****

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

**Member Meeting 09/03/25 @Seabrook Island Club**

**6:30 Ring Bell**

Chris Stephenson called the meeting to order and introduced the guests

**Invocation, Fallen Hero & Pledge**

* Jim Bannister
  + Fallen Hero bio attached

**Announcements**

* Thanks to Lisa McDonald for filling in at the last meeting while Chris was sick.
* Roger Steele gave information about the night out with the symphony January 23rd.
* Revenues are down and if anyone has any ideas to help with this please send ideas to Chris.
* Golf outing is October 1st and invitations will be sent out soon.

**Dinner**

**7:25 Speaker introduction**

Bill Nelson introduced the speaker Joseph Deleon President and CEO of Roper St Francis

Meeting adjourned

**Addendums:**

Attendance

Fallen Hero

Speaker Bio

**Minutes submitted 09/09/25 by Phyllis Barber**

**ATTENDANCE**

| Attended? | Member | Attended? | Guests | Status | $s | Paid |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Yes | Victor Agusta | Yes | Carol Agusta | Spouse | $45 | Paid |
| Yes | Bill Bane |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | James Bannister | Yes  Yes | Dr. Larry Monaldo  Mary Ann Monaldo | Prospect  Guest |  |  |
| Yes | Marlisa Bannister |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Phyllis Barber |  |  |  |  |  |
| No | Joe Bauer |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Tom Berghausen |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Wayne Billian |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Bryan Bolling |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Rich Boss |  |  | At Large | $45 | Invoice |
| Yes | Lon Bouknight | Yes | Deborah Bouknight | Spouse | $45 | Invoice |
| Yes | Kevin Boyle |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Ed Brett |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Bob Davis |  |  |  |  |  |
| No | Fred Demler |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Art Dougherty |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Bob Driscoll |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Jim Dwyer |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Frank Farfone |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Dick Fleming |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Bree Florees |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Bill Good |  |  |  |  |  |
| No | Stephen Haines |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Ed Hughes |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Bill Huff |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Phyllis Kaupp-Seas |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Ed Leary |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Bob Leggett | Yes  Yes | Johnnie Garmon  Kelley Garmon | Prospec  Prospec |  |  |
| Yes | Milum Livesay |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Bruce Ludwin |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Alan Madison |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Bob Mason | Yes | Sherrie Mason | Spouse | $90 | Invoice |
| No | Lisa McDonald |  |  |  |  |  |
| No | Rick McDonald |  |  |  |  |  |
| No | Joy Millar |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Jay Miller |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Michael Morris |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Bill Nelson | Yes  Yes | Joseph DeLeon  Dr Venessa McPherson | Speaker  Spkr Gst | $0  $0 |  |
| Yes | Thad Peterson |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Russ Preston |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Robert Quagliato |  |  |  |  |  |
| No | Ed Rigtrup |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Shirley Salvo |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Bob Schick | Yes | Shelly Schick | Spouse | $45 | Check |
| Yes | Charlie Septer |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | John Sesody |  |  |  |  |  |
| No | Bob Simpson |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Glen Soden |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Robin Stebbins |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Roger Steel | Yes | Vivian Steed | Spouse | $45 | Check |
| No | Ken Steen |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Chris Stephenson |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Marj Stephenson |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Dick Trent |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Bruce Van Voorhis |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Tom Webster |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Pat Welch |  |  |  |  |  |
| No | Bill Wick |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | Jack Wilson |  |  |  |  |  |

59 members

11Guests

70 Total

**Attendance**

49 Members

11Guests

60 Total

**Count to Seabrook Club**

57-62

**Registrations**

59 members

11Guests

70 Total

**Attendance**

49 Members

11Guests

60 Total

**Count to Seabrook Club**

57-62

**Registrations**

59 members

11Guests

70 Total

**Attendance**

49 Members

11Guests

60 Total

**Count to Seabrook Club**

57-62

**Registrations**

59 members

11Guests

70 Total

**Attendance**

49 Members

11Guests

60 Total

**Count to Seabrook Club**

57-62

**Tribute to Fallen Hero**

Exchange Club Fallen Hero Tribute – September 3, 2025

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

It is both my honor and privilege to present our Fallen Hero Tribute honoring United States Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Travis A. Fox, age 25, of Cowpens, SC, who was killed on October 30, 2004, by enemy action in Anbar province, Iraq.

Lance Cpl. Fox loved being a Marine. His family said it was all he talked about after graduating from Spartanburg’s Broome High School in 1998. His dream came true four years later when he completed his basic training at Parris Island, SC and was later assigned to the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division in Hawaii. It was then that he married his high school sweetheart, Casie, who joined him in Hawaii. They lived there together only briefly before Travis and his unit were deployed to Iraq.

Lance Cpl. Fox’s dream ended on Saturday, October 30 outside of Fallujah when the 25-year-old South Carolinian was killed along with seven other Marines by a suicide car bomb in one of the deadliest days of fighting during Operation Iraqi Freedom, leaving young Casie a widow, along with a loving and grieving family.

We salute you and thank you, Lance Cpl. Fox. May you rest in Heavenly peace.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is Fallen Heroes like Lance Cpl. Fox who inspire this Club’s Americanism Committee and many member volunteers to continue the proud tradition of placing American flags with yellow ribbons throughout our local communities as you have enjoyed seeing during National holidays. One of those flags honors my own grandson.

Please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SPEAKER BIO**

**Joseph DeLeon, MPA**

**President and Chief Executive Officer, Roper St. Francis Healthcare**

Joseph DeLeon serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Roper St. Francis Healthcare (RSFH), one of the Lowcountry’s largest employers and a leading South Carolina-based health system jointly operated by Bon Secours Mercy Health and the Medical Society of South Carolina.

With more than 30 years of senior leadership experience, DeLeon is recognized for his operational excellence, financial stewardship, and ability to expand access to high-quality care. Since joining RSFH in 2024, he has spearheaded transformative initiatives to broaden clinical services, elevate trauma care capabilities, and introduce new pediatric services to meet the needs of the rapidly growing Charleston region.

Currently, DeLeon oversees more than 6,800 teammates and a 350-provider medical group, along with a highly effective Accountable Care Organization. He is directing $1.7 billion in facility expansion projects, including development of the new flagship Roper Hospital in North Charleston. These initiatives will add nearly 600 new healthcare jobs while the hospital’s construction alone is expected to generate 3,600 construction-related jobs and deliver a $2.5 billion economic impact to the region.

DeLeon’s leadership is grounded in RSFH’s 2023 Strategic Plan, which emphasizes economic development, workforce growth, equitable access to care, and community resilience. His commitment extends beyond healthcare, serving on the Charleston Regional Development Alliance and the Charleston Chamber of Commerce executive committees.

Prior to his role at RSFH, DeLeon served as President of Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth, an 851-bed, Level I Trauma Center and Magnet-designated facility. During his tenure, he oversaw the $304 million Jane and John Justin Tower, Texas Health’s largest capital project, launched new residency programs in general surgery and internal medicine, and drove a 50% growth in revenue. He also served as President of Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Southwest Fort Worth, leading it to consecutive Truven 100 Top Hospital honors and recognition for excellence in patient experience.

A former Captain in the United States Air Force Medical Service Corps, DeLeon began his career at St. Joseph Regional Health System and in military service, instilling in him a lifelong commitment to service, stewardship, and compassionate care.

**Education**

* Master of Public Administration – *Texas A&M University*
* Bachelor of Science in Political Science, Minor in Business Management – *Texas A&M University*