

The Officers and Directors of
The Rotary Club of Augusta
January 13, 2026

President Brenda Durant opened the seventh board meeting of the Rotary Club of Augusta for the Rotary year 2025-2026 at 4:02 P.M. via Zoom.

Present

President Elect Dat Hoang, Past President Surendra Gupta, Directors: Henry Holt, Kevin Grogan, Zach Kelehear, Chris McKinney, Shanda Vaughn and Mickey Williford

Absent

Directors, Erin Armstrong and Lindsay Black

Also Present

Peggie Whitehurst

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brenda Durant

President Brenda Durant reported via email that the GAP Ministries Service Project is on Wednesday, December 10 at 11am. The Rotary Club will be delivering adult incontinence products for their new shelves. She is asking Rotarians to please bring some adult diapers to the Monday meeting.

IPAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Surendra Gupta

Website

IPast President Surendra Gupta reported the Website is being updated with meetings and events.

District Local Grants

There are two projects being planned during February and March 2026.

The GED Test Fees Grant of \$500.00 was approved. Our Club and Augusta Tech are partnered for this project. IPast President Surendra Gupta stated we are working with the District and Open Arms Outreach (OAO) as our partner for Opioid Abatement. The Grant is about \$5,000.00 for 5 options. OAO has been requested to provide details requested by the district. The application has not started.

Foundation

There is nothing new to report.

Global Grants

It was reported that Past President Surendra Gupta contributed \$105.00 to the Global Grant Project. The project is the ICU Ambulance for Rotary Club Chitradurga Fort RID.

PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT

Dat Hoang

The financial reports for November and December were approved.

The minutes from November and December were approved.

CLUB DIRECTOR

Erin Armstrong

Rotary Info/Orientation

Director Erin Armstrong reported there is nothing new to report.

New Member Engagement

There is nothing new to report at this time.

Member Development

There is nothing new to report at this time.

Classification

There are no Rotary membership proposals waiting on a classification at this time.

CLUB DIRECTOR

Kevin Grogan

Bulletin

There is nothing new to report.

Greeter

There is nothing new to report at this time, Matt Barrett has it all under control.

CLUB DIRECTOR

Zach Kelehear

Pledge/Invocation

It was reported via email from Zach Kelehear that all is going well.

CART

It was reported via email from Zach that the CART challengers are in place for the foreseeable future.

Roster/DACDB

There is nothing new to report at this time.

Rotaract

There is nothing new to report at this time.

CLUB DIRECTOR

Henry Holt

Memorials/Resolutions/Recognitions

There is nothing new to report at this time.

GRSP

The GRSP office sent a refund check in the amount of \$7,500.00 the Rotary Club of Augusta for the student's tuition. It was a refund from the 2024-2025 year when the GRSP student withdrew from the program and went home. President Brenda Durant made a motion and the motion passed to split the \$7,500.00 with the Hull Fund since they pay for half of the student's tuition. Director Shanda Vaughn will discuss with the Hull Fund and get back to the Board about splitting the amount of the check.

Sunshine Report

It was stated the committee is moving forward and all is going good.

CLUB DIRECTOR

Lindsay Black

Public Image

There is nothing new to report at this time.

Signature Fundraiser

It was stated the Fundraiser is underway and tickets are out for sale.

Programs

It was stated that the programs are booked for the year.

CLUB DIRECTOR

Mickey Williford

Interact

It was reported via email that the Interact Clubs are going great.

Westminster had a meeting on December 2, 2025. Rotarian Leland Malchow was their guest speaker.

Rotaract

Director Zach Kelehear reported that the Augusta University Rotaract has been quiet since Christmas break.

RYLA

The dates for RYLA this summer are June 14-19, 2026.

Speech Contest

It was reported that the Speech committee is way behind schedule this year. Director Mickey Williford stated that the communications are out and the Speech committee did meet on Monday after the Rotary meeting so hopefully there will be some response soon.

CLUB DIRECTOR

Chris McKinney

College Pick"EM

There is nothing new to report.

Family of Rotary

The Golf Tournament is being chaired this year by Chuck Fuqua and Stacy Tallent. The tournament will be in May and there will be more information to come in the next few weeks.

Literacy

The Literacy Co- Chairs, Anna Reeves and Candice Hillman are already planning for Read Across America, March 2, 2026. They have requested \$200.00 to buy hats for the Rotary members to wear when they go to the schools to read to the children. The Board approved the \$200.00 expense.

CLUB DIRECTOR.

Shanda Vaughn

Hull Fund

Past President and Hull Fund Director Shanda Vaughn stated there has been an addendum to the Hull Fund ByLaws.

Club Business

The Board also voted to send \$1,000.00 to Shelter Box USA.

The Economic Luncheon is scheduled for February 10, 12:00 at the Marriott Hotel. The Rotary Club will NOT meet on February 9. Peggie Whitehurst will let Brad Usry with Fat Man's know that we will not meet that day.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Peggie Whitehurst
Executive Secretary