

Meeting Minutes

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

David Hudson led us in the Pledge and Invocation.

Richard Rogers came forward and gave the Sunshine Report

Visiting Guest - Club members introduced their visiting guest.

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

Member Highlight-This week's Member Spotlight is on Brenda Durant, the Executive Director of the Greater Augusta Arts Council, and a long-time member of the Augusta Rotary Club. Brenda first learned about the Rotary through her father who was a Rotarian in Waynesboro. Brenda enjoys learning more about our community through the informative speakers at Rotary and especially enjoys fellow-Rotarian, Faye Hargrove's Sunshine Reports. Brenda grew up in Great Neck, New York, before her parents moved with their seven children to Augusta. Five of her seven siblings work in the downtown Augusta area. Brenda is involved in numerous community organizations and coordinates Arts Day for Leadership Augusta each year. She is married to Ed, and they have three adult children and two grandsons, Gunner and Hank. Brenda was a travel agent for a decade, so she has been fortunate to visit many places and particularly enjoyed traveling to Seoul, Korea, Japan, and Hong Kong. In her free time, Brenda enjoys reading, walking, live music, and camping.

Signature Fundraiser- Stephen Wertz was the winner from the Club drawing of members who sold at least 3 - raffle tickets. Congratulations Stephen!

Announcements

- President Shanda reminded everyone to sign in on the attendance sheets.
- Our GRSP Student, Kaushini, is looking forward to getting to know more of you. Please reach out to Kaushini, Susan Jernigan or Surrendra Gupta if you have something fun that she could be a part of.
- The club continues Collecting can taps for the Ronald McDonald House.
- Thanks to all of you who checked-in on Facebook last week.
- Member Orientation will be on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, @ 4:30 pm-5:30 pm

CART – President Shanda asked everyone to donate to the blue buckets on the tables.

Inside Challenger for this week is Rick Franza and the outside challenger is ADP.

You may give online at mycartfund.org. Login credentials are the same as DACDB.

District Conference- is Friday, April 29- Sun., May 1, 2022, here in Augusta. It will be held at the Marriott Downtown.

New Member Induction

Anna Reeves came forward and introduced our newest member, Rick Chandler. Please make a point to welcome Rick to the club.

Paul Harris Fellows - President Shanda presented David Hogg with his PHF+2 pin.

Membership Development – Jerry Woods came forward to discuss the goals of the Membership Committee. He mentioned the committee would like to see the club get back to the target number of 180 members.

The Following Members have resigned from the club since 1/1/2022:

- Frank Mulherin
- Ridge Whitehurst
- Betts Murdison
- Max Stachura

Today's Program-

Brenda Durant came forward and introduced today's speaker Kigwana Cherry.

After a career in the Healthcare Industry and a desire to get more involved in the arts community, he left his job. He has since been involved with Urban Farming in Augusta assisting local home gardeners in getting their products out to grocers in the Augusta area.

He started Pop Up Augusta! a collective of uniquely curated, spontaneous experiences. Guests can expect myriad events- dinner parties, spoken word events, concerts, and family-friendly gatherings. The events are intimate, exclusive, and unforgettable.

Kigwana mentioned he has his own line of Hot Sauces he creates and sells.

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