

2024-2025 LEADERSHIP TEAMS

CLUB LEADERSHIP

Mission Statement: The Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club is a service organization committed to community enrichment through the support and development of programs that focus on four major areas. (1) Prevention of child abuse: (2) Youth development and education: (3) Americanism; and (4) Community outreach for health, housing, hunger, social services & mentoring.

PRESIDENT – Thad Peterson

- Provide leadership to Club Board and membership
- Preside at Club meetings and Board meetings
- Develop and implement plans and goals for Club success
- Uphold National, District and Club Bylaws

PRESIDENT ELECT – Chris Stephenson

- Assist the President as needed
- Recruit Executive Committee and Club Board Committee Chairs for the following year
- Develop ideas and goals for the following year

PAST PRESIDENT- Ray Hoover

- Assist the President as needed
- Chair the Foundation Board
- Emcee Grant Night and Angel Oak Award Banquet

TREASURER- Ed Heskamp

- Responsible for Club and Foundation bank accounts, paying invoices and financial records
- Manage four Accounts: Operations, Contributions (Handbook), Foundation, Bohicket Run
- Financial Update Reports to Club Board and Foundation Board
- File tax reports (IRS Form 990) and maintain registration with South Carolina Secty of State
- Calculate Funds Available for Grants and prepare checks for Grant Recipients

SECRETARY – TBD

- Record and maintain Meeting Minutes for Club dinner meetings as well as Club and Foundation Board meetings

BOARD MEMBERS – Jack Wilson, Charlie Septer, Dave Berry, Ed Leary, Bob Schick, Marjorie Stephenson, Bill Nelson, Ron Schildge, Rich Gwynn, Chuck Riehl

FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP

Mission Statement: The Foundation, a 501 (C)3 organization, was created to receive tax-deductible* contributions which supplement fundraising from Club activities for charitable giving. Contributions can be made by cash or through the transfer of appreciated securities. Donations that are unrestricted allow The Exchange Club to direct funds to charities of their choice, or they can be restricted to charities of the donor's choice. Either way, the money will support the needs of the community that we live in and enjoy so much. The Foundation also sponsors and oversees the Angel Oak Award Banquet and the Grants Award Night. *Foundation donations are tax deductible, whereas donations to the Exchange Club itself are not.

CHAIRMAN – Ray Hoover

BOARD MEMBERS –Thad Peterson, Chris Stephenson, Ed Heskamp, Bob Leggett AT LARGE DIRECTORS – Charlie Septer, Bob Mason, Dennis Giannos

2024-2025 SERVICE COMMITTEES

YOUTH AND EDUCATION

Mission Statement: The Youth and Education Committee helps to improve the quality of education and educational opportunities for students on John's and Wadmalaw Islands. This is carried out via:

- Financial support, through grants to organizations that directly benefit students and education on John's and Wadmalaw Islands either during the school year or during summer enrichment programs.
- Direct involvement with students at St. John's High School and Charleston Collegiate High School through Students of the Month awards, which encourage students to get good grades, and through our college scholarship awards program, which helps students to be able to continue their education in college.

CHAIR-Ed Leary, VICE CHAIR-Ed Brett. MEMBERS: Phyllis Barber, Ed Rigtrup, Art Doughty, Chris Strobel, Lisa Owens

COMMUNITY OUTREACH - HEALTH AND HOUSING

Mission Statement: Evaluate and allocate funds to health and housing organizations serving and making the most positive impact on disadvantaged residents of Johns and Wadmalaw Islands. Deliberations consider but may not be limited to:

- A careful review of the grant request and the specific purpose for which the grant will be used.
- Examination of the organization's balance sheet and budget to determine the ration of monies used for both administration and fundraising compared to the monies going directly to the programs.
- The grant should be significantly meaningful and therefore focus on a limited number of non-profits.

CHAIR-Bob Schick, VICE CHAIR-TBD. MEMBERS: Kevin Boyle, Derek Fyfe, Tom Berghausen

COMMUNITY OUTREACH - HUNGER AND MENTORING

Mission Statement: This committee's mission supports our neighbors in need on Johns and Wadmalaw Islands through the charitable organizations distributing food and providing other necessary support. This may include families with temporary needs as well as seniors and disabled neighbors facing ongoing needs. We support over a dozen organizations reaching out to over 3000 people each year.

CHAIR-Dave Berry, VICE CHAIR-TBD. MEMBERS: Phyllis Barber, John Sellinger, Mela Wyeth, Shirley Salvo, Andrew Hamilton

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

Mission Statement: The Child Abuse Prevention Committee supports and works with existing and potential grantees to assess how they can best serve Johns and Wadmalaw Islands in the area of Childhood Abuse Prevention.

CHAIR-Charlie Septer, VICE CHAIR-Bob Mason. MEMBERS: Kevin Boyle, Dick Fleming, Ray Hoover, John Reock, Deanna Forsythe, Ed Rigtrup, Joy Millar, Derek Fyfe, Bob Glen, John Sesody

AMERICANISM

Mission Statement: The Americanism Program of Service promotes pride in our country, appreciation for the freedoms granted to American Citizens, and gratitude to the men and women who serve or have served in the Armed Forces. Americanism celebrates this country's rich and unique heritage that inspires unity from coast to coast. The Americanism Committee oversees the honoring of South Carolina Fallen Heroes at meetings and by displaying over 120 US flags on all Holidays at various locations on Seabrook, Kiawah, and Johns Islands.

CHAIR-Jack Wilson-Chair, VICE CHAIR-Bob Leggett. MEMBERS: Ron Schildge, Ed Rigtrup, Richard Gwyn, Todd Andersen