

The Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook

Box PMB-J 130 Gardener's Circle Johns Island, SC 29455

Foundation Board Meeting 04/05/2023 @Lakehouse

Attendee	Title
Jack Wilson	President
Bob Leggett	Past President/Foundation Chair/Membership Committee Chair
Rich Boss	Treasurer
Lisa McDonald	Secretary
Committee Chairs	Bob Mason

ANGEL OAK AWARD BANQUET COUNTOWN

- Selection committee chose Al Sines of CATR (Charleston Area Therapeutic Riding (bio attached) <https://greenbelt.charlestoncounty.org/projects/CATR/>)
- Checklists were reviewed and approved – see attached
- Letter to members was reviewed and approved – see attached
- Discussion about putting trophy at Lakehouse or Club, including a list of grants for general public to view
 - Will be followed up on by Jack or Bob

OTHER DISCUSSION

Golf cart fundraiser – Bob Mason

We could obtain a Gem E4 from Baker Motors at cost \$23, 879 which doesn't leave much room for fundraising. Instead we will consider a 6-seater model such as Bintelli, Yamaha, Tomberlin, Kustom Karts. Could be used.

Christmas tree fundraiser – Jack Wilson

Since the deadline for ordering full size trees is sooner than we had time to plan for, the idea of mini-live-Christmas trees including a stand was proposed. These could be marketed to rentals and seasonal residents.

See attachments

Submitted by Lisa McDonald

Al Sines of Kiawah Island recognized as the 2022 recipient of the Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook Angel Oak Award.

There's an adage in the world of volunteer driven non-profit organizations, "Things get solved if you get involved", and this year's recipient embodies that philosophy. Since 2019, Al Sines has been a weekly volunteer at the Charleston Area Therapeutic Riding facility (CATR), helping empower children and adults to enjoy more active and fulfilling lives through therapeutic horsemanship.

Al was born in Washington DC and lived in that area until moving to Kiawah in 2009. He and his wife Grace have a son Richard, daughter-in-law Lisa and grandson John. In Maryland, Al was a firefighter and emergency medical technician before joining the United States Capital Police. After his retirement from the police department he embarked on a second career as an engineering consultant for public safety radio systems.

Al notes that while he has participated in many activities, his most rewarding volunteer experience EVER was beginning his volunteer work at CATR. "It has been absolutely amazing to see what a positive and profound impact therapeutic horsemanship has on these children."

Al works as a sidewalker at CATR, supporting students to ride and build experience with their equine partners. In addition to helping the rider with their horse, Al makes connections with the students, getting to know them and providing support and encouragement until the student is an independent rider. According to Al, "The best day as a volunteer at CATR is the day you're "fired" because your student has grown and learned so much that they no longer need your help."

Beyond helping students, Al's home repair skills have helped CATR maintain their infrastructure, willingly repairing gates and fences, light fixtures, and anything else that needs to be fixed. As if that weren't enough, Al has been involved in fundraising for CATR, and was recognized as CATR's 2022 Volunteer of the Year.

Each year CATR provides therapeutic riding and other equine activities to over 140 children and adults with disabilities and 30 wounded military veterans at their facility in Johns Island, SC. By moving the rider's body in a manner similar to a human gait, therapeutic riding helps individuals with a wide range of disabilities gain strength, balance and confidence. Riding and interacting with horses is also fun, motivating and empowering.

There are lots of volunteers in our community and a lot of organizations that need assistance. Al Sines is a model of a volunteer going beyond their original roles and helping to make an organization better. He's an ideal recipient of this year's Angel Oak award.

The Angel Oak Award was established by the Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook Foundation in 2012 to recognize a volunteer who has made an outstanding contribution to the people or the quality of life on Johns Island, Wadmalaw Island, Kiawah Island and Seabrook Island. As a part of the award, the Club makes a \$5,000 donation to a local charitable organization or organizations of the recipient's choice.



Al Sines (Center), the recipient of the Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook's 2022 Angel Oak Award with students at the Charleston Area Therapeutic Riding (CATR) facility.

**Angel Oak Award Banquet May 17, 2023
Set-up Activities Timeline and Banquet Agenda**

Wingate Plantation

Times are approximate. Presentation is likely to begin earlier than 8pm

AM Wilson, Leggett, Hoover, Boss meet caterer, set up room, etc

3:00 Committee arrives to place Flags, check room set-up, centerpieces etc.

4:30 Joy Project arrives to set up equipment. They will play from 5:30 to 9:00.

4:30 Programs distributed to tables (Leggett) Flags borrowed from SIC placed.

5:00 Angel Oak Committee sets up Registration Desk and 50/50 Raffle tickets

5:15 Parking helpers in place if needed

5:30 Guests Arrive and Music Begins for cocktail hour

6:30 Welcome Comments and recognition of VIPS and sponsors (Leggett)

Wilson Remarks

6:35 Invocation (Salvo)

6:35 Pledge of Allegiance (Salvo)

6:35 Dinner –Call Tables by number (Leggett)

8:00 Angel Oak Award Presentation (Leggett)

Recognition of Previous Angel Oak Award Honorees

Comments about Honoree (Leggett)

Presentation of Award (Leggett, Wilson)

Honoree Comments (Sines)

Presentation of Check (Leggett, Sines, Wilson)

8:30 Closing Remarks (Leggett)

50/50 raffle winner draw (Leggett/Sines)

Table decoration smiley face sticker (?)

Announce 2023 Angel Oak Award Banquet to be held May 2023

8:35 – 9:00 Music with the Joy Project

Angel Oak Banquet – Wingate Place, May 17, 2023
2022-23 Angel Oak Award Timeline

12/31/22 Nomination Solicitation PR – Island Connection, Seabrooker, Tidelines (Armstrong)
01/15/23 Nomination Solicitation letters to Organizations and individuals mailed (Armstrong)
12/05/22 Initial planning meeting of Angel Oak Award Banquet committee. Leggett (chair) and committee roles filled (Foundation Board + +)
01/13/23 Email to ECKS members seeking Angel Oak nominations (Schildge)
01/23 Angel Oak Banquet Committee meets. Invitation drafted, Budget, Menu, Music, P.R, Sponsorships.
01/23 week: Sponsorship Committee meets (Leggett/Wilson).
02/17 Nominations closed and Angel Oak Selection Committee determines who will vet each nominee
02/20 Angel Oak Banquet Committee meets.
03/01 “Save the date” sent to EC members (Schildge) and published on Tidelines (Reinhart).
03/10 Vetting of Nominees completed (Angel Oak Selection Committee)
03/20 Selection of Angel Oak Recipient (Angel Oak Selection Committee) Announce at 3/22 ECKS dinner
March: Nominator and Nominee thank-you letters sent (Leggett)
March: Media plan for announcements, etc begins (Peterson)
March: Individual Trophy ordered. Honoree added to permanent trophy. (Leggett)
3/16 Invitation wording/appearance finalized. RSVP directions must be clear and ECKS website ready to accept reservations (Reinhart/Schildge?)
3/17 Invitation sent to Lash Bernstein (Reinhart). Invitations printed. Mailed by 4/5/23
3/20 Email or letters soliciting ECKS Board and members for sponsorships sent (Wilson/Leggett/Schildge)
3/17 “Comped” guest list finalized (Leggett, Wilson)
03/21 Angel Oak Banquet Committee meets. Guest List, P.R., Sponsorships, Invitation
3/31 Pre-event publicity (Peterson)
3/31 Invitations printed, picked up and mailed (Reinhart) Address labels prepared (Schildge)
4/5 Banquet Program draft sent to Committee for review (Reinhart)
4/5 Banquet Committee meets: Banquet Arrangements completed (Wilson), including menu, bars, centerpieces, photographers (Ulner/Nelson), seating, name badges (Schildge).
4/6 Evite sent to EC Members. Include donations/sponsorship request (Schildge/Leggett)
April Honoree, Wilson, Leggett meet at SIClub for PR photo. Need the “Big Check” (Leggett)
4/21 Invitation RSVP date.
Early May: Follow-up email and phone calls to all EC members and invited guests who have not responded (Foundation Board). Maintain spreadsheet of attendees and payments (Schildge/Leggett)
5/3 Banquet Committee meets if needed (Leggett)
5/10 Check prepared for Honoree’s designated charity (Boss)
5/12 Banquet Program sent to Lash Bernstein for printing. (Reinhart/Leggett)
5/17 Angel Oak Award Banquet – see separate Set-Up Activities Timeline
5/18 Angel Oak Survey Monkey (Nelson)
5/24 Angel Oak Award process review (Angel Oak Banquet Committee)
5/24 Post-Banquet Publicity completed (Peterson/Morris)

The Angel Oak Award from the Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook Foundation

We are seeking your support of the Angel Oak Award, which is presented annually by the Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook Foundation to a deserving local volunteer. First presented in 2012, the award recipient must have made an outstanding contribution to the people or quality of life of Johns Island, Wadmalaw Island, Kiawah Island, and/or Seabrook Island. The recipient will be recognized at a banquet held at Wingate Place on River Road on May 17, 2023, and will receive an honorarium of \$5,000, which will be designated to a charitable organization serving the islands. The recipient will also receive a memento and have his or her name inscribed on the Angel Oak Trophy, which is permanently displayed on the islands.

Our 2022 Angel Oak Award honoree is Al Sines. Al is a very active volunteer at Charleston Area Therapeutic Riding which is an organization that empowers children and adults with disabilities to enjoy more active and fulfilling lives through therapeutic horsemanship.

We are seeking sponsors to support the event, and sponsorship contributions will be used to provide grants to the many deserving organizations that we support. Donations may be designated for one of the Exchange Club Programs of Service (Hunger, Health, Child Abuse Prevention, Youth & Education, and Americanism) or may be unrestricted and added to the funds available for Grants. Sponsors will be recognized in the Angel Oak Banquet program.

More information is available at www.ks-exchangeclub.com. You may also contact Bob Leggett (rmlegg8@gmail.com).

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

\$5000 ___ \$2500 ___ \$1000 ___ \$500 ___ Other ___ .

Name _____.

Donate online at www.ks-exchangeclub.com

or

Mail checks to the ECKS Foundation

130 Gardeners Circle PMB –J

Johns Island, SC 29455

About The Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook and our Foundation

The Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club is a service organization committed to community enrichment through the support and development of programs which focus upon four major areas. Those areas are: (1) the prevention of child abuse: (2) youth development and education: (3) Americanism; and, (4) community outreach.

The Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook has been raising funds and supporting charitable organizations on Johns and Wadmalaw islands for over 35 years. We currently have over 100 members.

Your support will assist a broad spectrum of our Johns and Wadmalaw island neighbors through vetted charitable groups. Exchange Club members actively volunteer to solicit donations, mentor and participate on the boards of many of these organizations. The Exchange Club makes over 40 grants and scholarship awards annually.

We provide a service to the local residents of Kiawah, Seabrook, Kiawah River Estates, Bohicket Marina, Cassique and Kiawah River through publishing an annual Handbook and Directory with a directory of the names, addresses and phone numbers of the local residents; advertisements from merchants and service providers doing business with the local residents and visitors; and, a handbook section with items of interest to the residents. The Handbook/Directory ad revenue provides \$100,000+ to support the Club's yearly grant program.

The Exchange Club Foundation was established in 2016 to supplement the Exchange Club's grants to the charities of Johns and Wadmalaw Islands. The Foundation consolidates donations using a robust charity evaluation and monitoring effort from the Club's grant process. Each year all funds available are distributed to grants, as shown on the following page.

Americanism is one of our four major focus areas, promoting pride in country, respect for the flag and appreciation of our freedoms are the primary purposes of the Club's Americanism programs. Our Club continually looks for ways to call attention to the need for and appropriateness of national pride. For each patriotic holiday period, Club volunteers place over 100 American flags at the Freshfields traffic circle, and at various locations on Kiawah, Kiawah River Estates and Seabrook.

Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook

2022 Grants

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Grant</u>
Child Abuse Prevention		Youth and Education	
Dee Norton	\$ 20,000	Angel Oak Elementary	\$ 1,200
Florence Crittenton	\$ 5,200	Camp Happy Days	\$ 1,000
Halos	\$ 10,000	Camp Hi Hopes	\$ 4,000
Low Country Orphan Relief	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	Charleston Collegiate	\$ 2,000
	\$ 45,200	Community and Schools	\$ 6,000
		CSO Education	\$ 200
Hunger & Mentoring		Edith Frierson Elementary	\$ 1,200
AMOR Healing Kitchen	\$ 1,000	Haut Gap Middle School	\$ 1,200
Backpack Buddies, Seabrook	\$ 2,500	Mt. Zion Elementary	\$ 4,200
Blessing Basket	\$ 5,000	Youth of the Month	\$ 2,000
Meals on Wheels	\$ 2,000	High School Scholarships	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
Hebron Zion Food Pantry	\$ 2,500		\$ 38,000
Fields to Families	\$ 2,500		
New Webster Food Pantry	\$ 2,000	Health & Housing	
Sea Island Cares	\$ 2,000	Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic	\$ 8,500
Hebron Zion Senior Citizens	\$ 1,000	Habitat for Humanity	\$ 8,500
St. James Bethel AME Sun Din.	\$ 1,000	Paraclete Foundation	\$ 9,000
Sweetgrass Garden Coop	<u>\$ 2,000</u>	Water Wellness Mission	<u>\$ 2,000</u>
	\$ 23,500		\$ 28,000
		Angel Oak Award \$5,000	
Americanism			
Fisher House	\$ 2,500		
Veterans Day Golf Outing	<u>\$ 1,000</u>		
	\$ 3,500		
		Total 2022 Grants \$ 143,200	

2023 ANGEL OAK BANQUET TASKS AND ASSIGNMENTS

<u>TASK</u>	<u>LEADER</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	
Committee Members	Leggett	ECKS Officers, Mason, M Penkhus, Peterson, Reinhart, St	
Venue	Wilson	Wingate Place	
Podium	Wilson	Wingate/ Table rental company	
Caterer/menu	Wilson	Kid Cashew	Two lines for buffet this
Wine	Reinhart	Wilson/Leggett	SI Club
Beer	McDonald		one case
Drinks/bartenders	Wilson	Kid Cashew	water/tea at tables? Coff
Table set up/take down	Wilson	Wingate, Hoover, Leggett, Boss	extra tables/chairs neede Wingate tables to seat 8
Table settings/ cloths	Wilson	Kid Cashew	
Table Decorations	Wilson	Renee Wilson/ Lisa McDonald	
Garbage disposal/cleanup	Wilson	Kid Cashew	
Music	Leggett	The Joy Project	play from 5:30 to 9:00
Audio system	Leggett	Stephenson?	
Public Relations/Media Plan	Peterson		
Sponsorships	Wilson/Leggett/Mason		make another plea?
Invitations	Reinhart	Lash Bernstein	mailed
Online registration for attendees	Nelson	Schildge/Leggett/Hoover	call non-responsive EC m
Registration at Banquet	Schildge	Penkhus's and Steel	
Table Assignments	Leggett	Schildge	print on badges
Table Numbers	Wilson	Wingate?	
Program	Reinhart	Lash Bernstein	print sponsors and insert
Trophies	Leggett	Palmetto individual Palmetto update trophy	
Photographers	Leggett	Ulner and Nelson	Confirmed

Flags

Wilson/Leggett

Recruit helpers

Bob ask SIC for flag with

Parking Directions

Leggett

use flags

Mosquito spray

Wilson

Wingate

automatic on day of event

Big Check

Leggett

Prepared

Check prepared for Honoree choice

Boss

Check prepared for JOY Project

Boss