

The Officers and Directors of  
The Rotary Club of Augusta  
December 10, 2024

President Surendra Gupta opened the fifth 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 Brenda Durant, President Elect Nominee Dat Hoang, Directors: Erin Armstrong, Kevin Grogan, Dora Hogg, Zach Kelehear, Chris McKinney Shanda Vaughn

Absent:

Immediate Past President Bill Keogh and Director Leigh Teffeteller

Also present:

Peggie Whitehurst

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Surendra Gupta**

President Surendra Gupta welcomed the Board of Directors. He stated that Brittany Burnett will develop a plan and report to the board by January 30, 2025 the best way to use the \$2,500.00 Hurricane Helene relief money. 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.

**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 Freesemann 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 November was approved.

The board minutes from the November meeting were approved.

### Member Development

President Elect Nominee Brenda Durant stated that there is nothing new to report.

### Memorials/Resolutions/Recognition

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

### Rotary Youth Exchange Program

President Elect Brenda Durant reported she has a student interested in the program but due to the Hurricane Helene our club will need to wait a year before we make this happen.

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

### **Dat Hoang**

#### Programs

Director Dat Hoang reported that the program slots are filled thru 2024. He stated he and Dustin Young are working on filling three vacancies in 2025.

## **CLUB DIRECTOR**

### **Chris McKinney**

#### College Pick"Em:

It was reported that College Pic-Em is going well. He stated Stacy Tallent has done a wonderful job and it will be interesting to see which Rotarian wins with the football playoffs approaching.

#### Website

President Surendra Gupta stated the new website is up and running but there are a few corrections that need to be made and he will make the corrections.

#### 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

Director Kevin Grogan stated that Dustin Young and Bob Baisden are very close to having the roster completed.

#### Mentorship

There is nothing new to report.

## **CLUB DIRECTOR**

### **Zach Kelehear**

#### Pledge/Invocation

Director Zach Kellehear stated that all is under control.

## CART

Director Zach Kelehear reported Cart is going well. He will continue to make sure CART Committee Chairman Steve Munn will assign Rotarians from the beginning and end of the alphabet to make sure everyone has a chance to contribute.

## Foundation

Director Zach Kelehear stated that November is Foundation month. He stated that Chairman Kevin Wade did a great presentation on the Rotary Foundation.

## **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

There is nothing to report.

#### District Local Grants

Director Erin Armstrong reported that the EEE, Enhancing Education Environment, in Augusta district grant has been approved. The amount is \$5,100.00.

## **CLUB DIRECTOR**

### **Dora Hogg**

#### Rotaract

Director Dora Hogg reported that Committee Chairman Paul Dainer stated that some of Rotaract students will be attending the Christmas luncheon. The students will be attending more meetings starting in January.

#### Interact

Director Dora Hogg reported that Naomi Stanton, Executive Director of GAP Ministries has been great helping the Richmond Interact Students get engaged at GAP Ministries. Some of the students helped with the Thanksgiving meal and will be helping during the Christmas holidays.

#### 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 which was deposited into the Rotary bank account today. There will be more information on the Rotary website in the coming weeks.

## 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. President Surendra Gupta reported the ticket sales started yesterday. He asked the Board of Directors to spread the word about the fundraiser to friends and family and on social media.

### Family of Rotary

It was reported the Family Christmas party will be held on December 16 at Enterprise Events. The theme this year will be a Nutcracker theme and the committee has planned a very nice meal through Brad Usry. The committee will be handing out Nutcracker books to the children that attend.

### Literacy

President Gupta reported that several Rotarians brought books to the meeting yesterday for the Literacy committee to pass out to children. Committee Chair Candice Hillman will take the books and distribute them.

### Shanda Vaughn

Director Shanda Vaughn reported that the Hull Fund met and approved the GRSP student final tuition bill of \$7,500.00. They also approved \$1,7500.00 for the Speech Contest.

### Club Business

President Surendra Gupta reported that there were at least 18 volunteers at the Master Soup Kitchen on November 16, 2024, many of which were Interact students.

President Surendra Gupta stated that our membership is declining and would like for the Board members to reach out to prospective leaders in our community and invite them to come to a meeting.

President Surendra Gupta would like for a small group of Rotarians to send a wellness card or a note to Rotarians who have had surgery or not been in attendance in a while. He will come up with a few Rotarians and reach out to them to see if they would be interested in doing this.

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

Respectfully submitted by  
Peggie Whitehurst  
Executive Secretary