

August 1, 2022

## Meeting Minutes

**President Faye Hargrove** rang the bell and called the meeting to order.

**Brittany Burnett** gave the pledge and invocation.

**Brad Means** 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.
- President Faye played a compelling video showing the impact of Rotary around the world and encouraging young members to join us.
- Our speaker on 8/15 will be Penny Wasden with Women in Philanthropy and 8/22 will be Georgia Lieutenant Governor, Geoff Duncan.

### GRSP

Our GRSP student, **Simbainshe Mutoti** from Zimbabwe, arrived on Friday July 29th and was in attendance today. Simbai will make his welcome presentation at the meeting on the 15th.

**CART: President Faye** 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. During the last Rotary year we donated \$17,262.55 to CART.

### Paul Harris Fellows

Past President **Kevin Wade** reported on the Rotary Foundation which he described as a 4-star charity and the “muscle in Rotary”. Donations to the Foundation are recognized in a variety of ways with the most common being the Paul Harris Fellow designation signifying a gift to the Foundation of at least \$1,000 in the name of a club member or any individual that the club wants to honor. Once designated a Paul Harris Fellow, individuals are recognized for each \$1,000 increment with a Paul Harris Plus pin. These pins are range from a Plus 1 up to Plus 8.

Once a donor reaches \$10,000 they are recognized as a Major Donor. Amounts over \$250,000 in a lifetime become a member of The Arch Klumph Society. Kevin reminded the Club that just a few short years ago our Club was a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club and we were the largest club to accomplish that achievement.

Following his Foundation report, Kevin presented Past President **Billy Franke** his PHF +6 pin.

### SAVE THE DATES

- August 18 will be Rotary Night at the Augusta Greenjackets Game. Tickets will be \$27 per person and flyers will be distributed at our next meeting.
- The annual College Pick-em will kick off on August 22nd with scouting reports from various teams. We will have a special gameday menu that day.

### Program

**Paul Dainer** introduced our guest speaker, **Scott Siedl**, the Augusta Players Executive and Artistic Director. Scott has 47 years of experience in the arts going back to his work as a 13 year old performer until now where he has spent the last six years with the Augusta Players. He is an accomplished writer, director, producer, and actor.

Scott shared his love and excitement for the arts community in Augusta. He believes that the arts can become an even greater economic engine for Augusta and is very proud of the way the community works together help each other succeed as opposed to other cities he has worked where everyone was very territorial.

Scott told the club about Camp Wonderland which is the “heartbeat of the Augusta Players”. This is a two week camp for 30 campers who fall somewhere on the autism spectrum. It is an opportunity for individuals to experience the arts in a way that is comfortable to them and helps to minimize sensory overload. Each camper is paired with a mentor who is typically a member of the Junior Players. This experience has been life changing for both campers and counselors alike.

At the end of his presentation, Scott encouraged everyone to enjoy one of the upcoming shows including the Music Man, A Christmas Carol, and Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat.

Following questions from the audience, **President Faye** led us in reciting the four-way test and adjourned the meeting.