Augusta Rotary Minutes

November 4th, 2024

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

Erik Montgomery gave the pledge and invocation.

Gould Hagler gave the Sunshine Report.

Stacy Johnson introduced the guests and visiting Rotarians.

<u>Announcements</u>

- Thanks to Brenda Durant to serve as a Certified Sponsor and Advisor for the Rotary Club of Augusta Youth Exchange Program.
- Currently there is a potential student from Augusta University, who is planning to study abroad for 1 year.
- It will take several months to prepare the student and parents after approval from RI.
- The student will join the Outbound School in July – August 2025.
- There is no cost to our Club.

April 24-27, 2025, **Georgia District Conference**, Jekyll Island, SC

<u>Member Anniversaries</u>

Robert Osborne   27 Years

Phil Wahl   17 Years

<u>Upcoming Club Meetings</u>

- November 11, 2024, No meeting due to Veterans Day Holiday
- November 18, 2024, Daniel Rogers, Scout Executive of Georgia-Carolina Council in Augusta, GA, will speak on scouting.
- November 25, 2024, no meeting due to Thanksgiving Holiday.

<u>College Pic'em</u>

Billy Franke announced the winner of **the College pic'em** for week 10**. Steve Chalker, Dat Hoang** and **Dora Hogg** each won 7 games. **Dat Hoang** won the tiebreaker.

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.

New Members

None

Paul Harris Fellows

None

CART:

Mac Bowman was the inside challenger this week, there was no outside challenger. P**resident 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.

Guest Speaker/Program

Rodd Arthur introduced our guest speaker **Glenn Fink, Director of Cyber Strategy, Savannah River National Laboratory.** Glenn mentioned that very few people know exactly what AI is and what does it mean for you. Artificial Intelligence- any technology that can: Sense, learn, reason, and adapt. The growth of Big Data over the years including Telephone call records, credit card transactions, Internet traffic, Social media, Mobile device data, and Autonomous vehicle data has opened the way for Artificial Intelligence.
Artificial Intelligence has garnered attention from every sector in recent decades including Healthcare, Finance, Retail, Transportation, Entertainment, and Education. No sector is untouched by AI today.
Glenn closed by noting AI's impact can be transformative, but its adoption should be careful, intentional, and ethical.

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