

# THE BEAUFORT ROTARY CLUB

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## Need a Meeting Makeup?

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 12:15 pm: Sea Island Club Rotary Club

Fridays, 7:30 am: Rotary Club of the Lowcountry

All clubs meet at Sea Island Presbyterian Church



## THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

# THE WHEEL

2/12/2025

## ROTARIANS

# HEALING WAR WOUNDS

*From a blog by John Hewko who has served as Rotary International's general secretary and chief executive officer since 2011. A charter member of the Rotary Club of Kyiv, Ukraine. (Edited for space)*

**O**N FEBRUARY 4, I had the honor of joining a panel discussion, "Healing the Wounds of War – Visible and Invisible," at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Chicago. The event fostered crucial dialogue on Ukraine's recovery from war's devastation.

This issue is personal to me. My parents, Lu and Natalie Hewko, fled Ukraine during World War II, escaping Soviet forces before finding refuge in the U.S. Their courage shaped my commitment to public service. My father, a devoted Rotarian, served as president of the Rotary Club of Clarkston, Michigan, and helped establish the Rotary Club in Kyiv, where I am a charter member. From 1991 to 1996, I worked in Ukraine, assisting in drafting its first post-Soviet constitution in 1992.



In 2023, I visited Ukraine to meet fellow Rotarians and witness the war's impact. Air raid sirens and daily shelling had become routine. While dining with relatives,

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# ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUFORT

89 Years Strong – Chartered November 1934

## Program Lineup Today

**Marly Rusoff**, Founding Director of the Pat Conroy Literary Center and president of Marly Rusoff Literary Agency representing the late Pat Conroy

## Club Calendar

**Feb. 19: JJ Sauve**, City of Beaufort – Assistant City Manager

### Celebrate a special anniversary or person in your life with a contribution to the Rotary Club of Beaufort Endowment Fund.

Annual earnings from contributions to our club's endowment fund help to provide scholarships to area high school students, as well as financial support for select club initiatives. Please donate today!

Contact Greg Dyson — 843-524-3962 [gdyson1947@gmail.com](mailto:gdyson1947@gmail.com)

### Our club has proudly provided grants to the following organizations during the 2024/2025 club year:

South Carolina  
Nurse Retention Initiative  
Lowcountry Legal Volunteers  
United Way of the Lowcountry  
Early Grade Reading Program

Rotary Youth Exchange: One  
inbound and one outbound  
Military Service Members of the  
Year Recognition 2024  
Savannah Honor Flight

## TODAY'S SUPER DOOR PRIZE \$527 39 CARDS REMAINING

Congratulations to door prize winner **Howard Heckrotte** for winning a prize donated by **Roy Tripp**.

### DONORS FOR DOOR PRIZES

Feb 12 – John Troutman  
Feb 19 – Charles Tumlin  
Feb 26 – Jim Weiskopf  
Mar 5 – Barry Wilson

Today's door prize winner has a chance to win the SUPER DOOR PRIZE by pulling the winning playing card. If the Ace of Spades is not picked, the drawn card will be retired, and 20% of the door will be added to the pot for next week's raffle. Tickets are \$2.00 for one and \$5.00 for three. Contact Robert Bussa (312-927-5860) or Jay Patel (843-252-2745) regarding your donation.

**WELCOME VISITORS & GUESTS:** The Rotary Club of Beaufort extends a warm welcome to all our visitors and guests. We hope to see you again in the very near future.

### TODAY'S AGENDA

Lunch is Served • Call to Order • Pledge  
Introduction of Visitors and Guests  
Business and Announcements • Program  
Club Response • Final Remarks & Drawing  
Meeting Adjourned

### THANK YOU FROM THE SGT-AT-ARMS COMMITTEE

Howard Heckrotte, Jay Patel and Robert Bussa, would like to thank those Rotarians who come early to set up and those who stay after to close up.

### REMEMBER MEETING ETIQUETTE

Nametags and Rotary pins on, phones off. Please refrain from holding conversations when someone is addressing the club. Thanks for exercising proper courtesy.

### PURCHASE A MEAL TO GO

Because our club guarantees a specific number of meals for each meeting, we often have additional meals available to-go for \$5 each. Place your order with Robert Bussa, Ron Garrett or Jay Patel prior to the start of the meeting.

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an air raid siren sounded, and children immediately checked apps tracking missile threats. It was a stark reminder of their harsh reality—a childhood shaped by missiles, drones, and school lessons in bomb shelters.

The scale of Ukraine's recovery is staggering. A 2024 report by the World Bank, U.N., and European Commission estimated reconstruction costs at \$486 billion. Damage includes two million destroyed housing units, 8,400 kilometers of ruined roads, nearly 300 collapsed bridges, and over 1,500 damaged medical facilities. Rebuilding this infrastructure is critical to restoring normalcy and revitalizing Ukraine's economy. Equally vital are efforts to combat corruption, strengthen governance, and attract foreign investment to support long-term recovery and EU integration.

Beyond infrastructure, the war's emotional toll must be addressed. During my visit to a rehabilitation center for wounded soldiers, I was struck by their resilience. But all Ukrainians must be allowed to heal and live in peace.

Rotary has played a crucial role, raising over \$17.4 million for relief efforts and providing an estimated \$65 million in additional support. However, sustained international commitment is needed.

Healing the wounds of war is monumental, but it presents an opportunity to rebuild a stronger, more united Ukraine. The courage of the Ukrainian people inspires hope for a brighter future.



## 2025 HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP DATES:

Apr 12: K-P  
June 14: R - Y  
Aug 9: A-F  
Oct 11: G-J  
Dec 13: K-P

## MEMBER MILESTONES

### MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Cris Steele, 02/13/08, 17 years  
Frank Gibson, 02/14/75, 50 years  
Barney Forsythe, 02/17/16, 9 years

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jami Rankin, 02/14, 16 years  
Mahesh Desai, 02/17, 50 years  
Cris Steele, 02/18, 41 years

### MEMBERSHIP BIRTHDAYS

Ken Fulp, 12 February