

The Officers and Directors of

The Rotary Club of Augusta

January 14, 2025

President Surendra Gupta opened the sixth board meeting of the Rotary Club of Augusta for the Rotary year 2024-2025 at 4:04 P.M. via zoom.

Present

President Surendra Gupta, President Elect Nominee Dat Hoang, Directors: Erin Armstrong, Kevin Grogan, Zach Kelehear, Chris McKinney Shanda Vaughn

Absent:

Immediate Past President Bill Keogh, President Elect Brenda Durant, Directors Dora Hogg and Leigh Teffeteller

Also present:

Peggie Whitehurst

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Surendra Gupta**

President Surendra Gupta welcomed the Board of Directors. He stated that Brittany Burnett has developed a plan to use the \$2,500.00 Hurricane Helene relief money. The Rotary Club will partner with Golden Harvest and pack the Backpacks with food on January 24, 2025, from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. We will need volunteers to help with this project. President Surendra Gupta reported our service project for EEE, Enhancing Education Environment of \$5,000.00 has been approved. Brittany Burnett will make sure this is executed by March 1, 2025. The Rotary Club will also have a Peace Pole made and placed at Bath Gardens. The cost of the Peace Pole is \$200.00.

**IPAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Bill Keogh**

Classification

There are no proposals waiting for a classification in the queue at this time.

Sunshine

It was reported all is going well at this time.

DG Visit

President Surendra Gupta reported that Bill Keogh would like for the Board of Directors to plan on having dinner with Rotary District Governor Todd Freeseemann on February 9 at the French Market Grille. There will be more information to follow as time nears.

**PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT**

**Brenda Durant**

The financial report for December was approved.

The board minutes from the December meeting were approved with one correction to be made stating that the Rotary District Governor is Todd Freesemann.

#### Member Development

There is nothing new to report.

#### Memorials/Resolutions/Recognition

It was stated there is a memorial for Bill Kemp to be presented to his family once Rotarian Eddie Booth completes the memorial.

#### Rotary Youth Exchange Program

There is nothing to report at this time.

### **PRESIDENT ELECT NOMINEE'S REPORT**

**Dat Hoang**

#### Programs

Director Dat Hoang reported that the program slots are filled thru April 2025. He stated he and Dustin Young are working on filling three vacancies in 2025. President Elect Nominee Dat Hoang stated that Women Empowerment Day is March 10, 2025 and he would like for Angie Cox to be our speaker.

### **CLUB DIRECTOR**

**Chris McKinney**

#### College Pick'Em:

It was reported that Stacy Tallent and Ashley Duren did a fantastic job with College Pic-Em.

#### Website

President Surendra Gupta stated the new website is up and running and updated weekly.

#### Public Image

There is nothing new to report at this time.

### **CLUB DIRECTOR**

**Kevin Grogan**

#### Hospitality/Greeters

It was reported all is going well.

#### Bulletin

There is nothing new to report.

#### Roster

There was nothing new to report at this time.

#### Mentorship

It was mentioned that the Rotarian who sponsors a new member will also be that member's mentor.

### **CLUB DIRECTOR**

**Zach Kelehear**

### Pledge/Invocation

Director Zach Kellehear stated that all is under control.

### CART

Director Zach Kelehear reported that Cart Chairman Steve Munn is still have trouble getting members to sign up to be the Inside and Outside challengers.

### Foundation

Director Zach Kelehear stated that all is going well.

### **CLUB DIRECTOR**

**Erin Armstrong**

### Rotary Info/Red Badge Orientation

Director Erin Armstrong stated that there is no Red Badge Orientation planned at this time.

### New Member Engagement

Director Erin Armstrong stated that Bob Goodman is going to have a New Member Social in either February or March.

### District Local Grants

Director Erin Armstrong reported that the EEE, Enhancing Education Environment, in Augusta district grant has been approved. Rotarian Brittany Burnett will handle the project. The amount is \$5,000.00.

### **CLUB DIRECTOR**

**Dora Hogg**

### Rotaract

There was nothing new to report.

### Interact

There was nothing new to report at this time.

### Speech Contest

It was reported by Dora Hogg that the Speech Contest will be held at the Morris Museum this year and the winners will give their speeches at the Rotary Youth meeting on March 3, 2025. The Hull Fund committee approved a contribution to the Speech Contest in the amount of \$1,750.00. There is more information on the Rotary website about this.

### RYLA

There is nothing new to report at this time. This committee doesn't get busy until January.

### **CLUB DIRECTOR**

**Leigh Porterfield Teffeteller**

### Signature Fundraiser

It was reported that the Signature Fundraiser beneficiary for this year is GAP Ministries. The raffle tickets are on sale and the drawing will be on February 13, 2025, at Miracle Toyota, North Augusta, South Carolina.

### Family of Rotary

It was reported the Family Christmas luncheon was a great success. Rotarian Millie Huff is in the early stages of planning several socials for Rotary such as TopGolf, Pickleball and a GreenJackets baseball game for the spring and summer.

### Literacy

President Gupta reported that Committee Chair Candice Hillman collected and distributed over 250 books to Immaculate Conception School.

### Hull Fund

#### **Shanda Vaughn**

Director Shanda Vaughn reported that the Hull Fund received a contribution from Susan and Lee Jernigan.

### Club Business

Immediate Past President Bill Keogh reported via email that it is time to identify potential candidates for the next president-elect designate (to follow Dat), as well as any open board spots. If there are any board members who do not wish to serve another year, he suggests you let President Gupta or President Elect Durant know so they know how many spots they may need to fill.

Rotarian Kelly Knitter from Augusta West Rotary Club brought trees to the Rotary Club meeting on January 13, 2025 for Rotarians to take as many as they would like and also for the Bath Gardens.

A motion was made and passed by President Surendra Gupta to present the Ethics Award to Jerry Woods and to present the Vocational Award to Brittany Burnett.

The Rotary Leadership Institute will be held in Augusta on March 8, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 3:30PM at Augusta University Summerville Campus. Director Zach Kellerhear has reserved rooms at the college to host the training. He also stated that breakfast and lunch is included in the \$100.00 fee. There will be more information to follow as time nears the March 8 date.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Peggie Whitehurst  
Executive Secretary