



Member Meeting 8/20/25 @Seabrook Island Club

6:20 Ring Bell

- Find a seat. Check to make sure mobile phones are in silent mode.

6:25 Welcome

- Good evening and welcome to the August 20 meeting of the Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook
 - I'm Lisa McDonald, standing in for President Chris Stephenson who is under the weather. I hope he feels better soon and look forward to having him back at the next meeting.
- Let's welcome and introduce guests
 - Call on tables for intros
 - Guests, we're pleased you're here and invite you to consider joining our club.

Invocation, Fallen Hero & Pledge

- Jim Bannister
 - Fallen Hero bio attached

Announcements

- Grants requests should have all been submitted by August 15
 - Committee Chairs, please tie up any loose ends.
 - Copy Thad Peterson, Foundation President, on submissions. Grant night is coming up in November.
- Business cards on each table. This brand-new tool was put together by the 2024-2025 Membership Committee, led by Chuck Riehl.
 - Members of that committee came up with the idea, the wording and format. And Dustin Plunkett went through the marketing team he uses for his dental practice to have them designed and produced.
 - The intent is to carry a few in your wallet to help with talking about our mission with acquaintances who may be interested in learning more.

- Fill in your contact information on the back so your contact can reach out to you for an invitation to a dinner meeting.
- There are more cards in the lobby, along with brochures. Please help yourself.
- Roger Steele/Kevin Boyle: Charleston Symphony
 - Cirques Heroes & Villains, Yuriy Bekker, Conductor
 - Friday, January 23, 2026. 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.
- Any other Announcements?

Dinner

7:25 Speaker introduction

- Our speaker this evening will be John Rhoden, Executive Director of the Sea Island Habitat for Humanity. He will be introduced by Bob Mason

Final reminders

- Member golf outing is 10/1. Details coming soon.
- Newsletter, always seeking content. Would like committee chairs to share behind the scenes details
- Next meeting September 3 – Speaker Joseph DeLeon, President and CEO of Roper St Francis Health Care. We hope to see you then.

Meeting adjourned

Addendums:

Attendance

Fallen Hero

Speaker Bio

Minutes submitted 8/22/25 by Phyllis Barber

ATTENDANCE

Attended?	Member	Attended?	Guests	Status	\$
No Show	Bill Bane				
Yes	James Bannister				
Yes	Marlisa Bannister				
Yes	Phyllis Barber				
Yes	Joe Bauer				
Yes	Bryan Bolling				
Yes	Kevin Boyle				
Yes	Ed Brett				
Yes	Cathy Cleary			At Lrg	\$45
Yes	Wes Cleary				
No Show	Fred Demler				
Yes	Bob Driscoll				
Yes	Ronald Duncan				
No Show	Jim Dwyer				
Yes	Bruce Edwards				
Yes	George Fink				
Yes	Dick Fleming				
Yes	Bee Florees				
No Show	Joe Foti				
Yes	Bill Good				
Yes	Richard Gwyn				
Yes	Ray Hoover				
Yes	Maurice Isaac				
Yes	Ed Leary				
Yes	Bob Leggett				
Yes	Bruce Ludwin				
Yes	Lars Lueders				
Yes	Alan Madison				
Yes	Bob Mason	Yes Yes Yes	Sherrie Mason John Rhoden Maryanne Connolly	At Lrg Spouse Speaker Spkr Gst	\$45 \$45 None None
Yes	Lisa McDonald				
Yes	Rick McDonald				
Yes	Joy Millar			9 Mo	?
Yes	Jay Miller				
Yes	Bill Nelson				
Yes	Russ Preston				
Yes	Robert Quagliato				
Late Cancel	John Reock				
Yes	Ed Rigtrup				
Late Cancel	Bob Schick	Late Canc	Shelly Schick	Spouse	\$45
Yes	Charlie Septer				
Yes	John Sesody				
Yes	Roger Steel	Yes	Vivian Steel	Spouse	\$45 paid
No Show	Alan Stein			At Lrg	\$45
Yes	Bruce Van Voorhis				
Yes	Tom Webster				
Yes	Pat Welch				
Yes	Jack Wilson				

Count to the Seabrook Club 50-55

53 Registrations (Wednesday Morning)

47 Members

5 Guests

44 Total Attended

40 Members 2 late cancellations & 5 no shows

4 Guests

Fallen Hero Tribute – August 20, 2025 Exchange Club Dinner Meeting

Good evening fellow Exchange Club members, invited guests, and our Guest Speaker.

It is my renewed privilege to present our Fallen Hero Tribute honoring United States Marine Corps 2nd Lt. Almar L. Fitzgerald, age 23, of Lexington, SC, who died February 21, 2006, from wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated beneath his vehicle during combat operations against enemy forces in Ramadi, Iraq.

2nd Lt. Fitzgerald also had close ties to Charleston as a 2004 graduate of the Citadel, where he served as Executive Officer of Company M, 3rd Battalion and worked as a supervisor for the cadet-run phone bank soliciting donations for South Carolina's distinguished military college.

The Marine Corps was supposed to be a steppingstone to greater things for Lt. Fitzgerald. He talked about wanting to join the FBI or some other Federal law enforcement agency, but he loved the Marine Corps and the "Leathernecks" who became his brothers-in-arms, and, sadly, his hopes and aspirations died with him that dark night in Iraq when that IED detonated beneath the Humvee in which he was riding. But rest in peace, Lt. Your death was not in vain as the memory of you lives on and serves to inspire others. We salute you, Sir. May you rest in Heavenly peace.

Ladies and gentlemen, while Lt. Fitzgerald is our most deserving honoree this evening, our Exchange Club's work continues. Soon you will see hundreds of American flags proudly waving around the traffic circle at Freshfields and at the entrances to our sea island communities and business centers in observance of national holidays and as poignant reminders of our fallen heroes.

I now invite you to stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

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