

THE BEAUFORT ROTARY CLUB

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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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THE WHEEL

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Pritchards Island Research and the Living Shorelines Coalition: **A COASTAL CONSERVATION EFFORT**

Pritchards Island, a pristine barrier island located in Beaufort County, South Carolina, serves as a vital research and educational site under the stewardship of the University of South Carolina Beaufort (USCB). The island's unspoiled ecosystems offer invaluable insights into coastal processes and conservation efforts.



Key Aspects of Pritchards Island:

- **Ownership and Preservation:** Donated to USCB by Philip Rhodes in the 1980s, Pritchards Island spans approximately 1,600 acres and remains untouched by commercial development. Rhodes' vision was to conserve the island for research and education, a mission that USCB continues to uphold.
- **Research Opportunities:** The island functions as a living laboratory, allowing scientists and students to study various ecological and geological phenomena. Research initiatives include:
 - Monitoring loggerhead sea turtle nesting activities.
 - Conducting surveys of horseshoe crabs, shorebirds, migratory birds, reptiles, and plant life.

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ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUFORT

89 Years Strong – Chartered November 1934



Program Lineup Today

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

Club Calendar

March 21: Board Meeting, 8am at Blackstone's Cafe; All welcome (arrive earlier if you plan to have breakfast)

March 26: Dr. Eric Skipper, Provost USCB

April 2: Captain Tracy Isaac, Commander, Naval Hospital Beaufort

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



TODAY'S SUPER DOOR PRIZE \$697 34 CARDS REMAINING

Congratulations to door prize winner **Lauren Nelson** for winning a prize donated by **David Youmans**.

DONORS FOR DOOR PRIZES

Mar 19 – Bob Allen
Mar 26 – William D. Anderson
Apr 2 – Swinton Anderson, Jr.
Apr 9 – Vincent Avantagiato

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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- Investigating the impacts of environmental changes on coastal ecosystems.
- Assessing natural erosion patterns, as the island does not receive artificial beach renourishment.
- **Educational Initiatives:** USCB leverages Pritchards Island to provide hands-on learning experiences for students, fostering a deeper understanding of marine biology, ecology, and conservation practices. The island's untouched environment offers a unique setting for immersive education.

In parallel, the concept of living shorelines has gained prominence as an eco-friendly approach to shoreline stabilization, contrasting traditional hard structures like seawalls. Living shorelines utilize natural elements to protect coastal areas while preserving and enhancing habitat.

Overview of Living Shorelines:

- **Definition:** Living shorelines are shoreline stabilization techniques that incorporate natural materials such as plants, sand, and rocks to stabilize coastal edges. Unlike hard structures, they maintain natural coastal processes and provide habitat for wildlife.
- **Benefits:**
 - *Erosion Control:* By absorbing wave energy, living shorelines reduce erosion and safeguard inland areas.
 - *Habitat Preservation:* They create and maintain habitats for various aquatic and terrestrial species, enhancing biodiversity.
 - *Water Quality Improvement:* The vegetation in living shorelines can filter pollutants from runoff, improving water quality.
 - *Aesthetic and Recreational Value:* These natural landscapes offer scenic beauty and recreational opportunities for communities.
- **Implementation in Florida:** Organizations like the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) promote the use of living shorelines. They provide resources and guidance for property owners and communities interested in sustainable shoreline management practices.

The integration of research efforts on Pritchards Island and the adoption of living shoreline practices exemplify a commitment to sustainable coastal management. These initiatives not only protect shorelines but also enhance ecological resilience, ensuring that coastal environments remain vibrant and productive for future generations.

Special Invitation - Parris Island Recruit Graduation May 23

Our Rotary has been invited as guests of the Commanding General for the Morning Colors Ceremony (7:45 a.m.) and Recruit Graduation (9 a.m.) on Friday, May 23rd. Plan on arriving at the main gate by 7:15 a.m., park in the visitor parking adjacent to the all-weather ceremonial hall and a tram will be available to transport you to both events. In the event of inclement weather, Morning Colors will be cancelled and graduation will be moved from the outdoor parade deck to the all-weather indoor facility.

We must submit a list of attendees by May 16th. Please provide the following information and give to Jim Weiskopf.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Driver's License Number _____ State _____