

The Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook
Box PMB-J 130 Gardener's Circle Johns Island, SC 29455

Member Meeting 09/07/2022 @Seabrook Island Club

Jack Wilson, President, opened the meeting at 6:30PM and honored South Carolina's Fallen Hero, US Army Private First Class Vorn J. Mack. Jack then led the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jack made the following announcements, acknowledgements, introductions and welcomes:

Guests	Hosts
Michelle and Anthony Wiedemuth	Lisa McDonald
Mark Ellwanger	Bob Mason
Sherie Mason	Bob Mason spouse
Nancy Miller	Jay Miller
Shelley Schick	Bob Schick spouse
Karen Sewell	Walter Sewell spouse
Earl Shaw	John Reock
Kristin Thompson	Joe Thompson
Bill Walsh	Speaker
Meila Wyeth	Herb Boehm spouse (Herb not attending)

New member orientation was announced for Sept 14 in the meeting, but was postponed in a subsequent email, until a TBD date in October.

Roger Steele gave a reminder about the CSO Concert Outings.

Marjorie Stephenson gave an update on plans for the golf outing in October.

Lisa McDonald gave an update on social media accounts established in Facebook and Instagram. Also announced creation of Amazon Smile account for members to register with so we can take advantage of funding from Amazon.

Following dinner, Bill Walsh was introduced as the evening's speaker. A subsequent article was published in Tidelines on 9/16/22 – written by Thad Peterson – <https://tidelinesblog.com/2022/09/16/charleston-weatherman-speaks-to-the-exchange-club-of-kiawah-seabrook/>

Addendum attached:

Bill Walsh-Bio

Next Meeting:

9/21/22 @ Saveurs du Monde

Speaker will be Dr. Bradley Steele of Lowcountry Urology Clinics

Minutes submitted on 9/19/2022

Lisa McDonald, Club Secretary

BILL WALSH - CHIEF METEOROLOGIST / EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

WCSC-TV CBS Charleston

Bill Walsh Biography



Chief Meteorologist & Executive Producer, WCSC-TV CBS Charleston – 1993 to present
U.S. Air Force Reserve / United States Special Operations Command – Lt. Colonel – 1993 to 2017 Author

Professional Experience:

26 years as Chief Meteorologist at WCSC TV CBS Charleston
6 years as Chief Meteorologist at WCIV TV 4 Charleston, SC
2 years staff meteorologist, WLNE TV 6, Providence, RI
1 1/2 years as staff meteorologist, Rollins New England Cable
NEWSVISION 2 United States Special Operations Command – Lt. Colonel -
USAF Reserve Contributor: *The Weather Channel & CBS This Morning*

Awards/Recognition:

2 time Emmy Award Winner; 5 time Telly Award Winner; Associated Press Best Weathercaster; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; 2 US Air Force Meritorious Service Medals; US Air Force Air Force Commendation Medal; US Air Force Air Force Achievement Medal; and, US Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal Global War on Terrorism Medal.

Education:

Bachelor of Science: Emerson College in Boston, MA and Lyndon State College, double major in Mass Communications and Meteorology, August 1986 **Masters Degree:** Military Operational Art and Science / National Security Studies from the United States Air Force Air University, Dec. 2010

American Meteorological Society Certification and Seal of Approval National Weather Association Certification and Seal of Approval

Military: *U.S. Air Force Reserve* - Lt. Colonel (retired) – Last assignment: *United States Special Operations Command*

Author

Uncle Danny – Suspense Gangster Novel – Fiction: national release, Summer, 2019

Red Carpet Ransom – Suspense Thriller – Fiction: national release: February, 2015

The Umbrella Option – National Security Suspense Thriller – Fiction: national release: April 2013

Community Involvement:

Ronald McDonald House Charities - Board of Directors

Big Brothers/Big Sisters program, Live 5 Weather Class in the schools, Project Impact (Community Hurricane Planning), Veteran's Hospital, Data Stream Teacher Educational Project, Kids' Fair

Family: Wife, Janet, and 2 Children, Amy and Frank

Charleston Weatherman Speaks to the Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook



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Organizations on Seabrook



Club President Jack Wilson with Bill Walsh, guest speaker at the September 14, 2022, Exchange Club meeting

“Be ready” was the priority message delivered by local weatherman Bill Walsh at the September 7 Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook dinner meeting. Bill, Chief Meteorologist and Executive Producer for WCSC-TV CBS Charleston, has lived in the area since 1986 and he has an encyclopedic knowledge of the impact of major storms on the low country. This is a very unusual year, according to Bill: there were no hurricanes in the Atlantic in August, and that hasn’t happened since 1950. And while the peak of hurricane season is September 10, there still has yet to be a significant storm in the Eastern U.S. One of the factors impacting the storm cycle is that there is a great deal of Saharan sand in the atmosphere off Africa and that’s not good for storm formation.

Bill encouraged members to “Be ready for that one storm, we’re not out of the woods yet,” since the hurricane season runs until mid-October. The water temperature is currently 84 degrees which is plenty warm to accelerate storm formation in the weeks ahead.

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In terms of preparing for a large storm, Bill encouraged members to “be fluid in your preparation,” prepare for challenges with evacuation as the population growth on Johns Island will add congestion to Main and River Road evacuation routes. He also encouraged people to evacuate if a storm is coming, stating that if Hurricane Hugo had hit Edisto Beach, the storm surge would have been more than 20 feet.

Beyond broadcasting local weather each day, Bill is an author of suspense novels and is on the Board of Directors for Ronald McDonald House Charities. He’s a retired Lt. Colonel in the Air Force Reserve and a two-time Emmy Award winner.

The Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook holds dinner meetings about every two weeks, providing an opportunity for fellowship and fun, along with a guest speaker discussing some aspect of life in the Lowcountry. Other activities include an annual holiday event and excursions to the Charleston Symphony throughout the year.

If you are interested in learning more about us, please fill out a membership application form [here](#), or contact Bob Leggett at rmlegg8@gmail.com.

-Submitted by Thad Peterson for the Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook