

# Rotary

## Club of Hilton Head Island



### Soundings February 13, 2025

OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE  
USCB HILTON HEAD CAMPUS  
1 SAND SHARK DRIVE

[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 activities 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 [Low Country 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

February 13th: [Mark Wilson](#)  
"The Enduring Legacy of a Scottish Poet, Robert Burns"

### Club Events

No designated Hilton Head Island Rotary Club events this week

*"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.

### 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

February 13th  
Mark Wilson  
"The Enduring Legacy of Scottish Poet, Robert Burns"

February 20th  
Mel Campbell  
Gullah Community

February 27th  
Russell Baxley  
Beaufort Memorial Hospital

March 6th  
Erin McGuire/Michelle Fraser  
Human Trafficking

March 13th  
Piano Competition

### Events

No Events for the Rotary week

### Birthdays

Amy Fee  
February 13th

### Wedding Anniversaries

Mary-Stuart & Jack Alderman  
February 15th  
Mary & John Howe  
February 19th

### Years of Service

John Howe  
February 19, 1998  
27 Years  
John Wilson  
February 15, 2010  
15 Years HHI  
38 Years Total

### Club Leaders



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Remember to bring books to the [Little Free Library](#)



## Hilton Head Island Rotary Club News

### \*\*Bio Update - DACdb\*\*

Please take a moment to review and update your information in DACdb.  
Go to DACdb.com, type in your email address as your Login.  
Click "Forgot Password" to reset if you do not remember your password.  
The most important information is your telephone number and email address.

### Upcoming Events

#### Delivering on The Magic - [Mission Trip to Honduras](#)

We invite you to join us to see and hear about an ongoing medical mission program led by Rotarians **Jeff Yung** of Hilton Head Island and **Marc Benard** of Pinehurst, NC and supported by Rotary Global Grants. Marc and Jeff visited Honduras where they screened 160 children and operated on 32 children, correcting deformities in their feet that would severely limit their ability to lead a normal life.

This is an opportunity to learn about a medical mission program that is changing the lives of children in Honduras through the dedication of Drs Benard and Yung, the active support of Rotary Clubs in Honduras, and the global grant program. Marc and Jeff will talk about the history of this program, the impact that it is having, and the overall organization.

This program will take place at the HHSO's Sound Waves facility on Lagoon Rd on Hilton Head Island on **March 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30pm**. The HHSO is donating use of their facility, so admission is free. Snacks and a cash bar are available.

This is a great opportunity to bring friends and colleagues who are curious about Rotary to showcase an example of the **Magic of Rotary** around the world.

This event is capped at 100 people due to facility constraints. Please use this link to reserve your spot(s): [CLICK HERE](#)

Please contact Past President, Joe Chappell, with questions about this special event.

### Rotary Leadership Institute

**February 22nd**

Contact Deborah Burt for more information



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Past President



## Enhance Your Rotary Learning In-Person RLI Part 1, 2, and 3 Hosted by District 7770

Saturday, February 22, 2025

Check-in begins at 8:30 pm

Class run from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Technical College of the Lowcountry

New River Campus

100 Community College Drive, Bluffton, SC 29909

Registration of \$95 includes all materials plus lunch

Join us and bring a friend

Any questions, contact your RLI District Chair, Tom Ledbetter at [tom.ledbetter.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:tom.ledbetter.rotary@gmail.com)

Link to register:

<https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77802487&NoCaptcha>

**\*\*Save-the-Date\*\***

### Hilton Head Island Hall of Fame presented by the Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island Thursday, May 8th

Details shared during the March 27th Rotary meeting

### Club Rotarian Health and Well-being

#### Mark O'Neil

Mark is in his fourth week at Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital. Mark continues to receive excellent therapy although progress is a slow process. Mark's right leg is getting stronger and therapy is focusing on improving his strength in his ankle and foot. Mark is able to stand for several minutes with his right knee locked and this is a positive trend.

Mark and his family are enjoying their time in **Philadelphia** following the **EAGLES** win in the Super Bowl. (... but share that the **Bills** are always **#1!**)

Mark's mailing address is: 100 Rossmore Drive, Malvern, PA, 19355.

Mark's cell number is [\(610\) 246-9155](tel:6102469155)

Please feel free to call and send cards and letters.

The Caring Bridge site provides frequent updates on Mark's condition:

[Caring Bridge](#)

You may contact Mark's wife, Ann, at: [anndoneil@comcast.net](mailto:anndoneil@comcast.net)

#### Jim Robinson

Jim finished his scheduled therapy at Encompass Greenville and was released today to return home to Hilton Head Island. Wonderful news! Jim is not suffering from any pain and his current focus is on building strength. Jim is looking forward to accepting phone calls, texts, and emails. Jim's contact information follows:

Cell number: 843-368-5641

email: [jyarchitect@gmail.com](mailto:jyarchitect@gmail.com)

#### Joe Black

Joe continues on the road to recovery. We will share additional information once received. Please feel free to contact Joe by email and his address follows:

email: [JBlack55ky@gmail.com](mailto:JBlack55ky@gmail.com)

**Please continue to keep Mark, Jim, Joe, and their families in your thoughts and prayers!**

**\*\*Sincere Rotary Condolences\*\***

Please keep our Club Service Chair, George Couch, and wife, Carol, in your prayers following the recent passing of Carol's father.

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 1985**, the Rio-Bonito, Brazil project began through the efforts of Bart Siebers and Paul Klein under the direction of Elliott Steadman. Local resident Peggy Koniz-Booher solicited and then headed the initial research effort to provide health care to this impoverished area. The project grew to a District-wide fundraiser which provided a grant used to cover staff for immunizations, health and sanitation training, and infant care. The "project" eventually became part of a larger effort funded by the Kellogg Foundation.

- **In 2019**, the Rotary Foundation created "Programs of Scale" to support evidence-based programs that have already demonstrated success. This highly selective grant provides members with longer-term resources to implement large-scale, high-impact programs in Rotary International's areas of focus.

## Community Service

**\*\*Save-the-Dates\*\***

**ROCS – ROTARIANS OFFERING COMMUNITY SERVICE**  
Saturday, **March 22nd**

Community Partner service information will follow soon.  
[CLICK HERE](#) to sign-up

**RBC HERITAGE**  
**April 15th through April 20th**  
Mark Your Calendar

## Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island 2025 Scholarship Announcement

The Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island is again offering academic scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Scholarship awardees are eligible to receive funding of **\$4,000 per year** for a maximum of four years. Applicants must be residents of Hilton Head Island although they may attend off-island high schools.

The scholarship application is available on the following link: <https://hiltonheadrotary.org> (top right-hand corner). The scholarship application along with the requested attachments and uploads must be submitted no later than Monday, April 28, at 11:59 pm.

An applicant's potential for post-secondary success at a two- or four-year college or university is evaluated utilizing the following parameters:

- Academic performance
- Financial needs
- Participation in school activities
- Community volunteer experience
- Work experience (if applicable)
- Letters of recommendation from two unrelated adults



Image courtesy of Rotary Club Public Relations Chair, Kathy Sangiuliano

**February 6th Meeting**

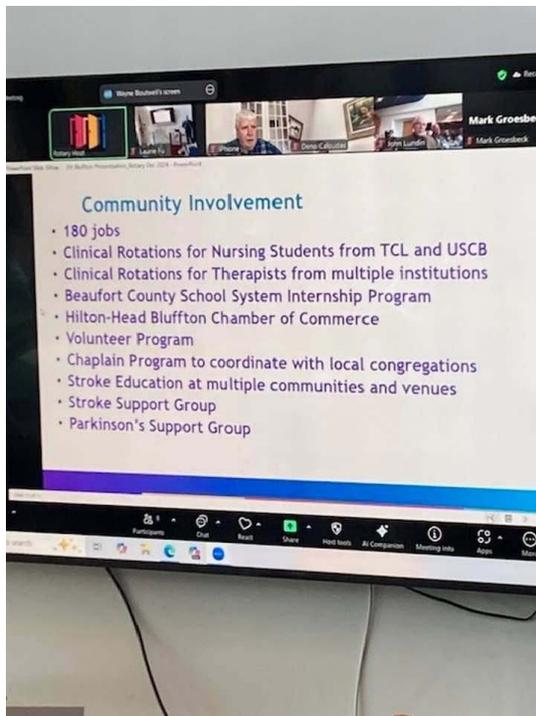


Rotary meeting update... Wayne Boutwell, CEO of Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Bluffton, discussed the hospital's unique role in helping patients regain independence after suffering from conditions like stroke, brain injury, and trauma. The hospital is licensed by the federal government through CMS and focuses on providing physical, occupational, and speech therapy to patients who are not ready to return home after acute care.

The interdisciplinary team at Encompass Health includes physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, nurses, doctors, and dietitians who work together to help patients recover. They employ a rigorous daily schedule, starting at 7 AM, aiming to help patients regain the ability to perform daily activities and regain mobility. The hospital is located in the Seagrass Station area, just off Highway 170, past the 278 intersection.

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Text courtesy of Hilton Head Island Rotary Facebook page  
Images courtesy of Club photographer, Larry Sanders

The link and the passcode are offered below if you would like to view the meeting:

[February 6th Meeting](#)  
Passcode: rG9F0Z+g

## Hilton Head Island Rotary Club



**Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island**

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<https://youtu.be/y26ygEI702w>

Ezra Callahan, Proud to be an HHI Rotarian!  
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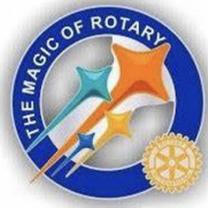


[Proud to be a Rotarian - Ezra Callahan: CLICK HERE for video](#)

Video courtesy of Past President, Jody Levitt  
Image courtesy of Ezra Callahan and the Hilton Head Island Facebook page

## 2025 Rotary Business Expo

The following businesses were represented during the January 30th Rotary meeting. Please make a special effort to support our Rotary business leaders, their colleagues, and their respective business within our Hilton Head Island and surrounding communities.



### 2024 – 2025 Business Expo Participants Rotary Club of Hilton Head January 30, 2025

As a full-time REALTOR® at Dunes Real Estate, I specialize in serving the Hilton Head and Bluffton's communities with over 12 years of experience, in-depth knowledge, and unwavering dedication to my clients. My main objective is to deliver **Exceptional Service**, ranging from home staging, marketing, negotiating, local area expertise, contractor connections, downsizing strategies, and hands-on assistance. Personalization is a cornerstone of my real estate approach, and I take immense pride in tailoring these outstanding services to meet each client's unique needs. My commitment to providing exceptional, individualized care has earned me a stellar reputation that surpasses my competition. Discover the difference that personalized service can make by choosing me for your real estate needs.



Liberty Tax Bluffton opened in 2008, as part of a 4,000-office network of tax professionals across the U.S. and Canada. Our office has access to the leading tax software in the industry along with expert tech and tax support. Our business software is the same used by CPAs across the country. As Bluffton has grown, our tax preparation has exploded. We process returns from a number of states remotely via our secure portal. Our Liberty team includes four experienced tax professionals, including a former IRS employee and retired corporate financial officers, and two staff members who facilitate appointments, handle office needs and assist with marketing. Our trained and certified tax professionals look forward to working with you!

Spartina Marine Education Charters offers an "In depth revelation of the Lowcountry waterways" aboard SPARTINA, a 25ft. Bateau! Different from a sight-seeing tour, Captain Amber will spend two hours guiding a scientific expedition. Her Master's Degree in Marine Science and experiences as a child on the May River bring her explanations to a different level of comprehension accompanied by a touch of storytelling.





Coastal Properties Weichert, Realtors® - Coastal Properties is a premier, independently owned and operated full-service real

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We understand the importance of honoring our veterans, which is why we coordinate military honors for our veterans, ensuring a fitting tribute to their service. Our expert event planners can bring any vision to life, from intimate memorials to grand celebrations, with options for catering, flowers, themed decor, and more. We also work closely with cemeteries to seamlessly arrange graveside or interment services, taking care of every detail to ease your burden during this difficult time. At The Island Funeral Home, we celebrate life with dignity, respect, and personalized care.



LOCAL Life is about living well in the Lowcountry. Stories are everywhere: intriguing people and places, food and fashion, culture and creativity, homes and

health. These stories embody our local style and sophistication with a southern twist. Eloquently written words and stunning photography capture the local essence in a way that educates, entertains, and engages locals who are inspired and want more. #LiveLikeALocal

We are a values led company. The Pinnacle approach is a very people-centric one. It takes an unwavering focus and commitment of leadership to make it work.



The same five key business strategies Pinnacle has employed since inception shape our focus today:

- Focus on businesses, real estate professionals and consumers that desire a deep relationship with their financial partner.
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- Offer extraordinary convenience.



**Connected HHI**

Launched in 2016, Connected HHI has evolved from an initial focus on network security and failover to a full-service IT services company for small to medium businesses in the lowcountry of South Carolina.

In the past four years, we have invested an increasing amount of our time and resources on cybersecurity services. We have built upon a

foundation of firewalls and endpoint security, adding email security, ransomware detection / protection, O365 backup services, O365 auditing, penetration testing, and recently adding dark web monitoring along with phishing training and testing. At each step, we have continued to add tools that allow us to monitor, inspect, manage, and respond quickly and effectively.

**Thank you, *Hilton Head Island Rotary and Low Country Environmental Club Business Leaders!***

**Fellowship**



**Honduras Medical Mission 2025 - Magic!**

**Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 – 7:30 PM**

**HHSO Sound Waves Facility**

**Join us to hear about a medical mission trip to Honduras in January 2025. Drs Marc Benard and Jeff Yung will share the details of their latest trip and the magic that makes these trips possible.**

**Free!** See Joe Chappell for information. Seating is limited.



**Happy Hour at Tio's Latin American Kitchen**

**Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 PM**

**40 Shelter Cove Ln**

**See Alvaro Camilo Florido or Scott Hamlin to sign up**



### Skeleton Crew

March 20<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

Lean Ensemble Main Street Theater

Tim Ridge has arranged for a special Rotary discount

See Tim if you have any questions

For tickets, go to: <https://ci.ovationtix.com/35451/production/1199954?promo=SCRotary>



### Rotary of HHI Pickleball Social

March 29th

10am - 12n

**\$25 per person**

Rotarians, family and guests are invited to an **INDOOR Pickleball social**  
at the new **Dill Dinkers** <https://locations.dilldinkers.com/us/sc/hilton-head/mathews-drive/>

Enjoy random play and a pot-luck lunch. Please bring a lunch style covered dish of your choice.

**\$25 includes court time, a custom t-shirt (*please include your shirt size*), water, soft drinks and eating utensils.**

***LIMITED to 20 Players***

The deadline to sign up is extended to **February 27th**.  
*We will have to cancel if we do not have enough players*

**Questions:** email George Couch via [georgecouch@comcast.net](mailto:georgecouch@comcast.net)



### Historic Mitchelville Annual Blue and BBQ

Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

12:00 – 4:00 PM

An all-inclusive food and beverage experience

Tickets \$125

Please contact Scott Hamlin if you would like to reserve a seat.

Scott's contact information follows:

Email: [scott.hamlin@megawattlasers.com](mailto:scott.hamlin@megawattlasers.com)

Phone: 843-384-0437



### Lean Ensemble Main Street Theater

May 15<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Master Class

By Terrence McNally

Directed by Whitaker Gannon

Tim Ridge has arranged for a special Rotary discount

See Tim if you have any questions

For tickets, go to: <https://ci.ovationtix.com/35451/production/1199954?promo=SCRotary>



### Historic Mitchelville | Freedom Park

Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

40 Harriet Tubman Way

Save the date

Stayed tuned for additional information

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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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## 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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