

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

# Member Meeting 07/16/25 @Seabrook Island Club

- 1. 6:20 Ring Bell
- 2. 6:25 Welcome
  - a. Welcome to the Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook July 16th meeting
  - b. Introduction of guests
    - i. Welcome guests. We're pleased you're here and invite you to consider joining our club. Please speak with any member for information about our work supporting Johns and Wadmalaw Islands.
  - c. Prayer -

Let us bow our heads in reflection:

Gracious God, as we gather at the start of a new Exchange Club year, we thank You for the calling to serve our community with purpose and heart. We are grateful for the passion and dedication of our members, both past and present, and we ask for Your guidance as we embark on this new chapter.

Bless our efforts to expand participation— May we welcome new hands and hearts, Kindle enthusiasm in every conversation, and strengthen bonds among our members.

Inspire a spirit of volunteerism in us all— Help us to give freely of our time and talents, to lift others up in service, and to lead by example with compassion.

Grant us wisdom and creativity in our fundraising— That we may multiply our impact, Support those who need us most, and steward every contribution with care and integrity.

Let our work honor the values we cherish: Child Abuse Prevention, Education and Youth Development, Hunger and Mentoring, and Americanism. May our goals reflect Your goodness, and may our hearts remain open to the needs of others.

We ask Your blessing on this Club, on each committee, and on every life we hope to touch in the year ahead.

Amen.

#### Fallen hero and pledge

- 3. Announcements (complete by 6:40)
  - a. Secretary needed
  - b. Volunteer: Reminder that we are a service organization and to please Volunteer
    - i. Volunteering provides personal growth opportunities
    - ii. Ensure the club's activities and events run smoothly
    - iii. Most importantly, directly affect the lives of those we support on Johns and Wadmalaw Islands
    - iv. Contact Thad Peterson or me if you want to get involved
    - v. Letter from CANs
  - c. Chair Presidents needed
    - i. Membership Jack Wilson
    - ii. Hunger and Mentoring Need a Chair
  - d. Charleston Symphony Roger Steele
    - i. CIRQUE'S HEROES & VILLIANS
    - ii. Yuriy Bekker, Conductor

- iii. Friday, January 23, 2026
- iv. For \$130 the evening includes: Dinner with wine and beer at the Seabrook Island Club at 4:45PM, Bus to Gaillard Center at 6:15PM and return trip, Reserved seats in the Gallery
- e. Any other Announcements?
- 4. Dinner
- 5. Speaker introduction Katrina Carpenter, Founder of Jeans Angels– Rick McDonald
- 6. **The next meeting will be August 6** Speaker will be Howlett Cohick, C17 Pilot from Joint Base Charleston (Afghanistan evacuation)

## **Next Meeting:**

8/6/25 @Seabrook Island Club Speaker

#### Addendums:

Attendance Fallen Hero Speaker Bio

Minutes submitted 7/18/25 by Lisa McDonald

### **ATTENDANCE**

Attended?	Member	Attended?	Guests	<b>\$</b> s
Yes	Victor Agusta	Yes	Carol Agusta	
No	Bill Bane			
Yes	Phyllis Barber			
Yes	Joe Bauer			
Yes	Wayne Billian			
Yes	Bryan Bolling	Yes	Mrs. Bolling	Paid Check
Yes	Rich Boss			
Yes	Lon Bouknight			
Yes	David Cruse			
Yes	Bruce Edwards			
Yes	Frank Farfone*			
Yes	Joe Foti			
Yes	Richard Gwyn			
Yes	Ray Hoover			
Yes	Ed Hughes			
Yes	Bill Huff	Yes	Pat Huff	Paid Check
No	Maurice Isaac			
Yes	Ed Leary			
Yes	Bob Leggett			
Yes	Milum Livesay			
Yes	Bruce Ludwin			
Yes	Alan Madison			
Yes	Lisa McDonald			
Yes	Rick McDonald	Yes No	Speaker Speaker's Guest	
Yes	Michael Morris		,	Paid Check
Yes	Bill Nelson			
Yes	Thad Peterson			
Yes	Dustin Plunkett	Yes	Victoria Pullium	
No	Russ Preston			
Yes	Robert Quagliato			
Yes	John Reock			
Yes	Ed Rigtrup			
Yes	Shirley Salvo			
Yes	Bob Simpson			
Yes	Glen Soden			Paid Check
Yes	Roger Steel			
Yes	Chris Stephenson			
Yes	Joe Thompson			
Yes	Dick Trent			
Yes	Stan Ullner			
Yes	Bruce Van Voorhis			
No	Bill Wick	No	Carrie Wick	
Yes	Jack Wilson			
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# ATTENDANCE CONTINUED

Monday reservations at Club Commitment

Wednesday remaining reservations members 43 and guests 7

Total reservations 50

Count Commitment to the Seabrook Club – 46 to 50

Member attendance 39

Guest attendance. 5

Total attendance 44

Guest no shows 2 of 7

Member no shows 4 of 43

#### TRIBUTE TO SC FALLEN HERO

Good evening, fellow Exchange Club members and guests,

Tonight, we pay tribute to Army Captain James E. Chaffin. James Edward " Ed" Chaffin, III, 27, passed away while serving with the 82nd Airborne Division in Kandahar, Afghanistan on April 1, 2014. He was born to Elizabeth Rhodes Chaffin and the late James Edward Chaffin, Jr. on February 4, 1987, in West Columbia, SC. Ed was a 2005 Honor Graduate of Brookland-Cayce High School in Cayce, SC, where he played football, was a member of the Interact Club, the National Honor Society, and the newspaper staff. A 2009 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, he majored in Comparative Politics and was commissioned as a second lieutenant. While at West Point, he was a member of the Russian Club and participated in a club trip to the country of Azerbaijan. Ed was an avid reader, who enjoyed reading about history, especially on military subjects. He had a passion for travel and experiencing new cultures all over the world, which took him to Thailand, Vietnam and Greece, just to name a few. He had a witty sense of humor, which was immediately evident to all who knew him. Even far away, he always rooted for Gamecock Football. Ed's first tour of service was in 2011 for Operation Iraq Freedom. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation

Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the basic Parachutist Badge the Air Assault Badge and the NATO Medal. Captain Griffin was special. As a close friend said, ""I cannot think of a single person in the world who would have anything bad to say about Ed. He was one of the funniest people I knew, but I've been thinking about it a lot in the last couple of days, and he's the most brilliant person I ever met in my life."

As an indication of our respect for Army Sgt. Luther W. Rabon Jr. 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 James E. Chaffin, we salute you and your sacrifice on our behalf.

Please stand as you are able and join me in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

# Katrina Carpenter Jean's Angels



Katrina was born to the late Mr. Rufus and Mrs. Bobby Jean Smith in Cross, SC. Raised in a household that valued education, she graduated from Cross High School in 1996 and earned a Bachelor's degree from Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. She earned both an Associate and Bachelor's degree from Limestone College and a Master of Business Administration from Strayer University.

Katrina began her healthcare career in 2000 at Apria Healthcare in Mooresville, NC. After leaving Apria, she took a position in special education with the Berkeley County School System. Following the passing of her mother in 2011 due to ovarian cancer, Katrina transitioned to Fresenius Dialysis Center, where she served as a front desk supervisor.

Still mourning the loss of her mom and dad and now facing the heartbreaking loss of both her brothers to suicide, Katrina allowed her grief to fuel her passion for helping those in need. Recognizing that a single event or stroke of bad luck can push anyone to the brink of homelessness, Katrina founded Jean's Angels in 2015. This community-driven 501(c)(3) non-profit organization supports underserved youth, single-parent families, the unhoused, and nursing homes across South Carolina, North Carolina, and Florida.

At Jean's Angels, the belief is that everyone deserves compassion, dignity, and access to basic necessities, regardless of their circumstances. Among their many initiatives, the Hygiene Outreach Services have made a significant impact. In 2022, the vision for Jean's Angels Mobile Laundry Trailer became a reality. In 2023, she built a mobile trailer featuring three showers, a laundry setup, and a barbershop, enabling the organization to provide essential services such as showers, haircuts, laundry, hygiene products, new outfits, and meals to the unhoused every week. In 2024, Katrina opened her day shelter that provides showers, a hot meal, and a place to sleep for the unhoused. In 2024, Jean's Angels served 32,563 individuals.

In her continued efforts to make a tangible difference, Katrina most recently celebrated a significant milestone. On May 28th, she and her team opened a resource center dedicated to cancer survivors and those currently battling cancer. This center represents a beacon of hope and support, offering resources and services to those navigating one of life's toughest challenges.

Katrina lives by the motto, "Be the change you want to see in the world."

Beyond her work with Jean's Angels, Katrina enjoys traveling with family and friends, singing, cooking, and cherishing her role as a mother. She is actively involved with her church, BOLD Ministry.

Married to Dwayne Carpenter for four years, they are the proud parents of nine children.