

Meeting Minutes

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

Jeff Flowers lead us in the Pledge and Invocation.

Gould Hagler gave the Sunshine report and announced the Rotary Golf Tournament will be held on May 3rd.

Club members introduced their guests in attendance today.

Interact Students were introduced

Member Highlight- Surrendra Gupta-He was born in Delhi, India. He lived there until 1971 when he moved to the US. He is a retired Project Manager. He joined Rotary in 2018. He is married to his wife Preeti Gupta, and they have two daughters (Shelly Gupta and Sabina Gupta). He loves spending time with his family and traveling. The most interesting place he has ever travelled to is Safaris, South Africa. He would love to learn how to play the piano.

Announcements

- Please continue to sign in each week so that we have a record of attendance.
- 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.
- **Signature Fundraiser**-tickets are still available for sale. We encourage every member to buy or sell 3 tickets for the raffle. It will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2022.
- Don't forget to check in on Facebook. Thanks to all who checked in last meeting. **New Member Orientation** will be on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, @ 4:30 pm-5:30 pm.

CART – President Shanda asked everyone to contribute to the blue buckets. Inside Challenger for this week is **Billy Franke** and the outside challenger is **Frank Properties**. You can also give online at mycartfund.org. Login credentials are the same as DACDB.

College Pick-Em - Rick Franza announced **Bill Keogh** as the winner of this year's College Pick-em. Congratulations Bill!

Signature Fundraiser-update - 238 tickets have been assigned leaving 262 tickets still available for purchase. 57 of 145 active members have participated bringing participation to 39%.

Today's Program

Paul Danier introduced our guest speaker, **Michael Zibman**, General Manager for Windsor Fine Jewelers located in Augusta, GA

In nearly 40 years Windsor has occupied three different buildings without moving more than 300 feet.

As customer demand outgrew the original four showcases, Windsor relocated across the center to a freshly abandoned bank branch building, where business continued to swell through 1997. As early as 1996 Mr. Thompson had envisioned a two-story mega-store that soon broke ground and opened to great fanfare in 1998.

Along the way, the Windsor story included re-investing in more of everything. More brands. More tops-in-the-industry staff. More ways of doing all the little jewelry things other places didn't want to be bothered with.

And...being able to show you more than 7,000 engagement/anniversary rings. If you could use a little help in picturing that, imagine a first floor showcase running 52 linear feet and 18 inches deep. All rings. We know of no one else in the industry who can make that claim.

Windsor has grown into one of the largest Independently owned jewelry company in the country.

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