



EXCHANGE

EXCHANGE CLUB OF KIAWAH-SEABROOK, SC

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

Member Meeting 03-20-2024 @Seabrook Island Club

Chris Stephenson (standing in for Ray and for Thad) called the meeting to order at 6:25PM and opened with prayer.

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

Chris recognized guests

- John Reock was hosting prospective members Bob Schmidt and Bill Turley
- Tom Webster was hosting prospective member Tom Hund
- Sally Nicoli was hosting prospective member Mary Beth Kostukovich
- Bob Mason was hosting several guests who are listed on the attendance, not as prospective members. They were associated with the speaker contingent.

Attendance count/details is attached

Chris welcomes new members:

- Jerry Ann Delaney, Charles Zelbeck. Bill Wick

Jack Wilson gave an update on the Angel Oak Award Banquet: Out of 9 nominees, Dr. Louise Balcom was chosen to receive the award this year on May 15 at Wingate Place. \$100 p/p, only 150 seats available. This is our 2nd biggest fundraiser. Table sponsors are encouraged.

The Ad sales campaign for the Handbook has so far produced 152 contracts for ads in the amount of 120,000. Last year at this time we had 187 worth \$135,000.

At 7:27PM after dinner, John Reock introduced the evening's speakers beginning with Frances Welch, Dean of Education at College of Charleston. She spoke about a Teacher leader program known as Call Me Mister that was established in 2007 and is funded by the SC General Assembly thru Clemson. This academic year there are 14 young men participating and we heard from 4 of them this evening. These minority "Misters" participate in 20 hours of community service in K-12 classrooms to "plant seeds of dignity"* among minority and underprivileged children by encouraging them to stay in school and complete a high school diploma. They serve as mentors, tutors and friends to their charges. They also complete a full time unpaid semester clinical internship. In turn, they receive \$5,000 towards tuition. See attachment.

*attributed to Rashad Lawton

Next Meeting:

4/3/24 @Seabrook Island Club

Speaker: Neurologist

There is no meeting on April 17 due to lack of availability at SIC

Addendums:

Attendance

Fallen Hero

Speaker Bio

Minutes submitted 3/27/24 by Lisa McDonald, Club Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Attended?	Members	Attended?	Guests
Yes	Victor Agusta		
Yes	Alan Armstrong		
Yes	Bill Bane		
Yes	Phyllis Barber		
Yes	Wayne Billian		
Yes	Herb Boehm		
Yes	Rich Boss		
Yes	Kevin Boyle		
Yes	Ed Brett		
Yes	Cathy Cleary		
Yes	Wes Cleary		
Yes	David Cruse		
Yes	Gerianne Delaney		
Yes	Art Dougherty		
Yes	Bob Driscoll		
No	Jim Dwyer		
Yes	Bruce Edwards		
Yes	Dick Fleming		
Yes	Ted Flerlage		
Yes	Joe Foti		
Yes	Derek Fyfe		
No	Richard Gwyn		
Yes	Stephen Haines		
Yes	Andy Hamilton	No	Pete Thompson
Yes	Edward Heskamp		
Yes	Bill Huff		
Yes	Maurice Isaac		
Cancelled	Ken Kavanaugh		
Yes	Tom Kroll		
Yes	Ed Leary	Yes Yes Yes	Lori Leary Barbara Campbell Janet Pasquale
Yes	Bob Leggett		
Yes	Bruce Ludwin		
Yes	Alan Madison		

Yes	Bob Mason	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes	Ruth Baker Renee Black Elsa Boynton Mary Hopkins Julie Lanzone Sherrie Mason Donna Muscari Janet Pasquale Gloria Wilson Speaker Team Jimmy Freeman Rashaad Lawton Lauren Mann Pablo Mena-Morales De'Marr Proctor-Floyd Fran Welch
Yes	Lisa McDonald		
Yes	Rick McDonald		
Yes	Jay Miller		
No	Michael Morris		
Yes	Bill Nelson		
Yes	Sally Smith Nicoli	Yes	Mary Beth Kostukovich
Yes	Maureen Oberg		
No	Marty Penkhus		
Yes	Steve Penkhus		
Yes	Joel Pondelik		
No	Russ Preston		
Yes	Robert Quagliato		
Yes	Allen Reed		
Yes	Sam Reed		
		Yes/ Yes	Uninvited Guests
Yes	John Reock	Yes Yes	Bob Schmidt Bill Turley
Yes	Shirley Salvo		
Yes	Bob Schick	Yes	Shelley Schick
Yes	Ron Schildge		
Yes	Walter Sewell	Yes	Karen Sewell
Yes	Robert Speziale		
Yes	Roger Steel		
No	Ken Steen		
Yes	Chris Stephenson		
Yes	Marj Stephenson		
Yes	Dick Trent		
Yes	Bruce Van Voorhis		
Yes	Tom Webster	Yes	Tom Hund
Yes	Pat Welch		
Yes	Jack Wilson		
Yes	Bill Wick		
		No	Anthony Wiedemuth – (Wife's Guest)
Yes	John Woychick		

Yes	Mela Wyeth		
Yes	Chuck Zellerbach		

67 – 6 = 61

28 – 2 = 26

Net = 87

Count provided to the Seabrook Club 81 to 89

Attendance without the uninvited guests 85

Attendance with the uninvited guests 87

TRIBUTE TO SC FALLEN HERO

Good evening fellow club members and guests.

Tonight, we're paying tribute to *Army Sargent Demetrius L. Void.

Army Sargent Demetrius L. Void was born on April 18, 1989. He was focused on academics in high school. He never shied away from asking for help and had a competitive nature. His math teacher said he "He kept at it until he figured out that calculus." Void was active in the JROTC at Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School. After graduating at the age of 18, Demetrius L. Void followed his family's tradition of military service and enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served as an information systems operator and analyst. He was assigned to the 57th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, 11th Signal Brigade, III Corps at Fort Hood, Texas.

Army Sargent Demetrius L. Void deployed to Afghanistan in April, 2009 and his family expected him to come home in December for a two-week break. However, on Sept. 15, 2009, Army Sargent Demetrius L. Void of Orangeburg, S.C., was struck by an armored vehicle while conducting physical training. The vehicle that struck him never stopped. At the age of 20, Army Sargent Demetrius L. Void died while serving during Operation Enduring Freedom.

The incident changed the lives of those who knew Void. On February 19, 2010, U.S. Army Soldiers gathered at Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan to honor the life of Army Sgt. Demetrius L. Void. In a ceremony dedicated to their fallen comrade, the road where the vehicle struck Void was renamed '*Sgt. Demetrius Void Lane'.

Also in response to the tragic event, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization commanders moved fast to prevent any recurrence through road safety improvements, pedestrian crosswalks, night lights in visually impaired areas, and the help of military police, who diligently enforced traffic rules and regulations.

His uncle said "I'm proud, it makes you feel proud. It gives you a sense that he didn't die in vain and his death was appreciated by the military and by this country. I'm just grateful that he would be remembered that way".

As an indication of our respect for Army Sgt. Demetrius L. Void 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 Sgt. Demetrius L. Void, we salute you and your sacrifice on our behalf.

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



SPEAKER BIOS

Jimmy Freeman, Ed.D.

Interim Director of Call Me Mister Program

College of Charleston

Dr. Jimmy Freeman is a dedicated educator and leader with a passion for promoting equity and excellence in education. With a rich academic background and extensive experience in teaching, administration, and program coordination, Dr. Freeman brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to his roles.

Dr. Freeman earned his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Charleston Southern University, where his research focused on analyzing equitable representation of African American students in gifted and talented programs within South Carolina school districts. He holds a Master's degree in Science and Math for Teachers from the College of Charleston and is currently pursuing a Master's in Administration and Supervision from Charleston Southern University. His commitment to lifelong learning underscores his dedication to professional growth and development.

Dr. Freeman's impact reaches beyond the classroom through his involvement in related programs and initiatives. As the Interim Director of the Call Me Mister Program at the College of Charleston, he plays a pivotal role in recruiting, selecting, and mentoring program participants, fostering leadership and professional development among future educators. Additionally, Dr. Freeman serves as the Director of the Afterschool Program at Mount Holly Elementary School, where he oversees daily operations and creates enriching activities for students.

His dedication to educational excellence and community engagement is further demonstrated through his involvement in various committees and organizations. As a member of the BCSD Curriculum Team and the Gifted and Talented Curriculum Team, Dr. Freeman collaborates with colleagues to develop innovative teaching strategies and resources.

Dr. Freeman's commitment to educational innovation and equity has been recognized through numerous awards, including Teacher of the Year at Mount Holly Elementary School in 2020. His tireless efforts to create inclusive learning environments and empower students to reach their full potential make him a valued leader and advocate for education reform.

De'marr Proctor-Floyd

De'marr Proctor-Floyd is a dedicated student leader and passionate advocate for education, currently attending the College of Charleston. Originally hailing from Connecticut, De'marr has embraced the vibrant community of Charleston for all four years of his college journey.

De'marr's commitment to academic excellence and community impact has been recognized through his receipt of the prestigious Fran Welch Award scholarship. This scholarship not only reflects his scholastic achievements but also underscores his dedication to making a positive difference in the world.

With a profound passion for middle grades education, De'marr prides himself on his ability to foster empathy and growth in his peers and future students alike. Throughout his college career, he has actively engaged in initiatives aimed at enhancing educational opportunities for young learners, believing deeply in the transformative power of education to shape lives and build brighter futures.

As a student leader, De'marr has played an integral role in various campus organizations and initiatives focused on promoting inclusivity, diversity, and academic success. His leadership style is characterized by empathy, compassion, and a genuine desire to uplift those around him.

Outside of his academic pursuits, De'marr is deeply involved in community service and mentorship programs, where he continues to inspire others to embrace learning as a lifelong journey. He believes that education extends far beyond the classroom and is committed to instilling a love for learning in all those he encounters.

With his unwavering dedication to education and his compassionate approach to teaching empathy and growth, De'marr Proctor-Floyd is poised to make a lasting impact in the field of education and beyond.

Pablo Mena-Morales

Pablo Mena-Morales is a senior at the College of Charleston, hailing from the charming town of Summerville, South Carolina. Throughout his four years at the college, Pablo has been deeply involved in both academic pursuits and community engagement initiatives, embodying a spirit of dedication and service.

Driven by his passion for education and mentorship, Pablo joined the prestigious Call Me Mister program at the College of Charleston. As a member of this esteemed initiative, he has served as a mentor to young students in need of additional support in the classroom, helping to inspire and empower the next generation of learners.

Outside of his academic endeavors, Pablo dedicates his time and expertise to coaching at Cane Bay High School in Summerville. Through his role as a coach, he not only imparts valuable skills and knowledge to his students but also serves as a positive role model and mentor, instilling in them the importance of teamwork, perseverance, and dedication.

Currently pursuing his Bachelor's degree at the College of Charleston, Pablo is passionate about leveraging his education to make a meaningful impact in his community and beyond. With a focus on education and a commitment to lifelong learning, he seeks to inspire a love of learning and a spirit of curiosity in all those he encounters.

As he prepares to graduate and embark on the next chapter of his journey, Pablo remains steadfast in his commitment to serving others and making a difference in the lives of those around him. With a heart for mentorship, a dedication to education, and a spirit of compassion, he is poised to continue making a positive impact in his community and beyond, leaving a lasting legacy of excellence and service wherever he goes.

Rashaad Lawton

Born and raised in the vibrant city of Charleston, Rashaad Lawton embodies the warmth and spirit of his Southern roots. Growing up in Ladson, nestled between the bustling neighborhoods of Summerville and North Charleston, Rashaad was enveloped in the embrace of a large and loving family. Surrounded by siblings, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and cousins, he learned the value of connection, empathy, and the importance of nurturing relationships from an early age.

As a child, Rashaad was known for his sensitivity, often wearing his heart on his sleeve. However, it wasn't until fifth grade that he found his voice, thanks to a teacher who would become a pivotal influence in his life. This teacher's joyful demeanor and lighthearted approach to education showed Rashaad that teaching wasn't just about imparting knowledge—it was about creating an environment where every student felt valued, supported, and inspired to learn.

In the summer of 2023, Rashaad further honed his skills as a mentor and educator while serving as a counselor at Kids On Point in Charleston. In this role, he collaborated with lead teachers to develop engaging lesson plans, fostering a positive and inclusive environment where every student felt empowered to learn and grow. The Call Me Mister Program assisted in his development of passion and professionalism in the classroom.

Rashaad's journey towards his dream career in education led him to pursue a degree in Elementary Education at the College of Charleston. With a steadfast commitment to creating classrooms filled with love, optimism, and inclusivity, Rashaad aspires to be the kind of teacher who leaves a lasting impact on his students' lives. His vision is to cultivate a community where every child feels seen, heard, and valued—a place where learning transcends the confines of textbooks and becomes a transformative journey of discovery and self-expression.

Driven by his passion for teaching and his unwavering belief in the potential of every student, Rashaad Lawton is poised to embark on a career dedicated to shaping young minds, instilling a love of learning, and fostering a sense of belonging that extends far beyond the walls of the classroom.

MISTERS at the College of Charleston

- Participate in 20 hours of community service, cohort bonding events and professional development meetings each month.
- Complete a full-time, unpaid, final semester clinical internship, during which other jobs are not permitted.
- Have teacher certification expenses of up to \$1,000.
- Receive a \$5,000 MISTER award toward estimated annual College of Charleston costs of more than \$33,000.



"The College of Charleston partners with school districts to recruit minority male teachers and provide them with a unique opportunity to educate, enter and persist in K-12 classrooms. Promoting and supporting the recruitment, retention and professional development of our future minority teachers is a crucial step towards achieving educational equity and a more accepting and inclusive society."

**Anthony Dixon '01, Superintendent
Berkeley County School District**



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**COLLEGE of
CHARLESTON**

CALL ME MISTER PROGRAM

Call Me MISTER®

at the

College of Charleston

*Expanding the diversity of
educators in South Carolina
classrooms*



*Mentors Instructing Students Toward
Effective Role Models*

MISTERS

Making an Impact

Our 38 College of Charleston MISTERS are making a difference.

Jimmy Freeman '11 Ph.D.



Gifted and talented
4th grade teacher at
Mount Holly
Elementary School

- Director of the Call Me MISTER Program at Charleston Southern University
- Teacher of the Year: 2020

Chak Or '19, M.Ed.

3rd grade
mathematics
teacher at Mitchell
Elementary



- Rookie Teacher of the Year: 2019-20
- Guiding Light of Excellence Award: 2019-20
- Avery Research Center Teacher of the Year: 2020-21
- Mitchell Teacher of the Year: 2022-23
- Top 5 Finalist for District Teacher of the Year: 2022-23

Help Our MISTERS



Largely from underserved, socio-economically disadvantaged and educationally at risk communities, these dedicated future educators have to cover the majority of their expenses as education majors.

By supporting the Call Me MISTER program, you will:

- Allow students to focus on their studies;
- Reduce financial stress;
- Create opportunities for professional development;
- Afford students time to participate in field experience and community service; and
- Foster a cohort system of cultural and emotional support.

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