



EXCHANGE

EXCHANGE CLUB OF KIAWAH-SEABROOK, SC

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

Member Meeting 5/7/25 @Seabrook Island Club

1. Thad Peterson, President, called the meeting to order at 6:20PM and opened with prayer.
2. Chris Stephenson honored South Carolina fallen hero Army Sergeant Army Captain Michael P. Cassidy and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. *See Bio attached*
3. Introduction of guests
4. Presentation of new members receiving membership certificates
 - a. Robin Stebbins
 - b. Jim Bannister
 - c. Marlisa Bannister
5. Announcements
 - a. John Reock – Child Action Network event on 6/28/25 need volunteers
 - b. Chuck Reihl – Membership committee presentation about resources and tools recently created and available to members
6. Speaker - Kendra Steward, Director Joseph P Riley Center for Livable Communities

Next Meeting:

5/21/25 @Wingate Place
Angel Oak Award Banquet

Addendums:

Attendance
Fallen Hero
Speaker Bio

Minutes submitted 5/21/24 by Lisa McDonald for Club Secretary Sally Nicoli

ATTENDANCE

Reservations and unregistered members

60 Members

6 Guests

66 Total

52-57 Count provided to Seabrook Club

Attendance

53 Members

5 Guests

57 Total

Attended?	Member	Attended?	Guests	\$s
Yes	Alan Armstrong			6 Mo
Yes	Bill Bane			
Yes	James Bannister			
Yes	Marlisa Bannister			
Yes	Phyllis Barber			
No	Joe Bauer			
Yes	Wayne Billian			
No	Lon Bouknight			
Yes	Ed Brett			
Yes	Brian Bylloch			
Yes	David Cruse			
Yes	Bob Davis			
Yes	Fred Demler			
Yes	Bob Driscoll			
Yes	Bruce Edwards			
Yes	Frank Farfone*			
Yes	George Fink			
No	Joe Foti			
Yes	Bill Good			
Yes	Richard Gwyn			
Yes	Stephen Haines			
Yes	Edward Heskamp			
Yes	Ray Hoover			
Yes	Ed Hughes			
Yes	Ed Leary			
Yes	Bob Leggett			
Yes	Milum Livesay			
No	Lars Lueders			
Yes	Bruce Ludwin			
Yes	Alan Madison			
No	Bob Mason	No	Sherrie Mason	None
Yes	Lisa McDonald			
Yes	Rick McDonald			
Yes	Jay Miller			
Yes	Bill Nelson			
No	Sally Nicoli			

Attended?	Member	Attended?	Guests	\$s
Yes	Thad Peterson			
Yes	Joel Pondelik			
Yes	Russ Preston			
Yes	Robert Quagliato			
Yes	John Reock	Yes	Jerry Gordon	Guest \$45?
		Yes	Kendra Steward	Speaker - None
Yes	Joseph Richie	Yes	Mrs Richie	Wife \$45 ?
Yes	Charles Riehl			
Yes	Ed Rigtrup			
Yes	Shirley Salvo			
Yes	Bob Schick	Yes	Shelly Schick	Wife \$45 Paid
Yes	Ron Schildge			
Yes	Charlie Septer			
Yes	Robin Stebbins			
Yes	Roger Steel			
Yes	Ken Steen			
Yes	Alan Stein			At Large - \$45 Invoice
Yes	Chris Stephenson			
Yes	Dick Trent			
Yes	Stan Ullner			
Yes	Bruce Van Voorhis			
Yes	Tom Webster	Yes	Ron Duncan	Prospect - None
Yes	Pat Welch			
Yes	Jack Wilson			
Yes	David Woodman			At Large - \$45 Invoice

TRIBUTE TO SC FALLEN HERO

Good evening, fellow Exchange Club members and guests, Tonight, we pay tribute to *Army Captain Michael P. Cassidy. Michael Cassidy spent his early years in Virginia, where he attended Yorktown High School in Arlington. There, he was an accomplished musician, playing the cello in the orchestra and the tuba in the band. He graduated as co-valetorian and went on to study history at Oberlin College in Ohio. Later, he pursued graduate studies in pre- medical and chiropractic fields at Sherman College in Boiling Springs, South Carolina. Driven by a desire to serve, Michael joined the Army National Guard as a medic. His wife, Johanna, recalled, "After September 11, he was just inspired. He wanted to do something to serve his country. He wanted his life and his talents to go toward protecting our freedom." Captain Michael Cassidy was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, based at Fort Stewart, Georgia. Captain Cassidy served with distinction, completing tours in South Korea and Iraq. In October 2009, he was deployed again to Iraq, for a second 12-month tour. During this time, he returned home for a brief two-week leave. One of the highlights of his visit was taking his daughters—10-year-old Catherine and 9-year old Amber, to Carowinds theme park in South Carolina. "He loved being a dad. He did everything for these children, they were the apples of his eyes"— Johanna said. Just two months after that joyful visit, Johanna saw two military officers walking toward her Simpsonville, South Carolina, home. "It felt like I was in a dream," she recalled. "I'm just wishing this wasn't real." The officers confirmed her worst fear: *her husband, Captain Michael P. Cassidy, had died on June 17, 2010, in Mosul, Iraq, from injuries sustained in a non-combat-related incident. He was 41 years old. As an indication of our respect for Army Captain Michael P. Cassidy and others who gave their lives for our country, this *Exchange Club places U.S. flags around our community several times a year. Each flag bears a yellow ribbon with the name of a South Carolina fallen hero. Army Captain Michael P. Cassidy, we salute you and your sacrifice on our behalf. Please stand as you are able and join me in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.



Captain
Michael P. Cassidy



SPEAKER BIO

Kendra Stewart Bio

Kendra B. Stewart is Professor of Political Science and Public Administration and Director of the Riley Center for Livable Communities at the College of Charleston. Her research interests include non-profit management, state and local government, food policy, and public communications. She is co-editor of a book entitled The Practice of Government Public Relations. The articles she has authored have appeared in various journals including Urban Affairs Review, Public Finance and Management, Journal of Public Affairs Education, Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition as well as in various scholarly books.

Kendra is a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA), an independent, nonprofit, and non-partisan organization chartered by Congress to assist government leaders in building more effective, efficient, accountable, and transparent organizations. She was also elected to serve as President of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) for 2020-2021. Kendra has conducted political analysis for a variety of print, radio and television media, including Good Morning America, Fox News Channel, the Associated Press, The New Yorker, and National Public Radio. Before coming to the College, Kendra worked in South Carolina state government and at Eastern Kentucky University.

