

January 24, 2022

Meeting Minutes

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

Brittany Burnett gave the Pledge and Invocation.

Brenda Durant gave the Sunshine Report.

Interact Students introduced themselves.

President Shanda named the Club Officers for July 22 - June 2023:

President – **Faye Hargrove**

President Elect – **Chris McKinney**

AK Gulati introduced our newest member, **Chuck Fugua**. Please make a point to introduce yourself to Chuck.

Board of Directors for 2022-2023- If you would like to nominate someone for the Board of Directors, please submit the nomination to **President Shanda**, vaughnshanda@gmail.com, no later than February 21, 2022.

Member Highlight-Our highlighted member for this week is AK Gulati. He is currently employed as an Emeritus Professor at the AU Dental College of Georgia. He is married to Nidhi Gulati, MD and has two children: Daughter, Priya Gulati Shah and Son, Akash K Gulati and several grandchildren. He was born in New Delhi, India and moved to the US at age 19 years to pursue higher education. After completing my post-doc at NIH, I moved to Augusta in 1984 as a faculty member in the Department of Anatomy at the Medical College of Georgia (good ole "MCG"!). I retired after 30 years of service and thereafter continued to teach Neurosciences & Anatomy at AU. He joined Rotary in 2016. He serves on the boards of American Red Cross, Indo-American Cultural Association, and the Hindu Temple Society. In his free time, he likes to read, watch movies, cooking, tennis, golf and traveling. The most interesting place he has ever traveled are Galapagos Islands and the Amazon Jungle. He is the West Virginia State Frisbee Championship for distance. He has also been in the hotel and restaurant business.

Signature Fundraiser

Dustin Young came forward and updated the club on tickets sales for the Signature Fundraiser. He encouraged every member to buy or sell 3 tickets for the raffle. It will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2022.

- Top ticket seller will earn 1,000 Paul Harris Fellow points and 2 raffle tickets for the Mercedes.
- Second place will earn 500 PHF points and 1 raffle ticket.
- Third place will earn 500 PHF points.
- All members who purchase or sell at least three tickets will be entered into a drawing for a \$100.00 Gift Card

Announcements:

- Please continue to sign in on the attendance sheets each meeting.
- 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.
- Collecting can taps for the Ronald McDonald House is still ongoing.

President Shanda thanked all of you who checked-in on Facebook last week.

New Member Orientation will be on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, @ 4:30 pm-5:30 pm.

Mentorship Committee met after today's meeting.

CART

President Shanda asked everyone to donate to the blue buckets on the tables. Give online at mycartfund.org. Login credentials are the same as DACDB.

Inside Challenger for this week is **Adam Cobb** and the outside challenger is **New South Construction**

LLS- Greenbrier Seniors- Amber Lyons and Abi Sukowatey team captains for Just CURE It, Leukemia & Lymphoma Campaign came forward and discussed how everyone can help the campaign.

Paul Harris Fellows

President Shanda asked **Mark Gilliam** to come forward and presented him with his PHF +6 pin. Congratulations Mark!

Today's Program

Sue Parr came forward and introduced our speaker, **Congressman Rick Allen**.

Rick W. Allen was elected to represent Georgia's 12th District in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2014. Prior to his election to Congress, Rick spent his career starting and building his own business from the ground up. At the age of 25, he founded the construction company R.W. Allen & Associates, which has enhanced economic development in Georgia and created thousands of jobs in the Augusta and Athens communities for more than 35 years.

Mr. Allen touched on several topics such as Illegal immigration, Federal Reserve, Energy crisis, Unemployment, and the Supply chain. He stated since December of 2020 the Federal Reserve has pumped in 120 billion dollars per month in the economy. He mentioned the State of Georgia is now the 8th best state to do business and the Port of Savannah is now the fourth busiest Port in the US. He went on to thank the educators of Georgia for their contribution to the economy of GA.

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