

Augusta Rotary Minutes

February 24, 2025

President Surendra Gupta rang the bell and called the meeting to order.

Kevin Grogan gave the pledge and invocation.

Bill Keogh gave the Sunshine Report.

Bob Goodman introduced the guests and visiting Rotarians.

Announcements

Rotary Leadership Institute will be held Saturday March 8 in Augusta at the Augusta University Summerville Campus. Cost is \$100 per Rotarian.

District Conference will be held 4/24-4/27 in Jekyll Island again this year please make hotel reservations as soon as you can.

Rotary International Conference will take place in Ontario, Canada. If interested in attending please reach out to President Surrendra.

The Signature Fundraiser wrapped up last week and the club will make a check presentation to GAP Ministries at our next meeting.

President Surendra reminded the club of the upcoming Speech Contest being held 2/27/25 at the Morris Museum of Art. The winners will present their speeches at our next meeting.

Anna Reeves has been nominated for the Community Student Award presented by Augusta University. Congratulations Anna!

Rotarians are invited to come help “Sound the Alarm” on March 15 from 9:00-3:00. Volunteers will assist the Richmond County Fire Department installing smoke alarms.

GRSP Update

No report this week.

New Members

Past President **Ed Presnell** introduced **Angie Cox** as a new member. Angie is the President of the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce and replaced club member, Sue Parr, who retired last year.

Steve Rice, from the Downtown Macon Club, joined us today to introduce **Hunter Roberson** as a new member. Hunter is a project manager for Sheridan Construction. Steve also works for

Sheridan Construction and he shared that the company places a high value on Rotary membership and it was his honor to drive down and introduce Hunter.

Paul Harris Fellows

No new recognitions this week.

CART: **Maurice Clemmons** was the inside challenger this week and **Janice Allen Jackson & Associates** was the outside challenger. Please continue to contribute to the blue buckets on the table or online at mycartfund.org using the same login credentials you use with DACDB. Also, please complete our club's Google form to sign up to be a Cart Challenger.

Upcoming Speakers

March 3 – The Speech Contest will present and awards will be given. Interact Students will run the meeting.

March 10 – Angie Cox, with the Augusta Chamber of Commerce, will speak about Women's Empowerment.

Guest Speaker/Program

President Surendra introduced our guest speaker, **Mr. Danny Broyles**, District Governor Nominee Designate. Danny is also an ambassador for the ShelterBox program.

Danny shared that ShelterBox was formed in 2000 in Cornwall, England. It is not a Rotary program; however, it was founded by Rotarians and is an endorsed effort to help around the world.

So far, ShelterBox has helped with 300 disasters, effecting 100 countries and over 2 million people. The kits are customized based on the needs of the area. Most include a tent for shelter, a water filtration system, clothes, and solar powered lighting.

Danny challenged the club members to help ShelterBox by doing the following things;

- Telling others, talking about the program to raise awareness
- Make a personal gift
- Become a HERO Club by donating at the following levels:
 - o Bronze \$1000, Silver \$3000, Gold \$5000
- Host a ShelterBox Fundraiser
- Taking on a challenge for ShelterBox
- Becoming an Ambassador, like Danny

President Surendra led us in reciting the four-way test and then adjourned the meeting.