

THE BEAUFORT ROTARY CLUB

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2025 GOLD

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Need a Meeting Makeup?

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

2/26/2025

HOW TO FIRE-PROOF YOUR HOME

Fire can destroy homes in minutes, making it crucial to take preventive measures. By implementing fire-proofing strategies, you can significantly reduce the risk of fire damage and protect your property and loved ones. Here are key steps to fire-proof your home:

1. Fire-Resistant Landscaping

Maintain a defensible space by clearing vegetation at least 30 feet from your home.

Choose fire-resistant plants, such as succulents, hardwood trees, and fire-retardant shrubs.

Remove dead leaves, pine needles, and other dry debris that can act as fuel.

Use gravel, stone, or concrete for pathways and mulch instead of flammable wood chips.

Trim trees so branches do not overhang the roof or touch power lines.

2. Strengthening the Home Exterior

Install Class A fire-rated roofing materials, such as metal, clay tiles, or asphalt shingles.

Use non-combustible siding, like stucco, brick, or fiber cement, instead of wood.



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ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUFORT

89 Years Strong – Chartered November 1934

Program Lineup Today

Today: Chief Bruce Kline, Lady's Island-St. Helena Island Fire District

Club Calendar

March 5: Chief Stephenie Price, City of Beaufort Police Dept.

March 12: Mike Brophy, Superintendent, Beaufort National Cemetery

March 19: Warren Parker, Executive Director of the Pritchards Island Research & Living Shores Coalition (PIRLS)

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 \$602 37 CARDS REMAINING

Congratulations to door prize winner **Barry Wilson** for winning a prize donated by **Charles Tumlin**.

DONORS FOR DOOR PRIZES

Feb 26 – Jim Weiskopf
Mar 5 – Barry Wilson
Mar 12 – David Youmans
Mar 19 – Bob Allen

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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Enclose eaves, vents, and soffits with metal mesh screens to block embers.
Apply fire-resistant treatments to wooden decks, patios, and fencing.
Keep gutters clean to prevent dry leaves from catching fire.

3. Fire-Resistant Windows and Doors

Use tempered glass windows, which withstand heat better than regular glass.
Install metal or solid-core wood doors, which are less likely to catch fire.
Use weather stripping to seal gaps and prevent embers from entering.
Consider installing fireproof shutters for added protection.

4. Interior Fire Safety Measures

Choose fire-resistant furniture and curtains, such as those made from wool or treated fabrics.
Store flammable materials like gasoline, propane, and paint in sealed containers away from heat sources.
Place fire extinguishers in key locations, including the kitchen, garage, and living areas.
Install smoke alarms in every room and test them monthly.
Consider a fire sprinkler system for added home protection.

5. Emergency Preparedness

Develop and practice a fire escape plan with all household members.
Keep a fireproof safe for important documents and valuables.
Have an emergency kit with water, food, and medical supplies in case of evacuation.
Maintain a water source, such as hoses or sprinklers, to help control small fires.
Stay informed about local fire risks and follow official safety guidelines.
By implementing these fire-proofing measures, you can reduce the risk of fire damage and increase the safety of your home and family.



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

Chic Dykeman, 03/01/24,
1+27= 28 years
Clif Thomas, 03/01/23,
2 + 15 = 17 years
Nancy Dykeman, 03/01/24,
1 + 18 = 19 years

MEMBERSHIP BIRTHDAYS

Hugh Gouldthorpe, 28 February