

The Officers and Directors of

The Rotary Club of Augusta

September 10, 2024

President Surendra Gupta opened the third board meeting of the Rotary Club of Augusta for the Rotary year 2024-2025 at 4:00 P.M. via zoom.

Present

President Surendra Gupta, IPast President Bill Keogh, President Elect Brenda Durant, President Elect Nominee Dat Hoang, Directors: Erin Armstrong, Dora Hogg, Kevin Grogan, Chris McKinney, Zach Kelehear, Leigh Teffeteller

Absent:

Director Shanda Vaughn

Also present:

Peggie Whitehurst

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Surendra Gupta**

President Surendra Gupta welcomed the Board of Directors. He stated he is looking forward to the new website being up and running. He stated one of his goals is to get the Rotary members more engaged.

**IPAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Bill Keogh**

Classification

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

Sunshine

IPast President reported that Chairwoman Barclay Bishop has the year already set to go.

DG Visit

IPast President stated there is nothing to report at this time since the District Governor will not be here until February 2025.

**PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT**

**Brenda Durant**

The financial report for August was approved.

The board minutes from the August meeting were approved.

Member Development

President Elect Nominee Brenda Durant stated that Member Development Chairman Jerry Wood do not know who is terminated so Peggie Whitehurst will email him with the name/names of who and when they are terminated.

#### Memorials/Resolutions/Recognition

It was stated there is nothing to report at this time.

#### GRSP

It was reported our GRSP student Daniel attended the GRSP Conclave August 23-24 in Columbus, Georgia. He did a short presentation of his experience at the Rotary meeting yesterday. He is doing very well.

President Surendra Gupta will list his contact information on the weekly emails that he sends out to the Rotary membership so members can include him in activities.

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

#### **Dat Hoang**

#### Programs

Director Dat Hoang reported that the program slots are filled thru 2024. It was mentioned for Dat to reach out to Shanda Vaughn and ask her about the Veterans Program. She has planned the Veterans Day Program in the years past along with Tom Clark.

### **CLUB DIRECTOR**

#### **Chris McKinney**

#### College Pick"Em:

Director Chris McKinney reported that College Pic-Em is going well.

#### Website

President Surendra Gupta gave an update on the website and it should be up and running very soon.

#### Public Image

It was stated that Lindsay Black will give a brief announcement in the coming weeks to let the membership know everything the Public Image committee is working on.

### **CLUB DIRECTOR**

#### **Kevin Grogan**

#### Hospitality/Greeters

Director Kevin Grogan stated the greeters are all set for the year. It was mentioned for the Greeters to step back some from the entrance of the front door of the Enterprise Events building and give the Rotarians and guests a chance to get inside the door before being greeted.

#### Bulletin

Director Kevin Grogan stated that Committee Chair Stacy Tallent said all is going well.

#### Roster

Director Kevin Grogan stated that Co-Chairmen Bob Baisden and Dustin Young have been meeting regarding a roster. It was stated that getting the Rotary members to use the dacdb website would be beneficial and cheaper than having to update and print rosters.

#### Mentorship

There is nothing new to report.

## **CLUB DIRECTOR**

**Zach Kelehear**

### Pledge/Invocation

Director Zach Kelehear stated that all is under control.

### CART

It was stated that Co-Chairs Steve Munn and John Whitwell who are scheduling the Rotary member alphabetically to be the Inside CART challengers and are still looking for Outside Challengers.

### Foundation

There is no report at this time.

## **CLUB DIRECTOR**

**Erin Armstrong**

### Rotary Info/Red Badge Orientation

Director Erin Armstrong stated that Herb Upton is planning a Red Badge Orientation in September. The Board would like for an orientation to be held once there are at least 4 new members instead of waiting every quarter to have an orientation.

### New Member Engagement

There is nothing to report.

### District Local Grants

Director Erin Armstrong reported there is no word back from the district on the submitted service project, EEE; Enhancing Education Environment in Augusta. They should hear back in October.

## **CLUB DIRECTOR**

**Dora Hogg**

### Rotaract

There is nothing new to report.

### Interact

The schools have just started back and we had three students from Richmond Academy. Aquinas is gearing up to start coming to the meetings again this year. Dora Hogg will be going to Davidson Fine Arts school tomorrow to speak to the students about Rotary and Interact.

The Interact committee would like for there to be an Interact- wide service project. Our Signature Fundraiser beneficiary this year is GAP Ministries, and the Interact Clubs could have a service project to help purchase socks, adult diapers etc. There is going to be more discussion about this.

### Speech Contest

There is an email going out by the end of September inviting the Speech Committee members to a Speech Contest meeting regarding the February Speech Contest.

### 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.

### Family of Rotary

President Elect Brenda Durant stated that the membership wants Rotary to have more social events to attend and they need to know their budget. They would like to have an October Fest and a Top Golf outing.

### Literacy

Anna Reeves and Candice Hillman need Rotarians to come and read to the students at Immaculate Conception on September 27, 2024, 10:00 a.m. They also will be asking Rotarians to come and talk to the students about career day at the school too. There will be more information in the next few weeks.

### **HULL FUND**

#### **Shanda Vaughn**

There is nothing new to report.

### **Club Business**

President Surendra Gupta announced he will have the Rotary guest speaker make their presentation after the sunshine report at the Monday meetings.

He also stated he needs a place for the Rotary Youth Exchange students to meet on September 18, 2024 in the evening. He will contact Richard Isdell about using the meeting room that the Canal Authority uses at Enterprise Mill.

He would like to have a Woman's Day Program in March and a meeting on Autism in April. He will stay in touch with the Program chairs, Dat Hoang and Dustin Young to plan this.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Peggie Whitehurst  
Executive Secretary