



# EXCHANGE

EXCHANGE CLUB OF KIAWAH-SEABROOK, SC

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## Member Meeting 05-01-2024 @Seabrook Island Club

### Annual Education Dinner & Program

Secretary Lisa McDonald not at this meeting and submitting President Ray Hoover's agenda instead – as follows:

#### Pre-Dinner

#### A. Welcome

- Welcome, everyone. It's hard to believe that it is May 1... and the official beginning of Turtle Season for Kiawah, Seabrook Islands.
- Thanks to many of you who welcomed me back. Yes, after a month in Europe, Thad Peterson and I are back. A special thank you to Chris Stephenson for filling in for the two meetings I missed. Thank you, Chris.

#### B. Prayer

Let's begin our time together with a prayer.

Almighty God... we thank you for everyone gathered here and ask that you strengthen... inspire... and fill us with your peace.

Bless those we serve in this great community and the good work we hope to do. We pray that you would give us vision and guidance... and instill within us the energy we will need for the tasks ahead.

Bless the bonds of our fellowship... and the responsibilities of our service. Please guide us so we may learn and grow together....And please bless all those who serve and protect us, ... both near and far. We ask these in your name...Amen

#### C. Fallen Hero and Pledge - Chris Stephenson, please share the tribute honoring our Fallen Hero.

#### D. Welcoming Our Guests - Let's welcome and introduce our guests for the evening...

#### E. Presentation of Certificates and Pins to New Members - Will the following new members come up and join me to receive your membership certificates and Exchange Club pins? (see image on page 3)

- Ambrose Dittloff
- Michelle Almeyda-Wiedemuth
- Julian Stiles-Lanzone

#### F. Announcements

1. The first announcement is one you all have been waiting for: "Summer Dress" for our regular dinner meetings. For men, Resort Casual, short sleeves or golf shirts with slacks; women know what that means for them.
  - a. For the Angel Oak Banquet, dress more "spiffy" as is our tradition.
2. A reminder about the Angel Oak Award Banquet, one of our biggest events of the year... will be held at Wingate Place, 3850 River Road, Johns Island, on Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

- a. Ticket prices for the Angel Oak Award Banquet are \$100, and attendance will be limited to 150 persons. The event includes drinks, dinner, and music.
- b. Angel Oak Dinner Reservation 2024
  - i. Donation opportunities are available at any level you choose. Please get in touch with Bob Leggett at [rmlegg8@gmail.com](mailto:rmlegg8@gmail.com) with any questions. Table sponsorships are \$1200, and each table seats eight people. We need your consideration. Every dollar helps.
  - ii. Bob Leggett says we still need some help directing traffic. If you can help, please contact Bob.

3. HOT OFF THE Presses! :

- a. Final Stats on Handbook Sales: \$142,985 from 181 ads. That's \$7,000 more than last year!
- b. Special thanks to:
  - i. Bob Shick: Handbook Coordinator Master Guru. What a great job you did, Bob! Thank you, and thank you, Richard Gwyn, for agreeing to step into the role this coming year under Bob's guidance.
  - ii. Jack Wilson, Sales Lead Coordinator.
  - iii. Sales Captains: Bob Leggett, Bill Nelson, Robert Quagliato, John Reock, Roger Steel, Bruce VanVoorhis, Jack Wilson
  - iv. Almost 40, ...yes 40 Sales People
- c. I know there is still much to do before the new Handbooks are distributed in late May or early June, but it's been a TREMENDOUS effort, everyone.

G. Dinner

H After Dinner

- 1. Introduction of Education Program
  - a. Tonight is another very important event on our calendar: our annual Education dinner program. Chris Strobel, a member of our Youth and Education Committee, will be our "Master of Ceremonies." Chris, please come up and "Take it Away."
  - b. Q&A
- 2. Announcement of Next Meeting and Speaker
- 3. Remember, our next meeting is the Angel Oak Award Banquet and Celebration on May 15 at Wingate Place. I hope to see you there.
- 4. Adjournment (by 8:00-8:15). We are adjourned.

**Next Meeting:**

5/15/24 @Wingate Place  
Angel Oak Award Banquet

**Addendums:**

Pictures from Education night awards  
Attendance  
Fallen Hero

**Minutes submitted 5/17/24 by Lisa McDonald, Club Secretary**

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED**



EDUCATION NIGHT PICTURES



**ATTENDANCE**

Attended?	Member	Attended?	Guests/Meals
Yes	Victor Agusta		
Yes	Michelle Almeyda-Wiedemuth	Yes	Anthony Wiedemuth
Yes	Bill Bane		
Yes	Phyllis Barber		
Yes	Tom Berghausen		
No	Dave Berry		
Yes	Wayne Billian		
No	Renee Black		
Yes	Herb Boehm		
Yes	Ed Brett		
No	David Cruse		
No	Carmin DeGennaro		
Yes	Gerrianne Delaney		
Yes	Fred Demler		
Yes	Ambrose Ditloff		
Yes	Art Dougherty		
Yes	Bruce Edwards		
Yes	Frank Farfone		
Yes	Ted Flerlage		
Yes	Joe Foti		
No	Richard Gwyn		
Yes	Stephen Haines		
Yes	Edward Heskamp		
Yes	Christopher Hix		
Yes	Ray Hoover		
No	Maurice Isaac		
Yes	Tom Kroll		
Yes	Julie Lanzone	Yes	<u>Laurel Schrang</u>
Yes	Bob Leggett		
Yes	Bruce Ludwin		
Yes	Alan Madison		
Yes	Michael Morris		
Yes	Bill Nelson		
Yes	Sally Smith Nicoli		
No	Mike Patterson		
Yes	Thad Peterson		
No	Joel Pondelik		
Yes	Robert Quagliato		
Yes	Sam Reed ?		
Yes	Ed Rigtrup		
Yes	Shirley Salvo		
No	Nancy Schibler		
Yes	Bob Schick		
No	Ron Schildge		
Yes	Robert Schmidt		
Yes	Charlie Septer		

Attended?	Member	Attended?	Guests/Meals
Yes	John Sesody		
Yes	Walter Sewell		
Yes	Roger Steel		
Yes	Chris Stephenson		
Yes	Chris Strobel	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes No	K'Layah Maxwell Kiva Sanders K'Leigh Moultrie Zion Johnson Sheronda Minus Denise Minus Samuel Capers Quindella Capers Catherine Capers Jermaine Joyner
Yes	Dick Trent		
Yes	Stan Ullner		
Yes	Bruce Van Voorhis		
Yes	Tom Webster		
Yes	Pat Welch		
Yes	Jack Wilson		
Yes	Mela Wyeth		

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58

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Total of 59

## TRIBUTE TO SC FALLEN HERO

Good evening fellow club members and guests.

Tonight, we're paying tribute to \* U.S. Army Specialist 4th Class Abraham Sherrod Wheeler, III.

Born on March 9, 1987, in Columbia, South Carolina, U.S. Army Specialist 4th Class Abraham Sherrod Wheeler, III, affectionately known as Rod, led a life marked by courage, dedication, and love. Rod's active participation in community events and causes fostered a sense of unity. His presence encouraged others to come together, collaborate, and work toward common goals. Whether it was volunteering at local events or supporting community initiatives, Rod exemplified the power of collective effort.

Rod attended public schools in Richland County and graduated from Ridgeview High School in 2005. During his time at Ridgeview, he excelled as a football player, earning recognition as the Best Defensive Player for two years. As a football player and community member, Rod became a role model for young people. Youth in his community looked up to him, recognizing that they too could make a difference. His achievements on the football field and his commitment to community service inspired others to pursue their passions and give back.

In June 2007, Specialist 4th Class Rod Wheeler joined the United States Army. He completed his Basic Training at Ft. Benning, GA, and his Advanced Individual Training at Ft. Gordon, GA. He was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y.

To support Operation Enduring Freedom, his unit was deployed to Afghanistan in December 2008, where he served as a communication specialist. \*On August 28, 2009 in the Charkh District, of Logar province, Afghanistan, Specialist 4th Class Rod Wheeler had just survived an attack on his post. As his company was leaving the area, an improvised explosive device (IED) detonated. The explosion corkscrewed the 29,000-pound vehicle that Rod was riding in off the ground. The force of its landing popped all four tires. A fellow soldier rushed to the vehicle to sweep for survivors. He found the rear doors blown apart and U.S. Army Specialist 4th Class Abraham Sherrod Wheeler, III dead in the turret. Rod was 22 years old.

\*The news of Rod's death sent shockwaves through the community. Friends, family, and neighbors mourned the loss of a young man who had dedicated his life to service. Rod's passing inspired many to recommit themselves to service. Whether through volunteering, joining military support organizations, or advocating for veterans, people felt a renewed sense of duty. His legacy became a catalyst for positive action within the community and serves as a reminder of the cost of freedom and the debt owed to those who defend it.

As an indication of our respect for U.S. Army Specialist 4th Class Abraham Sherrod Wheeler, III 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.

U.S. Army Specialist 4th Class Abraham Sherrod Wheeler, III, we salute you and your sacrifice on our behalf.

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









**SPC ABRAHAM SHERROD WHEELER, III**  
UNITED STATES ARMY



**FALLEN**

**FINAL RANK**  
Specialist

**SERVICE YEARS**  
2007 - 2009

**LAST MOS**  
25U-Signal Support Systems Specialist

**PRIMARY UNIT**  
2007-2009, 3rd Brigade Combat Team,  
10th Mountain Division







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