



# EXCHANGE

EXCHANGE CLUB OF KIAWAH-SEABROOK, SC

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

## Member Meeting 07-17-2024 @Seabrook Island Club

Thad Peterson, President, called the meeting to order at 6:22PM and opened with prayer.

Chris Stephenson honored South Carolina fallen hero Army Sgt Shawn Hill and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.  
*See Bio attached*

Thad recognized guests (see attendance) and inducted the following new members:

1. Mary Moore Hamrick
2. Renee Black
3. George Fink

*See attendance count attached*

Thad made the following announcements:

- His objectives are to increase member engagement, publish a monthly newsletter, add new members and to increase the club's value to the community.
- Our American flags are now being stored in Bohicket Marina
- The Angel Oak Trophy is displayed in the window of Dunes Properties Real Estate Office in Bohicket Marina
- The Club needs a Secretary and volunteers are encouraged to step up
- Chuck Riehl, new Chairman of the Membership Committee, has arranged gues passes at the Seabrook Gate to accommodate dinner guests and prospective members

After dinner (7:24PM) David Cruise introduced the evening's speaker Maddie Duplantis of Ronald McDonald House of Charleston. She gave an informative presentation about the origination of the charity, founded in Philadelphia in 1974, and the current state of service in Charleston. The house has 32 bedrooms and plans for a second building to be started in 2025 will add 46 more bedrooms. They still need \$6 million in funds to achieve this goal.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:52PM

### Next Meeting:

8/7/24 @Seabrook Island Club

Speaker: DJ Hampton, Pres & CEO of Trident United Way

### Addendums:

Attendance

Fallen Hero

Speaker Bio

**Minutes submitted 7/19/24 by Lisa McDonald, Club Secretary**

**ATTENDANCE**

| Attended? |                               | Attended? | Guests/Meals               |
|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| No        | Victor Agusta                 |           |                            |
| Yes       | Bill Bane                     |           |                            |
| Yes       | Phyllis Barber                |           |                            |
| Yes       | Dave Berry                    |           |                            |
| Yes       | Wayne Billian                 |           |                            |
| Yes       | Renee Black (credit)          | Yes       | Lynn Gorsage (Guest)       |
| Yes       | Herb Boehm                    |           |                            |
| Yes       | Rich Boss                     |           |                            |
| Yes       | Kevin Boyle                   | Yes       | Clarkson McLean (Prospect) |
| Yes       | Cathy Cleary                  |           |                            |
| No        | Wes Cleary                    |           |                            |
| Yes       | David Cruse                   | Yes       | Maddie Duplantis (Speaker) |
| Yes       | Carmin Degennaro              |           |                            |
| Yes       | Bob Driscoll                  |           |                            |
| Yes       | Jim Dwyer                     |           |                            |
| Yes       | Bruce Edwards                 |           |                            |
| Yes       | Frank Farfone                 |           |                            |
| Yes       | George Fink                   |           |                            |
| No        | Dick Fleming                  |           |                            |
| Yes       | Ted Flerlage (Credit)         |           |                            |
| No        | Joe Foti                      |           |                            |
| Yes       | Dennis Giannos                |           |                            |
| Yes       | Richard Gwyn                  |           |                            |
| Yes       | Mary Moore Hamrick            |           |                            |
| Yes       | Edward Heskamp                |           |                            |
| Yes       | Ray Hoover                    | Yes       | Lon Bouknight (Prospect)   |
| Yes       | Bill Huff                     |           |                            |
| Yes       | Maurice Isaac                 |           |                            |
| Yes       | Julie Stiles-Lanzone (Credit) |           |                            |
| Yes       | Bob Leggett                   |           |                            |
| Yes       | Lars Lueders                  |           |                            |
| Yes       | Bruce Ludwin                  |           |                            |
| Yes       | Alan Madison                  |           |                            |
| Yes       | Lisa McDonald                 |           |                            |
| Yes       | Rick McDonald                 |           |                            |
| Yes       | Joy Millar                    |           |                            |
| Yes       | Michael Morris                |           |                            |
| Yes       | Bill Nelson                   |           |                            |
| Yes       | Sally Smith Nicoli            |           |                            |
| Yes       | Thad Peterson                 |           |                            |
| Yes       | Russ Preston                  |           |                            |
| Yes       | Robert Quagliato              |           |                            |
| Yes       | Sam Reed                      |           |                            |

| Attended? |                   | Attended? | Guests/Meals                 |
|-----------|-------------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| No        | John Reock        |           |                              |
| Yes       | Charles Riehl     |           |                              |
| Yes       | Shirley Salvo     |           |                              |
| Yes       | Charlie Septer    |           |                              |
| Yes       | Walter Sewell     | Yes       | Karen Sewell (Wife)          |
| Yes       | Roger Steel       |           |                              |
| Yes       | Ken Steen         |           |                              |
| Yes       | Chris Stephenson  | Yes       | Ashley Stephenson (Daughter) |
| Yes       | Marj Stephenson   |           |                              |
| Yes       | Dick Trent        |           |                              |
| Yes       | Stan Ullner       |           |                              |
| Yes       | Bruce Van Voorhis |           |                              |
| Yes       | Dave Vetta        |           |                              |
| Yes       | Tom Webster       |           |                              |
| Yes       | Pat Welch         |           |                              |
| Yes       | Jack Wilson       |           |                              |
| Yes       | Bill Wick         | Yes (?)   | Carrie Wick (Wife)           |
| Yes       | John Woychick     |           |                              |
| Yes       | Mela Wyeth        |           |                              |

57 Members

7 Guests

Total of 64

## TRIBUTE TO SC FALLEN HERO

Good evening fellow club members and guests.

Tonight, we're paying tribute to \*Army Sergeant Shawn F. Hill.

Sergeant Shawn Hill graduated in 1990 from J. F. Byrnes High School in Duncan, South Carolina.

He was a defensive lineman on the football team, he ran track, and he wrestled. After High School, Shawn married his high school sweetheart Julie. They had three sons.

\*Sergeant Hill joined the National Guard in 1996 to provide for his family while he studied electrical engineering and continued to serve after becoming an electrician. Sergeant Hill was assigned to the 178th Engineer Battalion, 218th Infantry Brigade, South Carolina Army National Guard, Rock Hill, S.C.

In the spring, 2007, Sargent Hill deployed to Afghanistan for his second tour of duty. He returned home for Thanksgiving on a 15-day leave. Lillie Rice, his mother's cousin whom Hill called "Aunt Lillie," said Hill fried two turkeys, one for her and one for her sister. She hugged him, told him she loved him and to take care. Hill looked great, she said. "I was so glad to see him."

\*Soon after, Sergeant Hill returned to Afghanistan to complete his tour of duty. On Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008, while serving Operation Enduring Freedom, Sergeant Shawn F. Hill was in Khowst province, Afghanistan when the vehicle he was riding in encountered an improvised explosive device. The blast was fatal. Sergeant Shawn F. Hill died for our freedom while serving our country. He was 37 years old.

Sergeant Hill's fellow soldiers remember him as a big man with a big heart; he was willing to drop whatever he was doing to help anyone. He was a leader on the battlefield and the other soldiers called him "Pit Bull" and "Superman". Working hard at everything he did was how Shawn is remembered. He was a good father, soldier and husband - he died doing what he loved.

As an indication of our respect for Sergeant Shawn F. Hill 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 Sergeant Shawn F. Hill, we salute you and your sacrifice on our behalf.

Please stand as you are able and join me in reciting the pledge of allegiance.



SGT Shawn Hill

178th Engineer  
Battalion, 218th  
Infantry Brigade

Operation Enduring  
Freedom

Khowst, Afghanistan

Jan. 2, 2008



*We Will Never Forget*

Army Sergeant  
Shawn F. Hill



## **SPEAKER BIO**

### **Maddie Duplantis**

Born and raised on a sugarcane farm in South Louisiana, Maddie developed a deep-rooted appreciation for family and community early on. After earning a degree in Marketing with a minor in Leadership Development from LSU, Maddie embarked on a journey to Charleston, South Carolina, where she pursued an MBA at the College of Charleston. In Charleston, Maddie immersed herself in a transformative one-year MBA program that not only enriched her understanding of business but also provided international experience through a consulting project for a hotel company in Istanbul, Turkey. This opportunity allowed Maddie to present strategic recommendations directly to the company's leadership team, showcasing her analytical skills and global perspective. Following her graduation from the College of Charleston in the summer of 2023, Maddie found her calling at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Charleston, where she currently serves as the Community Engagement Manager. In this role, Maddie wears many hats, passionately connecting with the community, supporting families, and overseeing vital initiatives that uphold the mission of RMHC Charleston. Approaching nearly a year in her role, Maddie finds tremendous fulfillment in her work, cherishing the daily interactions with children and families at the House. Her dedication to making a positive impact shines through in every aspect of her role, embodying the values of compassion and service that define the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Outside of work, Maddie enjoys exploring the vibrant city of Charleston and remains deeply connected to her roots in Louisiana. She continues to embrace new challenge and opportunities for growth, driven by a genuine desire to make a difference in the lives of others.

