



# EXCHANGE

EXCHANGE CLUB OF KIAWAH-SEABROOK, SC

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## Exchange Club of Kiawah–Seabrook

Member Meeting

February 18, 2026  
Seabrook Island Club

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### Meeting Agenda

6:20 PM – Ring Bell

6:25 PM – Welcome

- Welcome by Chris Stephenson
  - Introduction of guests
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### Announcements

- New Member Certificates were presented.
  - The March 18 speaker, Mike Schuler, has been postponed until August.
  - Angel Oak nominations are needed by February 28. Please submit nominations to Jack (for Alan Armstrong).
  - Volunteers are needed for the Fall Chili Cook-Off fundraiser. Chris will lead if no one else volunteers.
  - Planning is underway for a potential 2027 Peddlers Market this spring.
  - Please send any social media photos to Lisa McDonald.
  - Volunteers to assist with the Flags Program should contact Jack Wilson.
  - The annual CSO concert event may need a replacement or new direction. Roger Steele is seeking someone to take over leadership.
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Prayer and South Carolina Fallen Hero Tribute

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Dinner

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Guest Speaker

Samantha Siegel  
Director, Angel Oak Preserve

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Adjournment

Meeting dismissed at 8:00 PM by Chris Stephenson.

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In Memoriam

Fred Demler

Good evening, Exchange Club members and guests.

It is my solemn duty to recognize and report the recent passing of our fellow Club member and friend, Fred Demler.

Fred, age 73, suffered a stroke and passed away while on a cruise in the South Pacific with his wife, Linda.

Fred joined our Club in January 2024 and was also a neighbor to many Sea Brookers residing on Beach Court. He was active on various committees of the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association. Linda is well known for hosting Mahjong tournaments at their home.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Linda and the entire Demler family.

You will be missed by many, Fred. May you rest in Heavenly Peace.

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Fallen Hero Tribute

February 18, 2026

Good evening fellow Exchange Club members, invited guests, and our guest speaker.

It is my honor and privilege to present our Fallen Hero Tribute honoring Adrian J. Lewis, United States Army Sergeant, age 30, of Mauldin, South Carolina.

Sgt. Lewis was killed on March 21, 2007, in Ramadi, Iraq, when his unit encountered enemy forces using small-arms fire during combat operations.

A devoted husband and father of four, Sgt. Lewis was serving his third tour of duty in Iraq, each lasting one year.

His wife, Amanda, shared that he had left on January 15 and was due home for two weeks' leave in July.

“We were going to go on a cruise,” she said. “Neither of us had ever been on one.”

We salute you and thank you for your service to our country, Sgt. Lewis. May you rest in Heavenly Peace and someday take that cruise with Amanda.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is Fallen Heroes like Sgt. Lewis who continue to inspire us as we proudly display their yellow-ribboned American flags and recognize them at our dinner meetings.

Please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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#### Attendance Summary

Total Reservations: 71

- 65 Members
- 6 Guests

#### Adjustments:

+1 Added Guest

-1 Guest No-Show

-5 Member No-Shows

Total Listed as Attending: 66

Seabrook Club Count: 56-61

Attending?	Member	Attending?	Guests	Stat	\$	Pd.
Yes	TXT Sat Victor Agusta	Yes	Carol Agusta	Spouse	\$55	Check
Yes	Michelle Almeyda-Wiedemuth					
No	Alan Armstrong					
Yes	James Bannister					
Yes	Marlisa Bannister					
Yes	Phyllis Barber					
Yes	Tim Barnard					
Yes	Wayne Billian					
Yes	Renee Black					
Yes	Herb Boehm					
No	Bryan Bolling					
Yes	Rich Boss					
Yes	Kevin Boyle					
Yes	Ed Brett					
Yes	Don Day					
Yes	Art Dougherty					
Yes	Bob Driscoll					
No	Jim Dwyer					
Yes	Bruce Edwards					
Yes	George Fink					
No	Bree Florees					
Yes	Dianna Forsythe					
Yes	Kelley Garmon					
Yes	Johnny Garman					
No	Jennifer Garr					
Yes	Richard Gwyn					
Yes	Stephen Haines					
Yes	Larry Healy					
Yes	Edward Heskamp					
Yes	Christopher Hix					
Yes	Bill Huff	Yes	Pat Huff	Spouse	\$55	
Yes	Ed Hughes					
Yes	Ed Leary					
Yes	Scott Lee	Yes	Geri Lee	Spouse	\$110	Check
Yes	Bob Leggett					
Yes	Milum Livesay	Yes-Added	Jim Finan	?		
Yes	Bruce Ludwin					
Yes	Lisa McDonald					
Yes	Rick McDonald	Yes	Samantha Siegel	Speaker	\$0	
Yes	Tom Meyer					
Yes	Jay Miller					
Yes	Bill Nelson					

Attending?	Member	Attending?	Guests	Stat	\$	Pd.
Yes	Maureen Oberg			At Large	\$55	Check
Yes	Marty Penkhus					
Yes	Steve Penkhus					
Yes	Thad Peterson	Yes	Bruce Hersshot	Prospect	\$0	None
No	Joel Pondelik					
Yes	Robert Quagliato					
Yes	Ed Rigtrup					
Yes	Shirley Salvo					
Yes	Ron Schildge					
Yes	Charlie Septer					
Yes	Glen Soden			At Large	\$55	Check
Yes	Roger Steel	No	Vivian Steel	Spouse	\$55	NA
Yes	Chris Stephenson					
Yes	Marj Stephenson					
Yes	Julie Styles-Lanzone					
Yes	Joe Thompson					
Yes	Stan Ullner					
Yes	Bruce Van Voorhis					
Yes	Tom Webster					
Yes	Pat Welch					
Yes	Jack Wilson					
Yes	John Woychick					
Yes	Mela Wyeth					

Samantha Siegel  
The Angel Oak Preserve Director  
Lowcountry Land Trust



Samantha Siegel is the Angel Oak Preserve Director at Lowcountry Land Trust. In 2008, she founded the organization “Save the Angel Oak” when the beloved, local landmark became threatened by a 600-unit development, ultimately leading a historic grassroots campaign to protect the tree in the heart of Johns Island. In 2013, Samantha teamed up with Lowcountry Land Trust, raising millions to purchase and protect the land once slated for development. Prior to joining the Lowcountry Land Trust team in 2021, she worked for The Sierra Club and Oceana.