

# Rotary

## Club of Hilton Head Island



### Soundings January 9, 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 9th: **Tom Mullikin**  
ECO Tourism / Environmental

### Club Events

January 9th: **Happy Hour at Street Meet American Tavern**  
95 Matthews Drive D11

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!

### 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 9th**  
Tom Mullikin  
ECO Tourism /  
Environmental

**January 16th**  
MLK  
Galen Miller

**January 23rd**  
Robbie Burns  
Mark Wilson

**January 30th**  
Business Expo  
Ezra Callahan

### Events

**January 9th**  
Happy Hour - Street  
Meet American Tavern

### Birthdays

Loni Lueke  
January 14th

### Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding  
Anniversaries Found

### Years of Service

John Nowacek  
January 12, 2023  
2 Yrs HHI  
3 Yrs Total

### Club Leaders



Mario  
Inconvaia  
President



Teresa M.  
Brashears  
President -  
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John C.  
Boretti  
Secretary



Deborah L.  
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Vice  
President



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Stevens  
Treasurer



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Club  
Director /  
Board Mem  
Year 2

Substitute a refillable water bottle for plastic. And donate to our **Quench Buggy Campaign!**

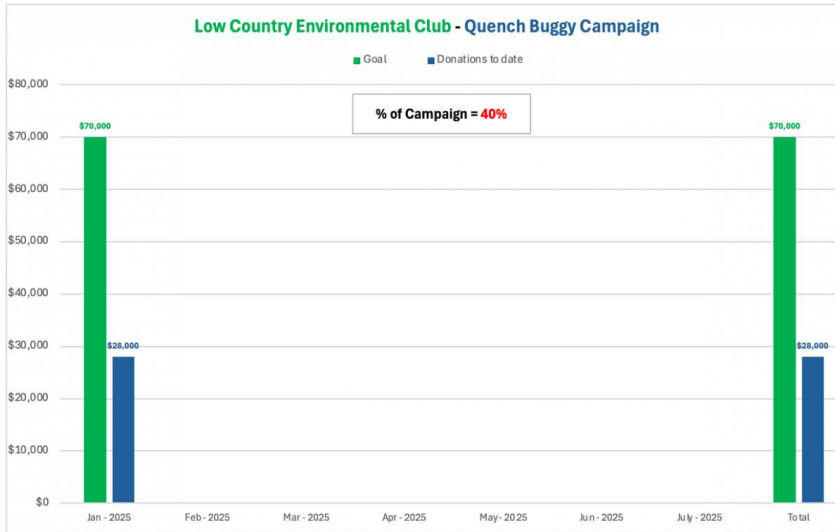
*Did you Know?*

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**



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Club Programs Chair
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-  **Jody L. Levitt**  
iPast President

# Hilton Head Island Rotary Club News

## Club Rotarian Health and Well-being

### Mark O'Neil

The family is transferring Mark to Malvern, which is a borough in Pennsylvania near Philadelphia, for inpatient rehab. Mark's transfer date is scheduled for January 12th weather permitting.

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)

Ann celebrated a birthday on January 4th. *Happy belated Birthday, Ann!*  
You have the full support and well wishes from your Hilton Head Island Rotary family!

### \*\* New Member Update \*\*

The following people were approved by our Club Board of Directors for induction into our Hilton Head Island Rotary Club on **January 9th**

#### Jenny R. Miller – Sponsor Don Brashears

Jenny is the Learning and Literacy Manager at Bluffton Self Help, a non-profit agency. She lives on Hilton Head Island. Jenny 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 for the past ten years has coordinated an AmeriCorps program, the Ohio Reading and Math Corps. 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 HHI community and participate in more service projects. Jenny believes that joining Rotary is a great way to meet these goals.

#### Ann Shippy - Sponsor Jean Vahay

Ann lives on the island with her husband, Doug. Ann is a retired Air Force Colonel and served alongside her husband. Service has been a big part of Ann's life from an early age. Ann served as the President of her HOA and as Deacon for First Presbyterian Church on Hilton Head Island. Ann enjoys reading, working out, Peloton, volunteering, and dogs and cats. Ann is excited to join our club and expand her opportunities to service our community.

#### Doug Shippy - Sponsor Jean Vahay

Doug lives on the island with his wife, Ann. Doug is a retired veteran who lists his only hobby as golf. Doug is looking forward to becoming a Rotarian and helping both his local and global community. Doug and Ann will add great value as family members of our Hilton Head Island Rotary Club.

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 1988, the Hilton Head Island Rotary Club sponsored the start-up of the Bluffton Rotary Club. This was also the year that the Island Recreation Center opened.

- In 1971, Rotary adopted the **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)**. Events introduced leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills to secondary school students and young professionals.

## 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 Marcinowski, 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)

## 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, **January 9, 2025**  
5:30

### Happy Hour at Street Meet American Tavern

95 Mathews Dr D11 To sign up, see Terri Kolander



**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 January 13, 2025.

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

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

Experienced Rotarians, family, friends and beginners are welcome!

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## 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

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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