**Rotary District 6860 District Conference via Zoom  
June 26, 2021 9:00 am  
MINUTES**

DG Weinman opened the meeting by welcoming all in attendance. He announced that the clubs voted unanimously for the Nominating Committee to select representatives to the Council on Legislation as well as the district representative to the Zone Nominating Committee, which selects Rotary International Directors. Only PDGs are eligible to serve on these two committees.

**Finance Committee Update: PDG Argo, Finance Committee Chair**

PDG Argo summarized the procedural transition from hiring a Certified Public Accountant to review year-end financials for 2019-2020 to appointing an audit committee within the district to review financials. The committee was established within the prescribed parameters laid out in the Rotary International Code of Policy.

PDG Bo Porter, Shades Valley, chaired the committee, with Dan Sutter, Tuscaloosa, and William Jangaard, Greater Shoals/Sheffield, as committee members.

Financial reports for the year 2019-2020 were sent out via Pmail to club presidents on April 18, 2021 to allow at least 30 days for comments/questions pertaining to the financial information. That documentation included the following:

Annual Statement and Report of District Finances consolidated report

District Governor Funding Report

Balance Sheet

Income and Expense information

Children's of Alabama Boiling N Bragging Report

The Rotary Foundation District Designated Fund Report

Form 990 as filed with IRS

Having received no comments or questions about any of the reports, the District Finance Committee moves to accept the annual statement and review of finances for 2019-2020.

Because the motion was a recommendation from the Committee, no second was necessary. After no comments were received, DG Weinman declared the finance report adopted by acclamation.

Argo then gave an interim report on the current Rotary year. Argo was pleased to report that the district’s financial status is healthy. The pandemic created challenges, but in spite of shut-downs and virtual meetings, DG Weinman was able to accomplish many of his goals. Whenever possible, he traveled in person to club and district meetings and managed to charter two new Rotary clubs. Weinman largely made day-trips, and thus saved on expenses related to hotel stays. Since there was no district or out-of-district travel for training, the District did not expend funds that had been budgeted for those line items.

The current balance is $76,850.68 as of the end of May 2021, with a few invoices yet to be submitted and paid.

The 2020-2021 Finance Committee was comprised of 13 Rotarians in voting and non-voting positions. Members this year include: PDG J.G. Brazil, PDG Phil Fowler, PDG Bill Petty, PDG Georgia Medori, DG Lee Weinman, DGE Harold W. Lewis, DGN Mike Wade, District Secretary Lindsy Gardner, Tommie Goggans, Mark Hendrix, Bubba Masters, District Treasurer Ronnie Smallwood, and Argo serving as chair.

Argo thanked the members who will roll-off the committee and June for their commitment and service to the district: Georgia Medori, Bubba Masters, Lindsy Gardner and Argo. Argo also thanked Ronnie Smallwood, who ends his four-year term as District Treasurer, for selfless service to the District with integrity and the highest level of competence. On behalf of the Finance Committee, Argo motioned that the interim finance report be approved as presented.

Because the motion was a recommendation from the Committee, no second was necessary. After no comments were received, DG Weinman declared the finance report adopted by acclamation.

**Foundation Report Update: PDG Wade Drinkard**

50% for 2017 2018 Annual Fund Contribution $231,643

Interest from the Endowment Fund earnings $5,799

Carry forward from 2019 2020 $104,525

Returned Funds $15,890

**TOTAL Funds for 2020-2021 $357,857**

Polio Plus (12,000 Purp Pinkie) $58,400

Rotary Center for Int’l Studies $25,000

District Block Grants $123,576

* *We had 29 Clubs apply for a total of 43 projects*
* *Total amount that one Club could apply for was set at $4,395*

Global Grants:

Birmingham Club - Sri Lanka Cervical Cancer (total budget $390,375) $70,000

Tuscaloosa – Happy Schools India (total budget $99,900) $25,000

Birmingham Sunrise – Ecuador $25,600

RIPN Jennifer Jones – Children’s Health Miami $10,000

RIPN Jennifer Jones – Brazil $5,000

RIPN Jennifer Jones – Cancer program $15,000

**TOTAL Expenses $357,576**

**Remaining Unallocated Funds Available $281**

As his three-year term is concluded, Drinkard expressed great pleasure in working through interesting times to do an excellent job together for 6880. He will be succeeded by Ryan Stallings as DRFC, Kathy Brunot will serve as District Grant Coordinator. Sharon Hogg will be assisting. He issued special thanks to Dennis Sanders, DACdb Coordinator, who is critical in the submission of grant applications and reports. Drinkard also expressed thanks to Ronnie Smallwood, out-going District Treasurer, who was an invaluable resource. Drinkard closed by wishing great success to Ryan Stallings and the rest of the team going forward.

DG Weinman added that a committee will review all the grant reports and expenses and make a report to the district next year. Weinman commended Drinkard on working hard to spend the DDF on projects that will change lives.

**Foundation Giving: PDG Argo**

Argo made an appeal for Rotarians to make direct donations to The Rotary Foundation through My Rotary. In three years, half of our giving comes back to our District.

Argo made the following donor recognitions for 2020-2021.

**Major donors** are individuals, non-Rotary affiliated foundations and corporations whose personal cumulative donations to The Rotary Foundation reach $10,000 or more.

**Level One: $10,000 – $24,999**

Phillip W. Fowler, Arab

Russell M. Cunningham, III, Birmingham

Elizabeth Garcia , Greater Huntsville

Lowry Foundation, Huntsville

Gail LeCroy, Madison

**Level Two: $25,000 - $49,999**

Herbert A. Sklenar and Eleanor L. Sklenar, Birmingham

William H. Stender, Jr., Huntsville

**Level Three: $50,000 – $99,999**

Susan Brouillette and David Brouillette, Shades Valley

**Bequest Society members** are individuals who commit $10,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation endowment via estate plans.

**Level One $10,000 - $24,999**

Mary Carol Argo, Shades Valley

**Level Two: $25,000 - $49,999**

Ryan Stallings, Tuscaloosa

**Paul Harris Society** members make a commitment to give at least $1,000 a year to The Rotary Foundation.

Lee Weinman, North Jefferson

Dennis Sanders, Madison

Don Wood, Fort Payne

Argo asked those present to join her in acknowledging and thanking these Rotarians, spouses and foundations for their generous and on-going support of The Rotary Foundation. Weinman added that, in past years, the DGN would have been tasked with raising money for The Rotary Foundation. Weinman reported that since the DGN already has a lot of responsibility, he asked Argo and Bob Baker to take on the role of raising awareness of the importance of giving to The Rotary Foundation. District giving determines the level of Designated District Funds available to the District in three years.

He encouraged members make automatic donations of $85 per month through My Rotary to become Paul Harris Society members.

**Member Memoriam: DGE Harold Lewis**

DGE Lewis introduced his wife, Tricia, who spoke the names of the members lost in 2020-2021. Their daughter sounded a bell after every name was read.

**Rotary Club of Athens -** Ros Richardson, Virginia Calvin, Walter Walker, Sandra Turner

**Rotary Club of Decatur -** Judson E. Davis, Tom Flowe, Harvey Pride, Jr**.**

**Rotary Club of Anniston** - M. Glen Franklin, Phillip Sanguinetti, Joan J. Sanders, George Carruth, T. Gibson Coleman, Bonnie Turner, Darrell Turner

**Trussville Noon Rotary Club** - James Nash

**Rotary Club of Birmingham -** Herb Sklenar**,** J.D. Brown**,** Greg Logan**,** Bill Barnes**,** Bill French**,** Corbin Day**,** Scotty McCallum**,** Henry Crommelin**,** Tom Cleveland

**Huntsville Rotary Club -** Bill Gordon Smith, Smith Haywood, Charles Bendall, William "Bill" Hallisey, Richard Dick, Louis "Lou” Horn

**Arab Club -** Byron Nelson PDG

**Vestavia Hills Rotary Club -** John Harper, Paul Edfeldt

**Greater Huntsville –** James Richard “Dick” Fisher, J. Morgan Jellett

**Florence Club -** Robert Adler, Nickie Graham, George Petty

**Decatur Daybreak -** Patti Lambert,Jim Sober, David Metcalf

**Vestavia Hills Sunrise Rotary Club -** Don Ammons

Tricia Lewis offered a prayer for the loved ones of the deceased. DG Weinman asked for remembrance for those deceased Rotarians in other districts who were friends to District 6860.

**Membership Committee: Lori Moler**

Moler shared that the District added 2 new clubs to bring the total to 50 clubs in the District. She added that total members declined from 3,214 to 3,099 for a net loss of 115 members. She was pleased to give presentations on membership to three clubs. She also attended Assistant Governor meetings, provided quarterly reports, and worked with Jeris Gaston’s Public Image Team and Erica Murphy’s Club Expansion team.

She congratulated the clubs who added members: Tuscaloosa Noon +10, Homewood +3, Madison +3, Jasper +1, Boaz +1, Greater Shoals/Sheffield +1. She also mentioned that nine clubs had no net member loss for 2020-2021.

She shared that two new Rotary Clubs have been chartered: Smith Lake Rotary Club with 22 members, sponsored by the Jasper Rotary Club, and Birmingham Sunset Rotary Club with 45 members, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Shades Valley. Additionally, a Rotaract Club was chartered at Snead State Community College, sponsored by the Boaz Club, and the Madison Rotary Club sponsored a new Interact Club at Bob Jones High School.

Moler received 23 RI Membership Leads through the Rotary web site. She shared information from these leads to illustrate the ways that new members learn about Rotary.

Roger – age 18-29 – Health System Pharmacy Administration/Leadership – “After recently completing my formal education and residency training, I have relocated to Birmingham to begin my professional career. I am now looking for opportunities to meet people in the community and get involved in service. My previous experiences with Interact Club and RYLA have driven my interest in becoming a member of this particular service organization.” Assigned to Birmingham Rotaract.

Stephanie – age 50-59 – Attorney – “I am interested in organizations that align with my interest in community service. Rotary seems to be community focused and would provide an avenue for me to give back. Learned of Rotary through a Rotary event.” Assigned to Bessemer Rotary Club.

Maia – age 18-29 – Software Engineer – “I used to be involved in community service clubs in high school and honor society. I think it would be a good way to get involved in the community. Learned about Rotary through the media.” Assigned to Greater Huntsville Rotary Club.

Alia – age 18-29 – Pre-Optometry Student – “My dad is the president of the Rotary Club in Maryland, and I was a guest speaker at one of their meetings. Ever since then, I became very interested in getting involved. Learned of Rotary through family.” Assigned to Birmingham Sunrise Rotary Club.

Crockett – age 18-29 – Health Coach – “Service to the local, national, and global community is important for our ever-changing world. I desire to serve and help others achieve success. Learned of Rotary through the media.” Assigned to Homewood Rotary Club.

DG Weinman thanked Moler for her work and highlighted the connection between membership and public image, club expansion, Interact and RYLA.

**Club Expansion Committee: Erica Murphy**

Murphy reported that District 6860 has officially chartered two new clubs – Smith Lake and Birmingham Sunset. The Smith Lake Club took 4.5 months to get started. They chartered with 23 members. Sharon Hogg was instrumental. Murphy recommended following the new Smith Lake club on social media to see all the service projects that they have undertaken.

The Birmingham Sunset Club was initiated in November and the charter celebration will be tomorrow. The entire planning process was conducted virtually. They have 44 charter members. They will meet twice per month in the evening. Social media was very useful in attracting new members.

Murphy recognized the support and encouragement of DG Weinman, DGE Lewis, DGN Wade, and now DGNE Mary Grace during the process. Their guidance and connections made the difference. Lori Moler was also recognized for her assistance. Erica also thanked the Jasper Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Shades Valley who sponsored the Smith Lake and Sunset Club, respectively. She also thanked the Rotary Club of Birmingham and Jeris Gaston who helped with the interest meetings.

Murphy announced that Knox Richardson will lead the committee next year. Richardson is an alumnus of Rotaract and a charter member of the Birmingham Sunset Club. Murphy is excited that interest is strong in Northport, Springville, and Centreville to start new clubs.

DG Weinman commended Murphy and the work of the committee and challenged Richardson and DGE Lewis to establish more clubs next year.

**2020-2021 Overview: DG Lee Weinman**

DG Weinman listed many of the accomplishments of District 6860 during 2020-2021.   
  
With District Designated Funds:

* Contributed $46,400 to The Rotary Foundation for the eradication of polio. After matching gifts, this contribution generated $278,400 for polio eradication.
* Not only that, but this district participated in the Purple Pinky Challenge and raised another $12,000 for polio eradication. After matching gifts, this contribution generated $108,000.
* Total District contribution for the eradication of polio, after matching grants but before individual and club contributions was $386,400.
* District 6860 continued to be a Peacebuilder District, contributing another $25,000 to Rotary’s peace initiatives. This is a total of $150,000 contributed over the last 6 years.
* Funded or committed to participate in 7 Global Grants:
  + The eradication of cervical cancer in Sri Lanka
  + The purchase of ELMO equipment in Brazil
  + The purchase of endoscopy equipment in Brazil
  + The refurbishment of a school in India, plus the purchase of equipment
  + Providing clean water for 23,000 people near Quito, Ecuador.
  + Supporting a tele-behavioral health program for at risk children, based in Tampa
* Provided $123,576 in district grants touching our communities.
  + 525 children in a three-county area receive a book each month through the Imagination Library program.
  + Replace a Dixie Youth Baseball Park scoreboard
  + 26 individuals/families received a Starter Garden and education on how to grow their own fruits and vegetables.
  + Boys and Girls Club children provided with gift cards, meals, and gifts.
  + Provided RYLA scholarships
  + Provided food items (such as granola bars, beef ravioli, fruit cups, juice boxes and breakfast pastries) to local students in need
  + ACT prep to increase scores
  + Purchase a new power pallet jack for the local food bank
  + Build a block building bathroom containing 3 washrooms, 2 bathrooms and a water reservoir in Adina, Ghana, Africa.
  + Over 600 third graders received dictionaries
  + Repairs to a Children's Advocacy Center
  + Provide furniture for Helping Hands Center
  + Supplies and travel to Mexico to provide training and assistance in setting up a dental clinic
  + Provide solar power to the Praxedis Balboa Gojon Elementary School to power a water filtration system for the school
  + Awarded a full scholarship to a local student attending NorthWest Community College.
  + Purchased food and supplies to support the local food pantry
  + Created an Entrepreneurial Center (E-Center) which provides resources for start-up and existing businesses in the community
  + Purchased 2 sun covers for bleachers at the local youth baseball/softball complex
  + Purchased a 3D printer and numerically controlled router for a local Robotics team
  + Provided funding for 4 local high school students to attend RYLA
  + Repurposing a small playground to include an exercise circuit
  + Repaired the Community Theater's roof
  + Provide the sixth year of dental care to first through fifth graders and to continue the fifth year of vision tests for all ages
  + Provided a traditional Thanksgiving meal to needy families with children
  + Distribute groceries to the hungry in the community
  + Provided two $1,000 college scholarships
  + Project to protect sound equipment from rain, and cool our stage area of the open-air Main Street Theatre
  + Assemble and deliver 150 cleaning buckets to the United Methodist Committee on Relief ("UMCOR") for use, as needed, for disasters
  + Provided full-tuition scholarships for two dual enrollment courses to nine rising high school seniors
  + A Rotary Clock will be placed on Main Street on a newly revitalized site to be called Rotary Clock Corner
  + Provided food assistance to service workers with families impacted by COVID 19
  + Support the Robotics team at the high school
  + Purchase a Critical Care Transport Flight Suit for a team member
  + Assisted individuals who have Multiple Sclerosis to purchase, install and repair air conditioning units and to make limited home modifications
  + Provide safety equipment to The Academy of Craft Training
  + Support We the People project students research and study the Constitution

**ALL OF THIS IS BECAUSE OF THE GENEROSITY OF THIS DISTRICT IN SUPPORTING THE ROTARY FOUNDATION.**

**District Accomplishments:**

* Extended support to two global scholars through two endowment funds
* Established one new Interact Club and one new Rotaract Club
* Established two new clubs, the Rotary Club of Smith Lake and the Rotary Club of Birmingham Sunset
* Raised over $85,000 for Children’s of Alabama without an in-person event. Even though that was appreciated, what Children’s appreciated most is the model that other supporters could follow and continue fundraising efforts.
* One of our own, Dr. Isabel Scarinci was one of 6 people in the world to be recognized as a Rotary People of Action: Champion of Health.
* One of her mentors, Dr. Ed Partridge, is the latest district recipient of Rotary’s Service Above Self Award. The Rotary Board limits this award to no more than 150 per year. That is 1 out of every 8,000 Rotarians.
* Past Rotary International President Mark Maloney continues his Rotary service and will serve on The Rotary Foundation Board for the next three years.
* PRIVP Ken Schuppert will chair the next Council on Legislation, which amends Rotary International’s By-Laws.
* PDG Wade Drinkard will chair Rotary International’s Election Review Committee, which resolves Rotary election disputes from around the world.
* PDG Tom Greene will serve as Vice Chair of Zone 30/31 RLI. PDG Bo Porter is currently serving as Treasurer and both serve on the Executive Committee.
* PDG Pat Cross will be this district's Representative to the Zone Nominating Committee that will choose the next person from this Zone to sit on the Rotary International Board.
* PDG Carol Argo will continue to be our Representative to the Council on Resolutions and the Council on Legislation.
* Produced the first public image short public service announcement which appeared on TV and social media. Two more are in pre-production status.
* Formed a committee that is reviewing and updating our district's District Leadership Plan. The completion of this project will occur next year.
* Increased the District social media presence with active Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn accounts. The Rotaract Club of Birmingham provided leadership in this effort through member, Abbey Huguley.
* Celebrated with 120 high school students the completion of a peace and conflict resolution program that was supported by District 6860 Rotary Clubs. Plans are to use this past program as a pilot and roll the program out to all Rotary Clubs in the district that want to implement a similar program in their area high schools.

**Individual Club projects supported by their own funds:**

* + Thanksgiving baskets for needy families
  + Christmas decorations for community buildings
  + Gift cards for service workers
  + Monetary gifts to food service workers who serve our meals
  + Clean up days in public areas like The Rotary Trail, Rainbow Mountain, River of Hope Rock Garden
  + Provided funds to the greater New Orleans foundation hurricane relief
  + Provided funds to Point Clear Rotary Club after Hurricane Sally (September 2020)
  + $1,600 in additional monies sent for disaster relief from members
  + 5 Rotarians served on The Birmingham Educational Foundation Career panel
  + 116 Rotarians bought Christmas gifts for 6 Boarding Homes in Birmingham
  + 4 scholarships awarded for $8,000 per student for four years
  + Purchased textbooks for Birmingham Promise Students
  + Contributed over $100,000 for Pre-K and Early Learning programs
  + Provided funds to support the Rotary Club of Birmingham's project to eliminate Cervical Cancer in Sri Lanka
  + Contributed to the NewGen Peacebuilders program in Central Alabama
  + Provided funds to the UAB student Covid 19 Emergency Fund
  + Made and distributed 13,000 COVID masks early in the pandemic
  + Provided repairs to a home purchased by a tornado victim who lost his leg
  + Purchased and delivered toys for Toys for Tots
  + Made a financial gift to the Boy Scouts of America
  + Lunch and Christmas gifts for children at The Lovelady Center
  + Contributed to COVID 19 relief in India and Brazil
  + Built wheelchair ramps
  + Winterized houses
  + Sponsored a "shred day"
  + Volunteered at the Veterans Home Christmas project
  + Made monetary donations to local charities from individual foundations
  + Volunteered at Alabama Veterans Memorial Park
  + Purchased a Lacus Device for a local hospital
  + Sponsored Christmas parties for underprivileged children
  + RYLA scholarships
  + Supported the Happy Face project in Mexico
  + Provided Breakfast/Lunch for hospital workers during lockdown
  + Provided Breakfast/Lunch for first responders during lockdown
  + Sponsored a community Parent Daughter Activity Day
  + Volunteered at local food banks
  + Funded the expansion of a health clinic
  + Helped fund the construction of a putting green to provide outdoor activities for seniors during Covid-19 at State Veterans Home
  + Provided funding to renovate a playground at a local elementary school
  + Provided kids ages 8-12 a daily program and 2 meals and a snack 5 days a week
  + Supported the Backpack Buddies Program during Christmas
  + Arranged with a local dentist to provide a homeless veteran with new dentures
  + Provided food for a hospital staff picnic
  + Sponsored a picnic for city's first responders
  + Purchased $16,000 worth of equipment for city's first responders
  + Spearheaded an effort to create a Monarch Butterfly habitat
  + Participated in a "River of Hope" addition to a local park
  + Provided Thanksgiving meals to Safe Harbor, a facility for neglected, abused, and trafficked minors
  + The clubs in this district, the South Alabama district, and individual Rotarians from as far away as California contributed over $51,000 to the North Jefferson Rotary Club Foundation, allowing the foundation to purchase materials to repair 17 mobile homes and three permanent homes damaged by the tornados that hit North Jefferson County.

He closed by expressing pride in District 6860 for rising to the challenge to provide service during this unusual year. He also stated that serving as DG has been an honor and privilege that he has enjoyed enormously.

**Public Image Committee: Jeris Gaston**

DG Weinman introduced Jeris Gaston to speak about the Public Service Announcements produced this year to promote Rotary. Gaston thanked her team, Erica Murphy, Butler Cain, Abbey Murphy, Anna Fikes, Randy Jinks, Ben Oldham, Allen Mathis, and Lori Moler. She happily announced the videos have received great viewership and social media clicks. Two others are in pre-production which will be produced and filmed by students at the University of Alabama School of Journalism and Creative Media. The Committee is also working on the Isabel Scarinci story and the story of a student who received the Shoals Scholars Dollars program scholarship. Gaston thanked Weinman for the opportunity to share these stories.

**Peace Intiatives: Will Ratliff**

DG Weinman recognized Will Ratliff, the force behind the Peacebuilder project in Birmingham. Ratliff thanked PDG Petty, PDG Argo, and DG Weinman for their support in launching this project. He mentioned that this initiative was planned to coincide with the Peace Conference which will was delayed until 2023. Even though the conference was cancelled, Ratliff and his team decided to go ahead with peace education to 8 high schools and 4 youth service organizations, which resulted in 83 certified peace builders. He shared that the testimonials from participants were powerful. Birmingham City Schools, Mountain Brook, Altamont and Indian Springs students participated, among others. The Boys and Girls Club teams had life-changing experiences through the peace building project. Mental health was a topic that appealed to several teams, but mass incarceration, literacy, food deserts, and communication between people of different backgrounds and identities were also subjects of team projects. Clubs will have the opportunity to develop relationships with their local high schools in the next phase of this project. Student sponsorships will require a $1500 commitment from participating clubs. Every student will have the opportunity to complete a 20-hour on-line peacebuilding curriculum. Those who want to pursue a peace project will have the opportunity to work with Rotary mentors to develop plans and implement projects. These projects could lead to the formation of Interact Clubs in the participating high schools. Every student in this program learns peace and conflict resolution in concept and skills. Ratliff closed by sharing that Jim Shepherd will be instrumental in future planning for the peace project.

**Boiling N Bragging Cornhole Tournament: Kent Howard**

DG Weinman introduced Kent Howard who encouraged everyone to participate in the Cornhole Tournament at Boiling N Bragging this year. Donations received by clubs will be split between Children’s of Alabama and the participating clubs. His team has created a playbook to help clubs participate. Donors can make a donation specifically for cornhole teams through the Boiling N Bragging web site. He would like to have 30 clubs participate with a total fundraising goal of $60,000. DG Weinman thanked Kent for his leadership.

DG Weinman also recognized the work of incoming Rotaract President, Cameron Shevlin, who also serves on the Boiling N Bragging Committee.

**Open Discussion**

Argo commended the District leadership team and the leadership of all the clubs. Greene announced that his club celebrates 100 years this year. Their sponsoring club, the Rotary Club of Greater Shoals, celebrated 100 years last year. DGE Lewis added that the two clubs together will partner with the City of Florence and the Rotary clubs in the area to create a park for special needs children.

John Beard gave a summary of the Purple Pinkie campaign in 2020. The District raised $98,000 which was combined with other districts and matching funds for a $1,300,000 contribution to PolioPlus. Next year, more Dunkin Donuts stores are expected to participate. Beard will provide information to clubs on how to get involved. Beard also commended DGNE Mary Grace Evans for getting clubs involved last year. Beard would also like to promote the project to the general public. DG Weinman thanked Beard for being willing to shepherd this project.

PDG Petty encouraged clubs to contact local parks who are building eco-trails. Boy Scout troops are also great partners on those projects. Rotary International named the environment as a new area of focus this year.

**2021-2022 Outlook: DGE Lewis**

DGE Lewis recognized the foundation of service established by Weinman and other past district governors during their tenures. He related that Rotary membership in the United States declined from 400,000 members down to 312,000 members in the last 16 years. Rotary needs to market its product – hope. DGE Lewis looks forward to all the opportunities possible for next year.

DG Weinman closed the meeting at 11:20 am.