

THE BEAUFORT ROTARY CLUB

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**2025
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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



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ROTARY PROJECTS AROUND THE GLOBE

NEW ZEALAND

Members of the Rotary Club of Waikato Sunrise are flying high thanks to an annual hot-air balloon festival where they raise money and community awareness of Rotary. The 2025 Balloons Over Waikato event, slated for 18-22 March in the club's hometown of Hamilton, will feature about two dozen balloons along with fireworks, music, amusement rides, and food tents, says Willemien Wennekers, a club member and past manager of the festivities. Rotarians serve as crowd ambassadors and help staff the information tent and VIP area. They also sell merchandise and run a "walk-through balloon" that's inflated but moored flat along the grass, allowing visitors to walk inside, Wennekers says. The \$5,800 raised by the club during the 2024 event was donated to True Colours Children's Health Trust, another of the event's charity partners.



UNITED STATES

The Rotary Club of Wellington, Florida, went the distance by staging a military-style race in which competitors wore heavy backpacks filled with donated food items. More than 100 participants, including U.S. Army and Marine Corps representatives, stepped off on 10 November during the Veterans Day weekend food drive, says club member George Kinoshita.

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ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUFORT

89 Years Strong – Chartered November 1934



Program Lineup Today

Today: Chief Stephanie Price, City of Beaufort Police Dept.

Club Calendar

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 \$627 36 CARDS REMAINING

Congratulations to door prize winner **Barney Forsythe** for winning a prize donated by **Jim Weiskopf**.

DONORS FOR DOOR PRIZES

Mar 5 – Barry Wilson
Mar 12 – David Youmans
Mar 19 – Bob Allen
Mar 26 – William D. Anderson

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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The club modeled the event on the military endurance training known as ruck marches that involve carrying weighted backpacks. The club requested a minimum of 8 pounds of food donations, but many runners hoisted nearly double that, filling their bags with canned beans and cranberries, boxes of stuffing, and other foodstuffs. The club later handed over the Thanksgiving meal staples to the town's seasonally operated pantry. The Wellington High School Interact club conducted a 50-50 raffle, and members hoofed it or served as course guides.



Because of donors like you, together we are DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD.

Your contribution to The Rotary Foundation directly supports Rotary member-led service projects around the globe that supply clean water, support mothers and children, promote education, protect the environment, prevent disease, and will one day end polio.

Thanks to donors like you, Rotary members around the world are:

- Uniting a divided nation around a water project in Lebanon
- Recognizing a woman's worth and needs in Nigeria
- Giving the gift of reading to students in Guatemala
- Raising awareness about the environment in the United States
- Fighting for a community cure for malaria in Zambia
- Supporting female vaccinators who are doing more than helping end polio in Pakistan

To review your giving history, sign in to My Rotary, click on My Account in the upper right corner, and choose My Donations. Rotary Youth Exchange: One inbound and one outbound Military Service Members of the Year Recognition 2024



**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

Mike Keyserling, 03/05/03,
22 years

Jay Patel, 03/08/89,
36 years