



# EXCHANGE

EXCHANGE CLUB OF KIAWAH-SEABROOK, SC

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

## Member Meeting 06-05-2024 @Seabrook Island Club

Ray Hoover called the meeting to order at 6:24PM and opened with prayer.

Ray informed that our member Ken Cavanaugh passed away on May 26. His memorial service will be Saturday at 10:30AM at Johns Island Presbyterian Church.

Chris honored South Carolina fallen hero Army Captain Richard G. Cliff Jr. and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.  
*See Bio attached*

Ray recognized guests and also five new members, none of whom were present this evening to receive pins.  
*Attendance count/details is attached*

Ray made the following announcements:

- There were 130 in attendance at the Angel Oak Award Banquet on May 15. Gross revenue was \$43,000 plus \$4,000 in kind contribution by Wingate Place in exchange for the venue and ad in Handbook.
- The 2024-25 edition of The Handbook is in the mail to 8k addresses and raised \$143,465
- Our fiscal year ends June 30, 2024
- On behalf of Roger Steele, Ray put in a plug for the CSO outings
- On behalf of Pat Welch, Ray put in a plug for this fall's Bohicket Run. There will be in 1,000+ runners. Parking will be in the PGA lot and race start will be in Freshfields.
- On March 6, Alan Woods of Housecalls to the Homeless spoke to us and generated a lot of interest. He is now seeking volunteers to visit lonely patients. Contact John Reock for more info
- Earlier this year Arthur Briggs, Director of Sea Islands Camp spoke to us and generated a lot of interest. He is offering fifty scholarships and needs donations. Each scholarship is worth \$500. They will use donations to buy PJ's, bathing suits, etc.

After dinner (7:32PM) Bob Mason introduced the evening's speaker, Sarah Evans of Dragon Boat Charleston. DBC is a floating support group redefining cancer survivorship. See attached.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05PM

### Next Meeting:

6/19/24 @Seabrook Island Club

Speaker: Annual business meeting and election of officers

### Addendums:

Attendance

Speaker Bio

Fallen Hero

Minutes submitted 7/10/24 by Lisa McDonald, Club Secretary

## ATTENDANCE

| Attended? | Member             | Attended? | Guests/Meals          |
|-----------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
|           | Speaker Contingent | Yes       | Carlene Mironod       |
|           |                    | Yes       | Sarah Evans - Speaker |
|           |                    | Yes       | Mrs Evans             |
|           |                    | Yes       | Laura Francis         |
|           |                    | Yes       | Rosa Fullerton        |
|           |                    | Yes       | Betty Maher           |
|           |                    | Yes       | John Maher            |
|           |                    | Yes       | Bonnie Merkel         |
|           |                    | Yes       | Joe Penny             |
|           |                    | Yes       | Tara Penny            |
|           |                    | Yes       | Louis Rinehimer       |
|           |                    | Yes       | Lucy Spears           |
|           |                    | Yes       | Gail Stamm            |
| Yes       | Victor Agusta      |           |                       |
| Yes       | Alan Armstrong     |           |                       |
| Yes       | Bill Bane          | Yes       | Carol Bane            |
| Yes       | Phyllis Barber     |           |                       |
| No        | Tom Berghausen     |           |                       |
| Yes       | Dave Berry         |           |                       |
| Yes       | Wayne Billian      |           |                       |
| Yes       | Herb Boehm         |           |                       |
| Yes       | Rich Boss          |           |                       |
| No        | Kevin Boyle        |           |                       |
| Yes       | David Cruse        | Yes       | Ed Hughes             |
| Yes       | Bob Driscoll       |           |                       |
| Yes       | Bruce Edwards      |           |                       |
| Yes       | Frank Farfone      |           |                       |
| Yes       | Joe Foti           |           |                       |
| Yes       | Derek Fyfe         |           |                       |
| Yes       | Dennis Giannos     |           |                       |
| Yes       | Richard Gwyn       |           |                       |
| Yes       | Edward Heskamp     |           |                       |
| Yes       | Ray Hoover         |           |                       |
| Yes       | Phyllis Kaupp-Seas | Yes       | Jeff Rickenbach       |
| Yes       | Ed Leary           |           |                       |
| Yes       | Bob Leggett        |           |                       |
| Yes       | Bruce Ludwin       |           |                       |
| Yes       | Alan Madison       |           |                       |
| Yes       | Bob Mason          | Yes       | Sherrie Mason         |
| Yes       | Lisa McDonald      |           |                       |
| Yes       | Jay Miller         | Yes       | Nancy Miller          |
| No        | Michael Morris     |           |                       |
| Yes       | Bill Nelson        |           |                       |
| Yes       | Sally Smith Nicoli |           |                       |
| Yes       | Maureen Oberg      |           |                       |
| Yes       | Mike Patterson     |           |                       |
| Yes       | Dustin Plunkett    | Yes       | Victoria Pullium      |

| Attended? | Member            | Attended? | Guests/Meals  |
|-----------|-------------------|-----------|---------------|
| No        | Joel Pondelik     |           |               |
| No        | Russ Preston      |           |               |
| Yes       | Robert Quagliato  |           |               |
| Yes       | Sam Reed          |           |               |
| Yes       | John Reock        |           |               |
| Yes       | Charles Riehl     |           |               |
| Yes       | Ed Rigtrup        |           |               |
| Yes       | Shirley Salvo     |           |               |
| Yes       | Nancy Schibler    |           |               |
| Yes       | Bob Schick        | Yes       | Shelly Schick |
| Yes       | Ron Schildge      |           |               |
| Yes       | Charlie Septer    |           |               |
| Yes       | Roger Steel       |           |               |
| Yes       | Chris Stephenson  |           |               |
| No        | Marj Stephenson   |           |               |
| Yes       | Dick Trent        |           |               |
| Yes       | Stan Ullner       |           |               |
| Yes       | Bruce Van Voorhis |           |               |
| Yes       | Pat Welch         |           |               |
| Yes       | Jack Wilson       |           |               |
| Yes       | Mela Wyeth        |           |               |

49 Members and 20 Guests 9 member no shows 4 late cancellations

Total Attendance 69

Count provided to the Club 65 – 71

## **SPEAKER BIO**

Sarah Evans - Executive Director of Dragon Boat Charleston

Promoting the physical and mental wellness among cancer survivors and their community through dragon boating

Sarah Evans became Executive Director of Dragon Boat Charleston (DBC) in February of 2023. Sarah's career background includes 23 years working in public education, 22 years as an adjunct professor in theatre, critical thinking and Appalachian Studies, 15 years as a management leadership consultant/trainer in manufacturing including Toyota North America, Nike, Subaru. Additionally, Sarah spent over 40 years in the arts producing, directing, managing, and performing. Sarah's relationship with South Carolina began during graduate school when a professor whose parents lived on Kiawah offered a rental home to recharge and rest after a particularly grueling performance semester. It was love at first sight. Sarah continued the love affair with the area and spent 25 years vacationing on Kiawah and Edisto Island along with her twin sons. Sarah made the decision that she would one day make her home in the low country of South Carolina. This dream was realized when she permanently moved to South Carolina from Lexington, Kentucky September of 2022 after retiring as an educational consultant/director for 26 school districts.

Not expecting to work full time again, she vowed she would only go back to full time work if it involved something she could be "passionate about". While Sarah was searching for part time work, she came across a very intriguing job ad on Indeed about the need for an Executive Director of a dragon boat organization in Charleston whose vision was redefining cancer survivorship. Being a cancer survivor herself, she was extremely interested in learning more about the organization. Once selected and becoming familiar with the organization it was clear that the mission of Dragon Boat Charleston was something that she could pour her energy into and continue the excellent work of the organization. Sarah, knowing the healing power of DBC's mission activities, organizational goal is to be able to seek out and increase the number of new members so they can redefine what cancer survivorship means to themselves and their caring community. Please come join us for a paddle and experience the healing powers of the dragon boat.

## TRIBUTE TO SC FALLEN HERO

Good evening fellow club members and guests.

Tonight, we're paying tribute to \*Army Captain Richard G. Cliff Jr.

Army Captain Richard G. Cliff Jr was a native of Mount Pleasant, S.C. and graduated from Wando High School in 1997. In his spare time Richie (as he was known to his friends) was an avid surfer with his favorite local spot being Folly Beach. He enjoyed days spent on his boat and wakeboarding with friends. He had an amazing sense of humor, always playing practical jokes on his friends. Richie had an infectious laugh and luckily for those around him, he laughed a lot. Richie made friends with ease, becoming friends with everyone he met. His friends describe him as loyal and kind, a born leader.

Captain Richard Cliff was commissioned in June, 2002, after graduating from Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. At Appalachian State, Captain Richard Cliff was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and ROTC. After completing the Infantry Officer Basic Course at Ft. Benning, GA, he was assigned to Ft. Lewis, Washington, where he was a platoon leader with the 5th Battalion 20th Infantry Stryker Brigade Combat Team. He deployed with them to Iraq in 2003, and again in 2006, as a company Executive Officer. Captain Richard Cliff earned the coveted "Green Beret" in July, 2008. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, N.C.

\* Captain Richard Cliff had returned home to be with his wife, Stacy, for the birth of their son, Richard Sanders Cliff, who was born on September 4, 2008. One week later he deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as a member of the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force. Captain Richard Cliff was a Special Forces Operational Detachment, Alpha Team Commander. On September 29, 2008 in the vicinity of Yakhchal, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, \*Army Captain Richard G. Cliff Jr died from wounds sustained when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device during mounted operations.

Captain Richard Cliff's fellow soldiers describe him as the perfect soldier. He never had a bad thing to say about anyone. He was driven to succeed and excelled at every endeavor. He was such a proud father and was the happiest he had ever been while holding his baby boy. Captain Richard Cliff lived life to the fullest, he loved with all his heart, and he had an amazing smile and that infectious laugh that his family and friends will never forget.

As an indication of our respect for Army Captain Richard G. Cliff Jr 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 Captain Richard G. Cliff Jr, we salute you and your sacrifice on our behalf. Please stand as you are able and join me in reciting the pledge of allegiance.



