

The Officers and Directors of

The Rotary Club of Augusta

February 11, 2025

President Surendra Gupta opened the seventh board meeting of the Rotary Club of Augusta for the Rotary year 2024-2025 at 4:05 P.M. via zoom.

Present

President Surendra Gupta, President Elect Brenda Durant, President Elect Nominee Dat Hoang, Past President Bill Keogh, Directors: Erin Armstrong, Dora Hogg, Kevin Grogan, Chris McKinney Shanda Vaughn

Absent:

Leigh Teffeteller and Zach Kelehear

Also present:

Peggie Whitehurst

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Surendra Gupta

President Surendra Gupta welcomed the Board of Directors. He reported the District Relief Grant service project was a success. Our club partnered with the Golden Harvest Food bank on January 24, 2025, from 9 AM - 12 PM. He stated seven Rotarians packaged 417 Sacks for backpacks. Brittany Burnett has submitted the report to the District for our club to get reimbursed the \$2,500.00.

IPAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bill Keogh

Classification

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

Sunshine

It was reported all is going well at this time.

DG Visit

The District Governor's visit was uneventful.

PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT

Brenda Durant

The financial report for January was approved.

Member Development

There are two proposals Angie Cox and Hunter Roberson, that have been approved by the Rotary Club and they will be inducted on February 24, 2024.

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.

It was stated that Past President Bill Keogh did a fantastic job recognizing Neita Mulherin's years of service in Rotary at yesterday's Monday meeting.

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 except for June 9, 2025.

He stated that Angie Cox will be the speaker for the Women Empowerment Day on March 10, 2025.

CLUB DIRECTOR

Chris McKinney

College Pick'em:

It was reported that college pick'em is on break until the fall.

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. Rotarian Matt Barrett would like for the Rotary Club to sing at the beginning of each meeting and the Board of Directors said absolutely not.

Bulletin

There is nothing new to report.

Roster

There was nothing new to report at this time. Director Kevin Grogan stated that Dustin Young will do a short presentation to the Rotary members at a Monday meeting to show them how to sign into dacdb and update their profile.

Mentorship

There is nothing new to report at this time.

CLUB DIRECTOR

Zach Kelehear

Pledge/Invocation

There is nothing new to report at this time.

CART

President Surendra Gupta reported that Cart Chairman Steve Munn sent an email out to the Rotary Club asking for volunteers for the Outside Cart Challenger. He is still having trouble getting Rotarians to sign up to be a CART challenger.

Foundation

There is nothing new to report at this time.

CLUB DIRECTOR

Erin Armstrong

Rotary Info/Red Badge Orientation

Director Erin Armstrong stated that she did not hear back from Herb Upton regarding a Red Badge Orientation but President Gupta stated an orientation needs to be planned soon for the new members.

New Member Engagement

Director Erin Armstrong stated that Bob Goodman a New Member gathering is still in the planning stages. There will be more information to follow next month.

District Local Grants

Director Erin Armstrong reported that the EEE, Enhancing Education Environment, Rotary district grant has been approved. Rotarian Brittany Burnett is developing a plan with the school system and the project will be executed by March 15, 2025. 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. There are twenty students signed up so far and the registration deadline is Monday, February 17, 2025.

RYLA

There is nothing new to report at this time.

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 still on sale and we have sold 470 as of today. The drawing will be on February 13, 2025, at Miracle Toyota, North Augusta, South Carolina.

Family of Rotary

It was reported there will be a family outing at the Greenjackets baseball game on June 4, 2025.

Literacy

There is nothing new to report at this time.

Hull Fund

Shanda Vaughn

Director Shanda Vaughn reported that there is nothing new to report at this time.

Club Business

President Surendra Gupta reported he submitted a nomination to the District for the Ethics Award to be presented to Jerry Woods and the Vocational Award be presented to Brittany Burnett.

The Board voted to present Monty Carlton with the Will Watt Award this year and the Kemp Puryear Award be presented to Brittany Burnett. Peggie Whitehurst will order the Will Watt Award and the gold plate with Brittany's name engraved on it to be added to the Kemp Puryear Plaque.

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. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

President Surendra Gupta reported Rotarian Teams from Districts 6900,6930, and 6920 will be in Augusta the week of March 14-17 to help with the Hurricane Helene Relief effort. Our club would like to provide box lunches for one day during that week.

There was discussion about raising the Rotary dues on July 1, 2025 to \$275.00 but President Surendra Gupta would like to see what our finances look like in April and discuss again.

President Surendra Gupta reported he has been in conversation with Rotarian Lindsay Black about joining the Rotary Board of Directors and possibly be in line for the Rotary President in a few years.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Peggie Whitehurst
Executive Secretary

