



July 15, 2024

NEW MEMBERS

Meeting Minutes

President Surendra Gupta rang the bell and called the meeting to order.

Bill Keogh gave the pledge and invocation.

Heather Atkinson introduced the guests and visiting Rotarians.

Connie Melear gave the Sunshine Report.

Announcements:

Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE): the club is looking for Host Families.

The program suggests three Host families (90 days each) or it can be two families or one family.

Financial obligation is \$ 1,750.00 for the year, which can be split up between the number of host families.

Contact Dana Park at dpark@ryese.org

GRSP Student is **Daniel Lopez Londono**, Medellin, Columbia. Please welcome Daniel to the club.

Save the Dates:

- Oct. 21st, 2024 – Joint meeting with Augusta West on End Polio
- February 10, 2025 – District 6920 Governor, Todd Fressmenn visit to our club.
- **2025 Georgia District Conference**, April 24-27th, 2025 Jekyll Island, GA - All three Georgia Districts united to celebrate.

New Members:

Ed Presnell introduced **Travis McNeill** to the club. Travis was a previous member before moving out of the area. Please welcome Travis to our club.

Paul Harris Fellows:

Kevin Wade & T.R Reddy presented **James Trotter** with a PH pin.

CART:

President Surendra 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. Also, please complete our club's Google form to sign up to be a Cart Challenger.

Thanks to all who stepped up and volunteered to be a CART challenger! Our CART challengers match the donations made in the buckets, with a maximum of \$125 donation. It is a great way to help raise money for research into curing Alzheimer's disease. If you are interested and able, please sign up here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14YnjhCqUfvEimgwHPVTUVEuePWffJF9UYxmwEDpPpT0/edit#gid=0>

Today's Inside Challenger is **Matt Aitken**, Outside challenger is **TR Reddy**, TR&N Foundation.

Guest Speaker/Program:

President Surendra introduced our guest speaker, John Williams, Senior Vice President Alvin W. Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 3 & 4.

John spoke on the recent accomplishments of Plant Vogtle as the largest generator of clean energy in the United States and laying the groundwork for the next 80 years. A next generation Reactor, AP1000 is a two-loop pressurized water reactor that uses a simplified, innovative, and effective approach to safety.

Vogtle Units 3 & 4 are the first **Westinghouse AP1000** Plants to be built in the United States. Drawn from 50 years of successful operating experience. John mentioned the economic effect the construction on Units 3 & 4 had on the local economy. At the peak of the project, over 9,000 construction workers were on site and currently have a staff of 1500.

The fuel source for nuclear power plants is uranium, but unlike coal, gas, and oil, uranium does not burn chemically, making the process completely carbon-free. This is where water plays an especially critical role at nuclear energy facilities.

Water is pumped in and vaporized from the heat produced by the splitting of atoms in a process called fission. Turbines, powered by steam, then turn to produce electricity.

Water is also pushed through the reactor to cool it down as well as to cool used fuel. The latter occurs in a 40-foot-deep steel-lined pool filled with borated water, which acts as a natural barrier to radiation.

President Surendra led us in reciting the four-way test then adjourned the meeting.

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