?

- **In 1997**, the Hilton Head Island Rotary Club sponsored the Sunset Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island, an evening Club.

- **In 1985**, PolioPlus supported the commitment Rotary International made a few years earlier to "eliminate polio through immunization". Today, that commitment remains a top priority and the PolioPlus program coordinates the efforts of Rotary International and its partners.

## Community Service

### 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 scholarship 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

Students planning to attend South Carolina colleges or universities receive preferential consideration.

**The Rotary Scholarship Committee appreciates you encouraging Hilton Head Island high school graduating students to take full advantage of this opportunity.**

Our 2025 Rotary Scholarship committee members follow:

**Committee Chair:** Karl Scharrer

**Steering Committee:** Terri Brashears, Peter Cooper, Sarah Hobson

**Application Reviewers:** Phil Anzalone, Terri Brashears, Peter Cooper, Sheila Duffy, Michael Fleenor, Karl Scharrer, David Stitzer, Jean Vahey

**Youth Services Chair:** Daniel Godsun



### 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](mailto:bmarcinkowski@uwlowcountry.org)

## January 16th Meeting

We were treated to a visit and informed presentation by Rotarian Galen Miller who serves as the Director Of Information Technology at The Cypress of Hilton Head Island as well as the Chairman of the Hilton Head MLK Committee for Justice.

Galen shared upcoming events celebrating the Martin Luther King Holiday as well as the Committee's Spring calendar of events.



**Thank you, Galen!**

It was also a pleasure to induct [Jenny Miller](#) into our Rotary family.



**Congratulations, Jenny!**

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

[January 16th Meeting](#)  
Passcode: JrmW.T9r

**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, February 6<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM  
Happy Hour at Red Stripes  
840 William Hilton Parkway  
To sign up, see or email 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**

Questions: email George Couch via [georgecouch@comcast.net](mailto: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.

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## The Four-Way Test

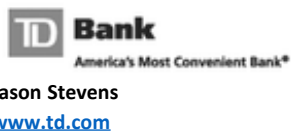
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Of the things we **think, say or do**

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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