

Augusta Rotary Minutes

August 19, 2024

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

Faye Hargrove gave the pledge and invocation.

Gould Hagler gave the Sunshine Report.

Dat Hoang introduced the guests and visiting Rotarians.

Announcements

President Surendra kicked off the meeting by offering a moment of silence for **Mr. Larry Broyles**, long time club member who passed away on 8/12.

He also congratulated club members **David Hudson** and **Bill Keogh** for being recognized as one of the 2025 Best Lawyers in America.

Jerry Woods, Chair of the Membership Development Committee discussed the Club's 2025 Membership Campaign and detailed the reasons why we need to attract new members and the qualities we are looking for.

Karen Head visited her old club in Rolla, Missouri and exchanged flags with the club. This club is unique because they conduct two meetings per week, one for working members in the morning, and then again at lunchtime for retired members.

Dat Hoang spoke of his recent visit to the Rotary Club of Baton Rouge, Louisiana where the guest speaker was LSU Coach Brian Kelly. Dat also shared with us a picture of a Rotary plaque honoring Paul Harris, Rotary's Founder, for his life saving efforts during the 1893 hurricane season. As a 25-year-old orange picker, he helped transport women and children to safety. Eight years later in 1905, as a Chicago lawyer, he founded Rotary.

GRSP Update

No update today.

New Members

No new members welcomed today.

Paul Harris Fellows

President Surendra presented **Mac Bowman** with their PHF +7 pin.

CART: Binda Balan was the inside challenger this week and we did not have an outside 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

August 26 – Dr. M.V. Kamath will speak on the “Ten Easy Ways to Help Your Heart”

September 2 – No Meeting due to Labor Day

September 9 – Augusta Symphony Music Director, Dirk Myer

September 16 – Dr. Jorge Cortes, Executive Director of the Georgia Cancer Center

Guest Speaker/Program

Pick'em Commissioner, **Stacy Tallent**, kicked off our new season of college football by reminding the club of how the program works. The first email will go out on Monday August 26 from **Ashlee Duren** and will include games played between 8/29 and 9/2. Participants must play 11 of the 15 weeks to be included in the annual contest. Weekly winners and monthly winners will also be recognized. Everyone is encouraged to play.

The program concluded with scouting reports prepared by the following club members;

Alabama – Chuck Fuqua
Auburn – Millie Huff
Clemson – Gene McManus
Duke – Bill Keogh
Georgia – Eddie Booth
Georgia Tech – Adam Cobb
LSU – Dat Hoang
Oregon – Chris McKinney
Tennessee – Stacy Tallent

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