

The Officers and Directors of  
The Rotary Club of Augusta  
September 9, 2025

President Brenda Durant opened the third board meeting of the Rotary Club of Augusta for the Rotary year 2024-2025 at 4:03 P.M. via Zoom.

Present

Immediate Past President Surendra Gupta, President Elect Dat Hoang, Directors: Erin Armstrong, , Henry Holt, Chris McKinney, and Mickey Williford.

Absent

Directors Lindsay Black, Kevin Grogan, Zack Kelehear and Shanda Vaughn

Also Present

Peggie Whitehurst

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Brenda Durant**

President Brenda Durant was asked if our Rotary Club would be interested in being a sister Club with an On-Line Club in Goa India. She was told the only requirement would be for us to communicate back and forth with them. Past President Surendra Gupta agreed to look into this and report back to the Rotary Board of Directors of what all is expected. It seems as though all we need to do is have a joint meeting via Zoom. President Brenda Durant will work on scheduling a Rotary Board meeting with them.

President Brenda Durant has been corresponding with the Catherine Fleming, Director of Bath Gardens, regarding the presentation of the Peace Pole that the Rotary Club donated to the gardens. The Rotary Board requested a weekday for the presentation. The presentation will be on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, 5:00-7:00. President Brenda Durant has asked Rotarian Bob Goodman to email the new members in Rotary and ask them to attend. She would like a nice representation to attend from the Rotary Club of Augusta. She will be announcing this at the upcoming Monday meetings.

President Brenda Durant received a request via email regarding a study abroad program and the student wanted to know if Rotary had a scholarship. She brought this up to the Board of Directors and it was stated that there is not a scholarship for this.

President Brenda Durant discussed with the Rotary Board of Directors the costs of the Rotary audit this year. The Baird – Lawhorn CPA firm is charging the Rotary club \$5,000.00 this year plus \$75.00 per bank account they confirm. President Brenda Durant reached out to Rotary Asst. District Governor Kelly Knitter and she stated that Rotary does NOT require an audit or a review. President Brenda Durant made a motion and the motion passed for the Rotary Club of Augusta Not to have an audit this year. President Brenda Durant would like for Peggie Whitehurst and Past President Dustin Young to come up with a Standard Operating Procedure. Past President Dustin Young will approve and sign off on the Rotary bank accounts each month. Peggie Whitehurst will show the bank accounts once they are signed off by Dustin Young to the Rotary Treasurer.

## **IPAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Surendra Gupta**

### **Website**

The website is updated and running smoothly.

### **District Local Grants**

Immediate Past President Surendra Gupta is working with Brittany Burnett on the local grants. There will be more information coming.

### **Foundation**

It was stated that there are about 12 PHF pins to be given out at the next meeting. Peggie Whitehurst will email the Rotary recipients and ask them to please be present to receive their pin.

### **Global Grants**

There is nothing new to report at this time.

### **DG Visit**

Rotary District Governor Terry Adkins will be here in December. It was mentioned that Rotary Assistant District Governor Kelly Knitter will host a gathering at her home on December 10.

## **PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT**

**Dat Hoang**

The financial report for August was approved.

The minutes from August were approved.

President Elect Dat Hoang reported that Rotarian Sanjeev is offering to do headshots for members at his company on September 22, 2025 for \$200.00. He will donate all of the money to the CART Fund. Rotarian Sanjeev will facilitate the scheduling and collection of the money and even cover the costs of the credit card fee.

President Brenda Durant made a motion and the motion passed for Rotarian Sanjeev to do this.

## **CLUB DIRECTOR**

**Erin Armstrong**

### **Rotary Info/Orientation**

Director Erin Armstrong reported Herb Upton is planning to schedule a Rotary Orientation on September 30, 2025.

### **New Member Engagement**

The Bath Gardens Peace Pole presentation will be held on October 28, 2025.

### **Member Development**

It was reported that Chairman Jerry Woods is doing a great job.

### **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 was nothing new to report at this time, Matt Barrett has it all under control.

## **CLUB DIRECTOR**

**Zach Kelehear**

### Pledge/Invocation

It was stated that Bill Keogh will be the Chairman this year.

### CART

Director Zach Kelehear stated that he will get a list of names from CART Chairman John Whitwell of who is going to be the Inside and Outside Challenger before the morning of the Monday meetings.

### Roster/DACDB

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

It was reported that our GRSP student arrived and Rotarian Susan Jernigan hosted a welcome party at her home for her.

### Sunshine Report

It was reported that Chairwoman Barclay Bishop is resigning from Rotary. Director Henry Holt will handle her responsibilities for the rest of the 2025-2026 year.

## **CLUB DIRECTOR**

**Lindsay Black**

### Public Image

It was stated that Becky Dearden and Dat Hoang are handling the Press releases for the Rotary Club.

### Signature Fundraiser

It was stated that the beneficiary for the Signature Fundraiser will be announced mid- September. Brittany Burnett has circulated the applications to the Signature Fundraiser committee for them to vote on a beneficiary for this years fundraiser.

### Programs

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

**CLUB DIRECTOR**

**Mickey Williford**

**Interact**

Director Mickey Williford stated the Aquinas Interact Club is already up and running this year. They have inducted their officers for this year and will start attending the Monday meetings.

There is no update on the Richmond Academy, Davidson and Westminster schools at this time. Directory Mickey Williford will contact Rotarian Jennifer Pennington regarding the Davidson Interact Club and she will contact Jerry Rogers regarding Westminster and Richmond Academy.

**Rotaract**

There was discussion to have someone be a Co-Chair with Paul Dainer this year since he has some health issues. Zach Kelehear said he is happy to help Paul Dainer with the Rotaract this year.

**RYLA**

Jerry Rogers will be the Chairman this year.

**Speech Contest**

It was reported that Chairwoman Stacy Johnson will have a meeting with her committee on September 22 after the Monday meeting.

**CLUB DIRECTOR**

**Chris McKinney**

**College Pick"EM**

It was reported that Stacy Tallent is doing a great job.

**Family of Rotary**

President Brenda Durant stated Chuck Fuqua will Chair the Rotary Golf Outing this year. He is already in the process of reserving tee times. There will be more information to follow.

**Literacy**

Co-Chairwoman Anna Reeves stated yesterday at the Rotary Monday meeting that September is Library Card sign up month.

**CLUB DIRECTOR**

**Shanda Vaughn**

**Hull Fund**

There is nothing new to report at this time.

**Club Business**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Peggie Whitehurst  
Executive Secretary

