



EXCHANGE

EXCHANGE CLUB OF KIAWAH-SEABROOK, SC

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

Member Meeting 02-07-2024 @Seabrook Island Club

Ray Hoover-President, called the meeting to order at 6:21PM and opened with prayer.

Chris Stephenson honored South Carolina fallen hero Army Staff Sgt Willie J Harley and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. See Bio attached.

Guests were welcomed, see attendance sheet

New members inducted: Andy Hamelt(?) and Ted Flerage

Ray made the following announcements:

- Attendance this evening is high with 84 in attendance, of which 70 are Exchange Club members
- New member orientation took place just prior to this meeting
- Handbook sales are underway and 51 contracts for ads have been rec'd thus far. But last year we had 187 and the deadline is March 1.
- Nominations are being accepted for the Angel Oak Award, due by Feb. 16.

After dinner, Heather Turner from Doors to Freedom spoke to us about sex trafficking in SC. Doors to Freedom is the only residential haven for victims in SC. Sex trafficking is the second most profitable criminal activity in the US. Greenville has the most victims at this time. Doors to Freedom is an accredited Human Service Organization and works with the juvenile justice system. Their budget is 1.3M for two homes. Location of the safe havens is never disclosed.

Next Meeting:

2/21/24 @Seabrook Island Club

Speaker SC Camps & Retreats

Addendums:

Attendance

Fallen Hero

Speaker Bio

Minutes submitted 2/16/24 by Lisa McDonald, Club Secretary

ATTENDANCE



Attending?	Member	Attending?	Guests	\$s
Y	Victor Augusta			
Y	Bill Bane			
Y	Phyllis Barber			
No	Joe Bauer			
Y	Dave Berry			
Y	Wayne Billian			
Y	Herb Boehm			
Y	Rich Boss			
No	Ed Brett			
Y	Cathy Cleary			
Y	Wes Cleary			
Y	David Cruse			
Y	Fred Demler	Y	Linda Demler	
Y	Art Dougherty			
Y	Bob Driscoll			
Y	Jim Dwyer			
Y	Bruce Edwards	Y	June Edwards	
Y	Frank Farfone			
Y	Dick Fleming	Y	Ambrose <u>Ditloff</u>	
Y	Ted Flerlage			
Y	Dianna Forsythe	No	Dan Forsythe	
Y	Joe Foti			
Y	Bob Glenn			
Y	Richard Gwyn			
Y	Andy Hamilton			
Y	Stephen Haines			
Y	Edward <u>Heskamp</u>			
Y	Ray Hoover			
Y	Bill Huff			
Y	Ed Leary			
Y	Scott Lee			
Y	Bob Leggett			
No	Bruce Ludwin			
Y	Alan Madison			
Y	Lisa McDonald			
Y	Rick McDonald			
Y	Jay Miller			
Y	Michael Morris			
Y	Bill Nelson	Y	Heather Turner (Speaker)	

ATTENDANCE, CONT'D

Attending?	Member	Attending?	Guests	\$s
Y	Sally Smith Nicoli			
Y	Maureen Oberg			
Y	Marty Penkhus			
Y	Steve Penkhus			
Y	Thad Peterson			
Y	Joel Pondelik			
Y	Russ Preston			
Y	Robert Quagliato			
Y	Charles Riehl			
Y	Ed Rigtrup			
Y	Shirley Salvo			
Y	Bob Schick	Y	Shelly Schick	\$45
Y	Ron Schildge			
No	John Sellinger			
Y	Charlie Septer			
No	John Sesody			
Y	Roy Sessions			
Y	Robert Speziale			
Y	Roger Steel			
Y	Ken Steen			
Y	Chris Stephenson			
Y	Marj Stephenson	Y Y Y Y	John Patneau Jane Patneau Joe Ritchie Laurie Ritchie	
Y	Dick Trent	Y	Tim Barnard	
Y	Stan Ullner			
Y	C. Van de Graaf			
Y	Bruce Van Voorhis			
Y	Pat Welch			
Y	Jack Wilson			
Y	Kevin Winter			
Y	David Woodman			
Y	John Woychick			
No	Mela Wyeth			
No	Chuck Zellerbach			

Sign-Ups
 70 Members 11 Guests 81 with Count of 70-77
 Attended
 65 Members 10 Guests 75

The Sign-Ups were:

72 Members 11 Guests 81

Our count committing to the Club was from 70 to 77

The actual attendance was:

65 Members 10 Guests for a total of 75, safely within the count.

Guests

Attending?	Guest	Host	Type	\$s
	Tim Barnard	Dick Trent	Prospect	
	Linda Demler	Fred Demler	Wife	
	Ambrose Ditloff	Dick Fleming	Prospect	
	June Edwards	Bruce Edwards	Wife	
	Dianna Forsythe	Dan Forsythe	Husband	
	Jane Patneau	Marj Stephenson	Prospect	
	John Patneau	Marj Stephenson	Prospect	
	Joe Ritchie	Marj Stephenson	Prospect	
	Laurie Ritchie	Marj Stephenson	Prospect	
	Shelly Schick	Bob Schick	Wife	
	Heather Turner	Bill Nelson	Speaker	

TRIBUTE TO SC FALLEN HERO

Good evening fellow club members and guests.

Tonight, we're paying tribute to *Army Staff Sgt. Willie J. Harley Jr.

Army Staff Sgt. Willie J. Harley Jr. was born May 15, 1962 in Aiken, SC. He played football as a defensive tackle for Aiken High School. After graduation he went to work at Graniteville Mills. He worked there for a year before joining the Army Reserves. He continued his football enthusiasm by coaching for East Aiken Elementary's football team. He had 5 children – one daughter and 4 sons.

Army Staff Sgt. Willie J. Harley Jr. was assigned to the 1221st Route Clearance Engineering Company of the South Carolina Army National Guard in Graniteville, SC whose mission was to clear roadways for military convoys during Operation Enduring Freedom. His son Christopher was stationed with him.

On Oct 1, 2010, Army Staff Sgt. Willie J. Harley Jr was on his third tour of duty and performing operations in the Orgun district of Paktika province, Afghanistan when insurgents attacked his military vehicle with an improvised explosive device. At 48 years old, Army Staff Sgt. Willie J. Harley Jr was killed serving our country.

*U.S. Army Sgt. Raymond Henry, who survived the blast, spoke during the dedication of the Fallen Soldier Memorial at the Graniteville Armory to honor their fallen comrades. He vividly remembers the blast. It picked him up and tossed him from behind his .50 caliber machine gun, clear of his gun turret. He says "I can still feel the blast. I remember falling out of my gun hatch, I remember everything. I'm always angry and upset and in pain because I miss (Harley) so much. Every time that I feel like I can't push any harder, and I feel like time is just done, I can close my eyes and I see Harley just smiling at me and talking about 'C'mon man, that's all you've got?' and I know he's there."

*The memorial features a helmet, boots and rifle forming a "soldiers cross" or Battle Cross. A plaque identifies it as the Harley-Rabon-Dillon Memorial, and reads: "Dedicated in honor of these men and all American Warriors who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom."

As an indication of our respect for Army Staff Sgt. Willie J. Harley Jr. and others who gave their lives for our country, the club *places US flags around our community several times a year. Each flag has a yellow ribbon attached with the name of a fallen hero.

Army Staff Sgt. Willie J. Harley Jr., we salute you and your sacrifice on our behalf.

Please stand and join me in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

SPEAKER BIO

Heather Turner, Director of Development Doors to Freedom



Heather is the newest executive team member at Doors to Freedom. Heather is a native of Pennsylvania but has called Charleston home for many years with her husband and two children.

With a wealth of experience in Organization, Administration, and Leadership, Heather brings a diverse skill set to her role. She spent 13 years in leadership positions within a Fortune 100 company, specializing in Human Resources, Operations, and Event Planning.

Additionally, Heather dedicated five years to the non-profit sector, making an impact as an event planner and community outreach coordinator.

Driven by her passion for supporting others, Heather also is the founder of Coastal Collaborations, a digital marketing company. Through this endeavor, she assists clients in optimizing their online presence and streamlining administrative processes.