

## Meeting Minutes

**President Scott** opened the meeting at 12:15 PM. **Brittany Burnett** led the club in the pledge and invocation. **Anna Reeves** introduced guests and visiting Rotarians. **President Scott** reminded members to contribute to the “blue buckets” and reported that \$480.00 was raised last week (Inside Challenger **Tripp Harrison**; Outside Challenger **Doctors Hospital**). This week’s Inside Challenger is **Max Stachura** and Outside Challenger is **Integra Business Brokers**.

**Sunshine Report** was given by **Connie Melear** who boldly predicted that “the Tigers” would win the National Championship of College Football in an evening game between Louisiana State and Clemson Universities. She also gave some examples of the outrageous cost of championship trophies (such as crystal footballs). Where are our priorities?

**Signature Fundraiser Raffle Update: President Scott** encouraged members to participate in the final push to achieve the Signature Fundraiser Raffle goal. As of meeting time, 210 tickets had been sold, representing 41% of our Club goal. We are behind where we were at this point last year. He asked the membership help reach the Club goal of 500 tickets. and in the process, have a chance to win a Mercedes-Benz A220 valued at \$37,000. If interested, call or text him at 706.799.1600. Tickets are \$100 and only 1500 will be sold. This annual fundraiser is hosted by the **Rotary Club of Augusta, Fox 54**, and **Mercedes Benz of Augusta**. This year’s fundraiser beneficiary is **Christ Community Health**, which is a non-profit offering affordable, quality, primary health and dental care to the uninsured and underserved population within our community.

### Announcements

- **President Scott** asked the membership to join him in recognizing and congratulating **Tom Clark** for being named one of the “100 Most Influential Georgians” by Georgia Trend Magazine for his work as Executive Director of the CSRA Alliance for Fort Gordon.
- He also reminded the Club that while there would be no meeting on Monday, January 20 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day), this year’s **Georgia Economic Outlook Luncheon** will be held on Thursday, January 23 at the Augusta Marriot. There is no charge to Club members for attendance since the club is a sponsor. Please sign in through Peggie, who will be there. More information to follow.
- The Club’s next regular meeting will be Monday, January 27th.

**President Scott** introduced the day’s speaker, Club member **Sue Parr**, President of the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce since 2005, and celebrating her 30th year in the Chamber profession. She was accompanied by guest **Don Grantham** of the 12th District Georgia Board of Transportation. Their presentation reviewed the importance of renewing, at the **March 24, 2020 voter referendum**, the current penny sales tax that funds our regional transportation needs. They reviewed the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 and the CSRA Region 7 TSPLOST, when we were one of three Georgia regions (Augusta-Richmond, Columbia, Glascock, Burke, Hancock, Jenkins, Jefferson, Lincoln, McDuffie, Taliaferro, Warren, Washington & Wilkes counties) to approve the penny tax in 2012. They pointed out that since 2013 “TSPLOST I” collected \$841M, and approved 84 projects (49 completed, 11 under construction, & 23 in design/engineering/pre-bid) worth \$631M as well as distributing \$210M Discretionary Funds to counties. They reviewed that it has delivered on the reasons it passed (Regional Commuting Patterns, Logistic Superiority, Airport Competitiveness, Business Attraction/Retention, Maximize Tourism, Leverage State Funding, & Essential Funding to counties for Discretionary Needs) – it is recognized nationally as a successful model of a local consumption tax funding local transportation needs. In addition to presenting visuals of completed projects, they reviewed some of the projects planned for “TSPLOST II – 2023-32” and encouraged the membership to help “spread the word” about the importance of passing the upcoming voter referendum.

**President Scott** reminded the members that the **Speech Committee** would meet today after the meeting, encouraged attendance at the Georgia Economic Outlook Luncheon on January 23, and asked the members to stand and join him in the **4-Way Test**, after which he rang the bell at 1:15 PM to adjourn the meeting.

### Easy links to pages on our website

[Rotary schedule of meeting dates and speakers](#)

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## CART

### CART buckets

**Inside Challenger:** Max Stachura

**Outside Challenger:** Integra Business Brokers

### Total

\$134.08  
\$125.00  
\$125.00  
\$384.08

Remember to include our GRSP student: William Baeronholdt

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## Guests

### Guest

Jason Cuevas

Sammy Sias

Keith Starrett  
Jeffery Pooser

**Guest Of**  
Sue Parr  
Sue Parr  
Melvin LaPan  
James Heffner

## Richmond Academy Interact Club

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### Meeting Makeup

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Larry Toole 1-6-2020 On Line Make-Up  
Shanda Vaughn 1-13-2020 Rotary Board of Directors Meeting  
Leland Malchow 1-13-2020 Rotary Board of Directors Meeting

The following will receive a make up for attending the Rotary Board of Directors meeting held at Cranston Engineering, January 13, 2020:

Scott Williams  
Brett Montroy  
Kevin Grogan  
Leland Malchow  
Chris McKinney  
Dora Hogg  
Faye Hargrove  
Shanda Vaughn

### Absentees

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Forester Adams  
Randy Hatcher  
Jim Becton  
Chris James  
Tony Bernados  
Susan Jernigan  
Shell Berry  
Brooks Keel  
Barclay Bishop  
Russell Keen  
Mark Bowen  
Bill Keogh  
Mac Bowman  
Ramone Lamkin  
Kenneth Bradshaw  
Tony Lever  
Felita Brady  
Leland Malchow  
Conley Braun  
Doug McClure  
Dave Brendza  
Robetta McKenzie

Carl Brown  
Linda McKnight  
Larry Broyles  
Gene McManus  
Nathan Cartwright  
Brad Means  
Gretchen Caughman  
Chris Melcher  
Patrick Cullinan  
Sam Meller  
Jeanette Cummings  
Betts Murdison  
Rob Dennis  
Sheri Osburn  
Neal Dickert  
Jennifer Pennington  
Ashlee Duren  
Jonathan Powell  
Chris Etterlee  
TR Reddy  
Susan Everitt  
Anna Reeves

Julie Ferguson  
Daniel Rhodes  
Reyne Gallup  
Jimmy Richards  
Laverne Gaskins  
Stan Shepherd  
Mark Gilliam

Jeff Simless  
A K Gulati  
Steve Smith  
Gould Hagler  
Stan Stanton  
Aimee Hall  
Charles Stewart  
George Hall  
Kyle Titus  
Linda Tucciarone  
Shanda Vaughn  
Hawthorne Welcher  
Willie Williams  
George Williams