

# Rotary

## Club of Hilton Head Island



Soundings November 28, 2024



OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE  
USCB HILTON HEAD CAMPUS  
1 SAND SHARK DRIVE  
(ADJACENT TO 21 OFFICE PARK ROAD)

[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 activity 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 [Lowcountry 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

November 28th: **No Meeting**  
**Happy Thanksgiving!**

Club Events - **December**

### 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

**Nov 28, 2024**  
**Happy Thanksgiving!**  
No meeting

**Dec 5, 2024**  
Larry Kramer  
USA Today Publisher  
(Former)

**Dec 12, 2024**  
Duffy Stone  
Beaufort County Solicitor

**Dec 19, 2024**  
Jeff Yung  
Holiday Music

### Events

No Events for the week  
**Happy Thanksgiving!**

### Birthdays

Jody Levitt  
November 30th  
Mike Jukofsky  
December 1st

### Wedding Anniversaries

Nancy & Burrell Williams  
November 28th  
Kelly & Frank Soule  
November 29th  
Kaye & Joe Black  
December 4th

### Years of Service

Jason Stevens  
Dec 4, 2008  
16 Yrs  
George Couch  
Dec 1, 2022  
2 Yrs HHI  
41 Yrs Total

### Club Leaders



**Mario  
Incorvaia**  
President



**Teresa M.  
Brashears**  
President - Elect



**John C. Boretti**  
Secretary



**Deborah L.  
Burt**  
Vice President



**Jason T.  
Stevens**  
Treasurer



**December 6th, 4:30 PM**

**Early Dinner in Beaufort followed by a performance by the Gullah Kinfolk Traveling Theater**

Dinner venue TBD – Show tickets \$40  
Sign up with Mary Jo Herron (678-644-8200) by October 31st



**December 7th, 5:00 PM**  
**Rotary Holiday Party**

Port Royal Beach House - 45 S Port Royal Drive

Catered By Cactus Cantina  
Music By Terry Herron

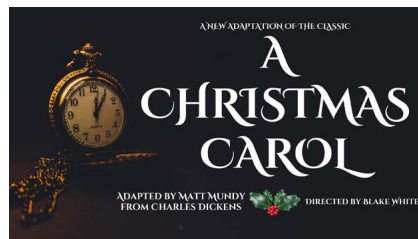
\$20 per person  
(pay at meeting or at the Party)

**Bring an unwrapped book - birth to age 5 for The Children's Center**

**Wear your ugly sweater for our contest.**

Bring your family and beverages of choice

[Click HERE to sign-up](#)



Preview performance **December 12** at 7:30PM

**December 13-14 & 19-21** at 7:30PM  
**December 15 & 22** matinées at 2:00PM

Talkbacks will follow the December 13, 15, 20 & 22 performances.

A brand-new take on the standard— homegrown, faithful to the source material, and adapted in a way only Lean Ensemble Theater can do it. While five actors take you through Ebenezer Scrooge's Christmas, Lean takes you on a holiday journey that will not only remind you to hold your loved ones tightly, but also why this tale remains a completely fresh classic.

**This is a performance not to be missed, as there has never before been *A Christmas Carol* like it.**

*A Christmas Carol* adapted by Lean ensemble member and self-professed Charles Dickens nerd Matt Mundy.  
Directed by Lean Ensemble Founding Artistic & Executive Director Blake White.

[Click HERE for Tickets](#)

Use the "Rotary" ticket code for a \$5 discount



**Ezra Callahan**  
Club Director /  
Board Mem  
Year 2



**Tricia B. Lynch**  
Club Director /  
Board Member  
International  
Services



**Kathleen Sangiuliano**  
Club Public  
Image Chair



**Tamara Bream**  
Fund Raising  
Director



**Michael Giovannini**  
Club  
Foundation  
Chair



**Terri Kolander**  
Membership  
Chair



**Ahmad T. Ward**  
Sergeant-at-  
Arms



**George G. Couch**  
Club Service  
Chair



**Henry C. Noble**  
Club Programs  
Chair



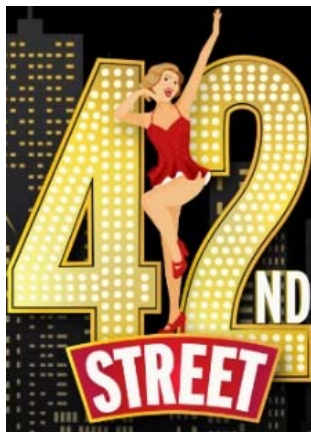
**Jean K. Vahey**  
Club Programs  
Chair



**Daniel Godsun Sr.**  
Youth Services  
Chair



**Jody L. Levitt**  
iPast President



December 13<sup>th</sup>  
42<sup>nd</sup> Street

**Arts Center of Coastal Carolina**

Special Rotary Ticket Price \$56 See Scott or Cindy to sign up.



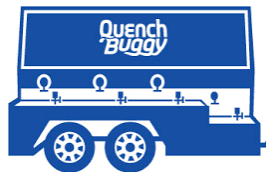
December 15<sup>th</sup>

**A Lowcountry Christmas featuring Terry Herron & Scott Gibbs**

**A fundraiser for the Gullah Latino Advisory Council, The Hispanic Business Association of the Lowcountry and the MLK Committee for Justice**

Christ Lutheran Church. Tickets are \$25  
For tickets, go to [www.lowcountrydiversity.org](http://www.lowcountrydiversity.org)

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!**

***Did you Know?***

The **Quench Buggy Campaign** fundraising goal is **\$67,000**

The total **Quench Buggy Campaign** donations from all sources is **\$21,377**  
**32%** of the campaign total as of November 12th

***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 is in a rehab facility in Jacksonville that specializes in stroke treatment.

A Caring Bridge site has been established for updates on his condition:

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

You may send cards to the following address:

Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital  
6400 Brooks Bartram Drive, Rm. 3028  
Jacksonville, FL 32258.

You may also contact his wife, Ann, at: [anndoneil@comcast.net](mailto:anndoneil@comcast.net)

#### **Denny Nelson**

Denny is at home in Sun City and would appreciate texts, cards and visits from his Rotary friends.

Contact information follows:

Cell phone: (843) 682-3800.

Address:  
106 Carnation Road  
Okatie, SC 29909-1041.

You may contact his wife, Leila, at: (843) 298-0433.

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

The following people were approved by our Club Board of Directors for induction:

### **Amy Fee** - sponsor Jean Vahay

Amy is a retired VP of Business Development at Morgan Stanley. Amy lives on the island with her husband, Bernard, and her hound dog, Buddy. Amy is currently a member of the Town of Hilton Head Island Board of Zoning Appeals and a Board member of the Forest Beach Owners Association. Amy is passionate about HHI and was a candidate for Town Council for Ward 3. Amy is very interested in broadening the ways in which she can serve her community, including wanting to become a Rotarian. Amy's interests include protecting our environment, gardening, birding, and photography.

### **Thomas Swanciger** – Sponsor Terri Kolander

Thomas is the Executive Director at Osprey Village Thrift on Main. Thomas has been a Rotarian since 2015 and is transferring from the Charleston Breakfast club. Thomas was previously a member of South Shore Rotary, Stanton Island, NY. Thomas lives on John's Island with his wife, Jennifer. Thomas' hobbies include beach, Pickle Ball, vacationing, and he is an avid dog lover. Thomas looks forward to continuing his Rotary service with us.

### **Cortni L White** – Sponsor Joe Player

Cortni is the owner of Group Seven Creative, which specializes in home design, renovation, property management and property staging. Cortni lives on Hilton Head Island with her husband, Barry. Cortni's interests include reading, running, quilting, genealogy research, and gardening. Cortni desires to make the world a better place through meaningful activities and comradery with her fellow man. Cortni believes that the best place to achieve these goals is through Rotary.

### **Laura Christenson** – Sponsor Mary Stuart Alderman

Laura is a retired HR executive and lives on Hilton Head Island. Laura volunteers at the Deep Well Project handling office intake and the Circles Program as an Ally Mentor after starting out in the 2-4 yr old classroom. Laura's hobbies include music, reading, the beach, and water. Laura is a recent retiree and always said that her next career would be giving back to the community and the world to make it a better place. Although Laura's career, commuting, and family left little time, she believes that now is the time and Rotary is a big part of realizing her goals.

### **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.

### **John F Shoulders Jr** – Sponsor George Couch

John has retired after an expansive 33 year career in commercial banking, 10 year entrepreneur in commercial real estate development, and 10 years as executive vice president for the Feeding America Food Bank. John has been a Rotarian since 1976 in Martinsville VA where he served as treasurer, as well as a Rotarian in Roanoke VA, Bristol VA, Mt Airy NC, and returning to Roanoke VA for a second stint as President ending in 2010. John lives on Hilton Head Island with his wife Cathy and wants to return to Rotary service.

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 1998**, the Hilton Head Island Rotary Club hosted a Valentine's fashion show luncheon headed by Rotarians Florence Albaugh and Beja Strum. The well-attended luncheon raised nearly \$14,000 for local and District 7770 Alzheimers' research projects.

- **In 1921**, Rotarians met in Edinburgh, Scotland, for the first convention held outside the United States. Rotarians add the advancement of peace and international goodwill to the Rotary International constitution. Prioritizing peace became part of the Object of Rotary when the Object was adopted in the 1922 Convention in Los Angeles, California. Rotarians parade through the streets of Edinburgh, Scotland, during the 1921 convention.

## **Community Service**

### **Deep Well Food Drive**

Our total donations from our **November 21st** campaign totaled **1,062 pounds** of food.

**Well done, Rotarians!**

### **Holiday Bell Ringing**

It's that time of year to work together and support our community by participating in our annual **Rotary Holiday Bell Ringing** throughout Hilton Head Island

Sign-ups are available on-line through the following link:

[\*\*Day Captain and Bell Ringing Sign-up\*\*](#)

## Rotary Day Captain and Bell Ringing Volunteer Status as of November 24th



## 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 Rotarian's 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 or email her via [bmarcinkowski@uwlowcountry.org](mailto:bmarcinkowski@uwlowcountry.org)



## Hurricane Helene Update and Recognition

The Hilton Head Rotary Club, in collaboration with Rotary District 7770 and Rotarians in western North Carolina, did an outstanding job in organizing and executing relief efforts after Hurricane Helene. Their dedication and hard work helped provide essential aid to those affected by the storm.

A special mention goes out to Joe Chappell, Scott Hanlin, Ron Farsetti, and Dr. Sharon Webster, who went above and beyond in their efforts. The success of this initiative would not have been possible without the help of all the volunteers who selflessly contributed their time and energy.

It's heartwarming to see communities coming together to support one another in times of crisis. The Hilton Head Rotary Club's commitment to helping those in need, both locally and beyond, is truly commendable

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### Hurricane Helene Relief for Western NC

Thank you all for the amazing work!



District 7770 and Rotarians in NC

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4 trips with 26' Uhaul's, 4 trips with 14' trailers & a 35' trailer from Florida. Deliveries in Lake Lure, Swananoa, Burnsville, Woodfin, Egypt Tamsey Town, Hendersonville, Marshall, South Asheville, Franklin, Marion & Madison County

- 400 Heaters
- 300 Heater Hose Adapters
- 96 Generators
- 9 Shop Vacs
- 9 Power Washers
- 100 Shovels
- 20 Refrigerators
- 300 Blankets
- Misc. Batteries and Flashlights
- First Aid Kits and Supplies
- Tools, Ladders, Wheel Barrows etc...
- 100 Pairs of Children's Shoes/Boots
- 2 Tons of Child Care Items
- 4 24X12 Storage/ Warming Buildings
- 1 Ton of Warm Weather Clothes
- 150 Gas Cans and Oil
- 1 Ton Misc. Items
- 50 Single Burner Stoves w/ Fuel
- 3000 Trash Bags
- Over 3000 lbs. of Pet Food, Non Perishable Food and Cleaning Supplies
- 110 Extension Cords
- 11 Chain Saws
- 1000 lbs. of Baby Formula, Diapers and Wipes
- 200 Bottles of Dawn
- 1 Ton Hygiene Products
- Roofing Materials for 2 Complete Roofs



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

## November 21st Meeting

Welcome, Mayor Alan Perry!

Mayor Perry visited our meeting and shared several areas of focus that contribute to the growth of Hilton Head Island. Funding that supports projects from both the public and private sector was highlighted. Of special interest to many on Hilton Head Island and the Bluffton area communities was an update on the new bridge initiative.

### About our Mayor



Mayor Perry was elected as Mayor in November 2022.

Mayor Perry gained experience with local government by serving on the Town's Planning Commission, which focused on land use, zoning changes, capital improvement projects and other public initiatives. He was also a member of the Town's Program for Public Information Committee.

Mayor Perry has been involved extensively with many community organizations, including the Hilton Head Island St. Patrick's Day Parade, which he currently chairs; People for Parks, the RBC Heritage Classic Presented by Boeing Announcers, and the Hilton Head Island Recreation Association. He is a member of Providence Presbyterian Church, the Hilton Head Area Association of Realtors, and

the Greater Hilton Head Island Mortgage Lenders Association.  
Mayor Perry attended Anderson College and the College of Charleston.  
In his free time, Perry enjoys boating and spending time with family and friends.

Biography and photo courtesy of the Hilton Head Island Government website

The following are the link and passcode if you missed the meeting or would like to see it again:

[November 21st Meeting](#)

Passcode: c4#m?3pN

## Rotarians in the Community

Rotarians enjoy the [Ghost Pirates](#) game



Rotarians attending [Elf the Musical](#)



Rotarians attend and actively participate in the [Hilton Head Island Lantern Parade](#)







## Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island nominates Don Brashears 2027 - 2028 District Governor

In accordance with RI Bylaws 14.020.4, Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG), Lou Mello, has invited clubs to submit their suggestions for nominations for District Governor 2027-2028. IPDG Lou has set a deadline of December 1, 2024, to submit nominations.

Our Club leadership has such a suggestion that is to be submitted to you in the form of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the club naming the suggested candidate. The resolution will be certified by the club secretary. A club may suggest only one of its own members as a candidate for governor-nominee.

Therefore I, Jody Levitt, immediate past president of the Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island, do hereby request the Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island's support in nominating Don Brashears from our membership for District Governor, 2027-2028.

Don is a member in good standing of the Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island. The Club further attests that Don has been duly suggested for the office of District Governor under RI Bylaws 14.020.4 and meets the qualifications as specified in RI Bylaws 16.070.

Do I have a second to approve the resolution to nominate Don Brashears as a Candidate for District Governor 2027-2028?

All those members of the Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island in favor say aye...

All those opposed ...

***The motion passes!***



Photo courtesy of Club photographer, Larry Sanders

### ***Congratulations, Don!***

Well-earned! You are one who embodies the true spirit of Rotary each and every day. Thank you for serving as a positive role model and standard for our Club.

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### ***The Magic of Rotary***

Roman Borkowski and his wife Hannah lost everything following a recent house fire. Roman is 84 years old.

Many Rotarians and others in our Hilton Head Island community most likely recognize Roman as the hard-working Customer Service employee at Harris Teeter on Main Street. Roman is much loved, humble, and truly embodies our Rotary motto "Service Above Self".

Please take a moment and access the story behind the fund-raiser in the link below, and please consider supporting Roman and Hannah.

This is our time to share ***The Magic of Rotary!***



[Click here to support Malcom MacLennan's story about Roman Borkowski](#)

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## 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?**

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## Upcoming Rotary Fellowship Opportunities



Saturday, **February 8<sup>th</sup>**, 2025 10:00 AM - Noon  
Rotary Pickleball Potluck

Dill Dinkers of Hilton Head Island (former Sam's Club)  
<https://locations.dilldinkers.com/> For more information, contact George Couch via:

## 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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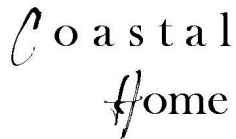
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