

December 12, 2022

Meeting Minutes

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

Bill Keogh gave the pledge and invocation.

Richard Rogers gave the Sunshine Report today.

Visiting Guests: Club members introduced their guests in attendance today.

Interact Students: Interact students from the Academy of Richmond County introduced themselves and were welcomed to the meeting.

Announcements

- Please continue to sign in each week so that we have a record of attendance.
- We have added the virtual meeting option back for those who cannot attend in person but still wish to participate in meetings.
- President Faye shared a video titled, We Are Rotary, explaining what the club dues.

Hull Fund

The Hull Fund Trustees will meet immediately following the Club meeting today. Chair **Haskell Toporek** reported that the Hull Fund recently celebrated its 100 year anniversary and he recognized and thanked the current Trustees.

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. This week the inside challenger was **Bill Keogh** and the outside challenger was **Hull Barrett Law Firm**.

New Member Induction

- The Club introduced five new members today; **Monte Carlton, Bob Goodman, Cliff Richards, Heather Seigler, and Ashley Whitaker**.

Save the Dates

- **December 19th** – Holiday party – please RSVP so we can get a head count.

College Pick'em

You should be getting an email from **Ashley Duren** for you to pick your games. If you do not receive the email, please contact Rick or Ashley. Great prizes will be given out each week and there will be prizes for the top 3 at the end of the season. Remember, we are using the point spread to determine the winner of each game.

Signature Fundraiser

Past President Dustin Young reminded Rotarians of the signature fundraiser. The raffle for a Mercedes Benz GLA 250 has begun. Tickets are \$100 each and a maximum of 1500 tickets will be sold. Each Rotarian is asked to purchase or sell three tickets to support the fundraiser. So far we have sold 120+ tickets from the club and the Apparo Academy has sold 15 tickets and turned in the \$1500. We have a long way to go so please reach out to the Signature Fundraising Committee to pick up your tickets.

He also introduced **Ray Ruez**, the father of two year old David. David attends Aparro Academy and Ray shared the many successes David has experienced because of the excellent programs at Aparro. David was born with physical challenges and Aparro has helped with physical, occupational, and speech therapy several times per week. David is now starting to walk and has made many great strides since enrolling in the school. Ray thanked everyone for their support for the school which in turn has helped his family.

Guest Speaker

Today's speaker was **Ms. Debra Lam**, Founding Executive Director for the Partnership for Inclusive Innovation (PIN). According to PIN's website, the organization "believes new ideas come from anywhere and everywhere, but that the opportunity to innovate has not been shared equally. By democratizing access to funding and support networks through resources across business, research universities and government, the Partnership advances all Georgians by supporting those with vision."

PIN works to maximize the impact of public/private partnerships in order to increase economic development and prosperity. The organization is based at Georgia Institute of Technology and works with all Universities that are part of the University System of Georgia.

PIN gives grants to help stimulate growth and focuses to make sure they are helping a geographically diverse area. In most cases, the investment of resources is made in more urban areas and PIN hopes to move out into more of the rural areas that are typically overlooked. Anyone wanting to learn more about how PIN can help in your area should contact the organization using the contact information on their website, pingeorgia.org.

At the conclusion of our reports **President Faye** led us in reciting the four-way test and adjourned the meeting.