



EXCHANGE

EXCHANGE CLUB OF KIAWAH-SEABROOK, SC

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

Member Meeting 09/18/24 @Salty Dog Cafe

Thad Peterson, President, called the meeting to order at 6:25PM and opened with prayer.

Chris Stephenson honored South Carolina fallen hero Army Sergeant Michael R. Lehmilller and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. *See Bio attached*

Thad recognized guests Mike Mansfield (prospect) with John Reock, and David Wohl (prospect) there with Joe Thompson

Thad recognized and thanked Walter Sewell, a longtime member of ECKS who is leaving Seabrook and ECKS. Walter came up and spoke for a few minutes to say his farewells.

Marjorie Stephenson announced the Golf Outing scheduled for 10/2/24. An email invitation with details including registration went out on 9/17/24.

Alan Armstrong announced the Veterans Day golf tournament scheduled for November 11 at 9:30AM. Handouts on each table contained details about registration.

After dinner (7:34PM) John Reock introduced the evening's speaker, Gerry Gordon , a Seabrook Island friend and neighbor who spoke about his extensive autograph collection that is heavy on baseball players and American presidents.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:57PM

Next Meeting:

10/2/24 is the golf outing there is not a regular dinner meeting

10/16/24 regular dinner meeting @Seabrook Island Club

Dress code is reverting back to business casual for the fall and winter season

Speaker: Beverly Hutchinson, Dee Norton

Addendums:

Attendance

Fallen Hero

Speaker Bio

Minutes submitted 9/20/24 by Lisa McDonald, Club Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Attended?	Member	Attended?	Guests
Yes	Alan Armstrong (6 mo)		
Yes	Wayne Billian		
Yes	Ed Brett		
Yes	David Cruse		
Yes	Bruce Edwards	Yes	Mrs. Edwards (spouse) (paid)
Yes	Ted Flerlage		
Yes	Dianna Forsythe	Yes	Dan Forsythe (Prospect)
Yes	Joe Foti		
Yes	Bill Good		
Yes	Edward Heskamp		
Yes	Ray Hoover		
Yes	Bill Huff		
Yes	Maurice Isaac		
No	Tom Kroll		
Yes	Ed Leary		
Yes	Bob Leggett		
Yes	Lars Lueders		
Yes	Bruce Ludwin		
Yes	Alan Madison		
Yes	Lisa McDonald		
Yes	Rick McDonald		
Yes	Jay Miller		
Yes	Bill Nelson		
Yes	Thad Peterson		
Yes	Robert Quagliato		
No	Sam Reed (no reservation)		
Yes	John Reock	Yes Yes	Jerry Gordon (speaker) Mike Mansfield (prospect)
Yes	Shirley Salvo		
Yes	Bob Schick	Yes	Shelley Schick (spouse) (paid)
Yes	Ron Schildge		
No	Charlie Septer		
No	John Sesody (at large)		
Yes	Walter Sewell	Yes	Karen Sewell (spouse) (paid)
Yes	Roger Steel		
Yes	Chris Stephenson		
Yes	Marj Stephenson		
Yes	Joe Thompson	Yes	David Wohl (prospect)
Yes	Dick Trent		
Yes	Bruce Van Voorhis		
Yes	Tom Webster		
Yes	Pat Welch		
Yes	Bill Wick		
Yes	Jack Wilson		
Yes/No	David Woodman (didn't stay for dinner)		

42 reservations

7 speaker and guests

2 without reservation but on list

Reed & Woodman

Attended

40 members attended

7 speaker and guests

Total attendance 47

TRIBUTE TO SC FALLEN HERO

Good evening fellow Exchange Club members and guests.

Tonight, we're paying tribute to *Army Sergeant Michael R. Lehmiller.

Sergeant Lehmiller was born on January 15, 1982, in Tampa, Florida but grew up in Anderson, South Carolina. Friends and family remember him as a kind-hearted and determined individual who always strived to help others.

Lehmiller lived life fully, his father said. He played basketball and baseball, practiced karate and gymnastics. He even sang in the chorus. He loved high-tech computers, drag-racing sports cars, and sky diving in the middle of the night. More than just about anything, he loved being a soldier.

Sergeant Lehmiller enlisted in the Army in March, 2001 *and found himself with the 82nd Airborne, where was among the first American soldiers to enter Baghdad during the invasion of Iraq. When that tour of service was over, he re-enlisted and was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, Vicenza, Italy. A unit that is known for its rigorous training and high standards.

His role involved conducting patrols and engaging in combat operations aimed at stabilizing the region and combating insurgents who had vowed to subvert the upcoming Sept. 18, 2005 legislative elections. The goal was to move Afghanistan toward democracy.

However, on August 21, 2005, near Baylough, Afghanistan, Sergeant Lehmiller's unit was on patrol. Their Humvee was crossing a wooden bridge when a massive bomb exploded killing *Army Sergeant Michael R. Lehmiller and three other US Soldiers. He was 23-year-old

As was his routine, Sergeant Michael Lehmiller's father, Robert woke early that Sunday morning to scan the television for news on the war in Afghanistan. He saw the broadcast of the four deaths. Hours later, the doorbell rang. Through the screen, Robert Lehmiller could see two uniformed officers standing on his porch. "Everybody buries someone eventually," Robert Lehmiller said. "Very few people bury a hero."

As an indication of our respect for Army Sergeant Michael R. Lehmiller and others who gave their lives for our country, this Exchange 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 Sergeant Michael R. Lehmiller, we salute you and your sacrifice on our behalf.

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



Army Sergeant
Michael R. Lehmiller

SPEAKER BIO

Dr. Gerald L Gordon – Biography

Dr. Gerald L. Gordon serves as an adjunct member of the faculty of the Graduate School of Public Administration at the College of Charleston and also serves as a Fellow of the college's Joseph P. Riley Center for Livable Communities.

Virginia Business Magazine named Dr. Gerald L. Gordon as its "2010 Business Person of the Year." In 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 the magazine named him one of the "50 Most Influential Virginians."

Dr. Gordon served for 35 years as the President and CEO of the Economic Development Authority in Fairfax County, Virginia, one of the largest office markets in the nation. During his tenure, office space in the county grew from 32 million square feet to more than 120 million, and jobs in the county grew from 243,000 to about 600,000. As a result, the real estate tax rate decreased from \$1.47 to \$1.13.

Dr. Gordon has also worked for Arlington County, Virginia, and the United States Department of Labor. In 2005, the FCEDA was named by Site Selection Magazine as one of the Top Ten Economic Development organizations in North America. In 2007, Time magazine called Fairfax County "one of the great economic success stories of our time." In 2011, the Washington Post said that "Fairfax County remains the economic wunderkind of Virginia and in many ways of the Washington area."

Dr. Gordon has also taught as an adjunct professor at the Catholic University of America, the University of Maryland, George Mason University, and Virginia Commonwealth University. His classes have included Strategic Planning, Economic Development, State and Local Government, and Urban Policy. He has consulted with city and state governments throughout the United States and around the world, as well as the governments of Poland, the island of Vieques, and Micronesia. He has also served as a consultant to various government agencies, the United States Navy, businesses, non-profit organizations, associations, colleges and universities, and the United Nations.

Dr. Gordon holds a Bachelor's Degree with honors from The Citadel, a Master's Degree from George Washington University, and a Doctorate in International Economics from the Catholic University of America. He is the author of 15 books on strategic planning and economic development as well as two biographies. His most recent books include *Urban and Suburban Growth and Decline: The Co-Existence of Regional Development* (Routledge, 2018), *The Formula for Economic Growth on Main Street America* (CRC Press, 2009), *Reinventing Local and Regional Economies* (CRC Press, 2011), *The Economic Viability of Micropolitan America* (CRC Press, 2013), *The Economic Survival of America's Isolated Small Towns* (CRC Press, 2015), and *Understanding Community Economic Growth and Decline* (Routledge Press, 2018).

Dr. Gordon was awarded a Fulbright Senior Scholarship to study job loss in northern Scotland and is the 2003 recipient of the prestigious Israel Freedom Award of the Israel Bonds organization. In 2006, Dr. Gordon became the first American to address the All-Parliamentary Exports Group in the British House of Commons. In 2007, Dr. Gordon was accepted for inclusion on the roster of Fulbright Senior Scholars. In 2007, Dr. Gordon was named a Fellow of the International Economic Development Council. In 2010, he received the James Rees Award from the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce; and, in 2011, Leadership Fairfax honored him with the Northern Virginia Regional Leadership Award. In 2012, Dr. Gordon was named the Trendlines Trendsetter of the Year for the Washington, DC metropolitan area. In 2015, he was honored by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) with the Jeffrey A. Finkle Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. Gordon and his wife of 52 years have two grown children and live on Seabrook Island, South Carolina.