



August 5, 2024

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Meeting Minutes

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

Steven Kaplan gave the pledge and invocation.

Brad Means gave the Sunshine Report.

Dat Hoang introduced the guests and visiting Rotarians.

Announcements

- President Surendra kicked off the meeting by sharing that we sponsored a Global Grant Project in India that will provide a mobile cancer screening van. Thanks to our support the van will be used to scan 5000 children and adult patients per year.
- The recently completed SWOT analysis resulted in the following areas of focus for the club:
 1. Membership – retention, attrition, growth, diversity, attendance, etc.
 2. Service Projects – involvement, participation, more of them
 3. Public Image/Website – increased exposure of our club on social media
 4. Fundraising – more events to raise funds for our club
- **District Conference 2025** will be held April 24-27, 2025 in Jekyll Island.
- Rotary's **International Convention** will be held June 2025 in Calgary.
- Our GRSP student, **Daniel Lopez** was welcomed to Augusta by club members who attended a reception for Daniel and his family at the home of **Susan Jernighan**. Daniel will make his first presentation to the club on 8/12/24.
- District Governor **Todd Freesemann** is donating Flowering Dogwood and Persimmon trees to all District 6920 Clubs in December 2024 and January 2025. Watch for more details to come.

New Members

David Jacobson, Executive Director of the Ronald McDonald House on the campus of Augusta University, was accepted into membership.

CART:; **Robert Baisden** 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 12 – Roy Simkins, Trees of Augusta, Downtown Improvements
- August 19 – Stacy Tallent, College Football Pick'em
- August 26 – Dr. M.V. Kamath will speak on the "Ten Easy Ways to Help Your Heart"

Guest Speaker/Program

Sue Parr introduced our guest speaker, **Kigwana “Kig” Cherry**. Kig is President of the Greater Augusta Arts Council and owner of PopUp Augusta.

Kig is a native of Uganda and recently returned there to attend the funeral of his uncle, Rotarian **Samiwiri Kiyayu Isanga Kigwana**. His uncle was born in 1946 and completed two degrees at the University of California. He returned to Uganda so that he could use his knowledge to improve his community.

Kig shared with the club that during the weeklong funeral, the service began with a four-hour service at Busoga Cathedral followed by a trip to Kimanto Village, his uncle’s home. At Kimanto Village, over 1000 people came to pay their respects with many sleeping in tents because the village was so small. This was a ten-hour event that included Kig’s family feeding all attendees.

The Rotary Club of Jinja honored his uncle with a song that translates into “helping those in need (in poverty)”. Kig shared that his uncle followed the four-way test in everything he did and spoke of the many ideas for projects his uncle had stored in notebooks. Many of them were turnkey projects just waiting on resources such as funding or manpower.

His uncle left behind a legacy of serving others and Kig was honored to share his story.

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

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