

April 18, 2022

Meeting Minutes

President Shanda Vaughn rang the bell and called the meeting to order.

Erick Montgomery gave the pledge and invocation.

Connie Melear gave the Sunshine Report today.

Club members introduced their guests in attendance today.

Announcements

- Please continue to sign in each week so that we have a record of attendance.
- Hull Fund Board of Trustees will be meeting today immediately following the Club meeting.
- The Rotary Golf Tournament is May 3rd. Sign-up sheets are on the table and an email has been sent to club members to register online.
- Past President Dustin Young updated the Club on a project being held by the Rotary Club of Claxton to deliver used school furniture to schools in Haiti. Our Club is being asked to raise or contribute \$3,000 to offset the cost of shipping the furniture. Anyone wishing to contribute funds to this cause can drop off a check payable to Rotary District 6920 Foundation before the end of April. An email was also sent to all members about the project.
- Next week our GRSP student Kaushini Pathirana will give her year in review speech.
- We will also introduce our newest Interact Club from Aquinas High School.
- The speaker next week will be Dr. Steve Letchford and he will be speaking on his work with the Kenya Medical Mission.
- President Shanda introduced the officers for the upcoming Rotary year beginning in July. Faye Hargrove will be President, Bill Keogh President Elect, and Surendra Gupta President Elect Nominee. Congratulations to all three and Thank You for your service to Rotary.

CART: President Shanda 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.

Paul Harris Fellows

President Shanda presented Haskell Toporek with his Paul Harris Fellow plus 2 pin.

District Conference

District Governor and club member Ed Presnell invited everyone to the upcoming District Conference being held Friday April 29 – Sunday May 1 at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Augusta. Our goal is to have 25 members of the club in attendance with 9 members already signed up. He reminded the Club that registration is free, however, there is a cost for meals. We need both participants and volunteers to assist with the meeting.

SAVE THE DATES

Annual Golf Tournament-Tuesday, May 3, 2022 TBD

Guest Speaker/Program

Dr. Paul Dainer introduced our guest speaker Mr. Dirk Meyer, Music Director for the Augusta Symphony and the Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra in Minnesota.

Dirk shared with the club some of the challenges presented by the Covid pandemic and expressed his gratefulness that things are getting somewhat back to normal. Performers are starting to travel and performances are starting to fill the schedule.

He shared specifics about the upcoming Pops! series which includes 5 shows and the Symphony Season which features the work of world renowned composers. During his presentation, Dirk played sample performances via video clips for our enjoyment.

Dirk also reminded the club that the Augusta Symphony has partnered with Columbia County to provide two family friendly shows at the library. This year there will be a Halloween Concert and a Holiday Concert. Both shows are about an hour in length and are geared towards young children to help get them interested in music.

He closed his presentation by taking questions from the audience.

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