

The Officers and Directors of

The Rotary Club of Augusta

April 22, 2025

President Surendra Gupta opened the eighth board meeting of the Rotary Club of Augusta for the Rotary year 2024-2025 at 4:02 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, Zach Kelehear, Chris McKinney Shanda Vaughn

Absent:

Leigh Teffeteller

Also present:

Peggie Whitehurst

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Surendra Gupta

President Surendra Gupta welcomed the Board of Directors. He stated our District Service, Enhancing Education Environment project has been approved and Brittany Burnett will execute by May 15, 2025.

President Surendra Gupta reported he will donate a Rotary Peace Pole to the Via Cognitive for them to place in their new Garden for the patients.

He reported that Coralyn Ciarnes, second place winner in the speech contest was chosen as the first place winner in the Zone Competition and will speak at the Rotary District Conference at Jekyll Island.

There are four Rotarians signed up to attend the Rotary District Conference at Jekyll Island and our GRSP student Daniel Lopez will also be attending.

The required donations for the Global Grant Project (\$1,050.00) have been collected.

There was discussion regarding a dues increase from \$288.00 to \$301.00 and there will be more discussion at the May board meeting.

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

There is nothing new to report.

PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT

Brenda Durant

The financial report for March was approved.

Member Development

There are two new members Angie Cox and Hunter Roberson that have been inducted.

There are two more membership proposals that have just been submitted.

Jamie Gose proposed by Millie Huff

Laney Mize proposed by Gould Hagler.

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 for the year except for May 5, 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

Director Chris McKinney stated the public image Chairwoman Lindsey Black will not be able to chair this committee next year. Director Chris McKinney will inform President Elect Brenda Durant to start a search for a new chair person.

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

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

Director Zach Kelehear reported that Cart Chairman Steve Munn will not be able to Chair the CART committee next year.

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 she will contact him and have him set up a date for the orientation.

New Member Engagement

Director Erin Armstrong stated there is no update at this time.

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 will execute the project. The amount is \$5,000.00.

CLUB DIRECTOR

Dora Hogg

Rotaract

There was nothing new to report.

Interact

Director Dora Hogg stated the Interact students did a great job leading the Rotary meeting on March 3, 2025.

Speech Contest

It was reported by Dora Hogg that the Speech Contest was a huge success. It was mentioned to her to have more people attend during the students speech contest but Zach Kelehear said it is only supposed to be the judges and parents of the speech contest participants.

RYLA

There are three students attending this year, two from Aquinas and one from Evans.

CLUB DIRECTOR

Leigh Porterfield Teffeteller

Signature Fundraiser

There is nothing new to report at this time.

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.

Hull Fund

Shanda Vaughn

Director Shanda Vaughn reported that the Hull Fund approved the following requests:

Baker Place Elementary – Military Flagship Program \$2,000.00 There are more than 500 students of Military families at Baker Place Elementary.

Club Business

It was stated during the meeting that President Gupta and President Elect Brenda Durant need to reach out to Rotarians to join the board. Some potential board member names that were mentioned are listed below.

Stacy Tallent

Jimmy Richards

Steve Munn

Dee Beard

Mickey Williford

Steve Hobbs

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Peggie Whitehurst
Executive Secretary