

Augusta Rotary Minutes

October 21, 2024

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

David Hudson gave the pledge and invocation.

William Keogh gave the Sunshine Report.

Bill Franke introduced the guests and visiting Rotarians.

Announcements

October 24 is **World Polio Day**. Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio were discussed. A Bill Gates video was shown.

Congratulations to member **Richard Rodgers** for his retirement.

October 30 to November 5th is World Interact Week.

Rotary International is hosting "Healing in a Divided World" in Istanbul, Türkiye on February 20-22, 2025.

GRSP Update

No report this week.

Paul Harris Fellows

Matt Barrett received his PHF +3 pin,

CART: **Steve Boler** was the inside challenger this week. **President Surendra** asked everyone to 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

October 28 – Naomi Stanton will speak on GAP Ministries.

November 4 – Dr. Lauren Bigham – "What and how of mental health care".

November 11 – No meeting on Veterans Day

College Pick'em

Commissioner Stacy Tallent reminded the club that the weekly email was sent out just prior to the meeting and if you did not receive it, please contact Ashlee Duren or Stacy Tallent using their contact info in DaCdb.

Week 5 was won by **Steve Chalker**.

Week 6 was won by **Paul Dainer**.

Week 7 was won by **Paul Dainer**.

Week 8 was won by **Chris Mckinney**.

Guest Speaker/Program

Dr. Rodger MacArthur, MD was our guest speaker today. Dr. MacArthur talked about the history of the Polio Epidemic. Poliovirus is an enterovirus that replicates in the GI tract and is spread via the fecal-oral route. Polio is the 3rd viral disease to be discovered after smallpox and rabies. The first vaccine was developed in 1935, then 1952 and an oral vaccine was developed in 1961. Rotary committed to funding the fieldwork to eliminate polio in 1978. To date Rotary members have contributed over 1 billion dollars to the effort. 9 new cases have been found in Pakistan.

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