

## Meeting Minutes

**President Scott Williams** rang the bell and called the meeting to order. **David Hudson** gave the pledge and invocation. Thanks to our inside challenger **Len Collins** and outside challenger **Georgia State Floral Distributors** we raised \$280.47 for CART at our last meeting. This week the inside challengers are **Steve Hobbs and Stan Stanton**. **Steve Munn** introduced our guests and visiting Rotarians. **Bill Keogh** gave the Sunshine Report.

### Announcements:

- Rotary Family Night will be held Thursday August 1 at the Greenjackets baseball game. Flyers are on the tables today. Please reserve your tickets through Ridge Whitehurst by Wednesday July 31.
- District Assembly will be held July 27 in Dublin. Anyone interested in attending can register at [www.rotarydistrict6920.org](http://www.rotarydistrict6920.org).
- **Haskell Toporek** provided the club with a Hull Fund report, which included welcoming two new members, **TR Reddy** and **Ashley Duren**. He also thanked **Faye Hargrove** and **Ridge Whitehurst** for their service to the committee as they step off due to term limits. Haskell also reported that the fund has provided nearly \$60,000 in grants, student loans, and scholarships during the last year.
- President Scott announced that the GRSP and Hull Fund Committees would be meeting immediately following the club meeting. Our GRSP student will be arriving August 3.

**2018-2019 Perfect Attendance Awards:** President Scott recognized **Matt Barrett** and **Herb Upton** for one year of perfect attendance.

### Program:

**President Scott** called on **Shell Berry** to introduce our guest speaker and club member, **Dr. Linda Tucciarone**, who is the co-founder and Executive Director of the Heritage Academy.

The Heritage Academy is a K-8 school serving 260 students founded in 1998 with the mission of bringing a Christian education to those who could least afford it. The school relies heavily on donations with only 15% of its current budget coming from tuition. Since inception, the Academy has raised over \$18 million to fund their operations and facilities. Since 2001, the school has operated out of the old Houghton School on Greene Street.

Nearly five years ago the school embarked on a mission to help those struggling with dyslexia. It is estimated that 1 in 6 people have this disability yet most of the public schools are not equipped to deal with it. Heritage Academy provides a free outreach program serving 50 students. This program involves one to one screenings and tutoring sessions.

Looking at the challenges currently facing our country, Dr. Tucciarone, lamented that we lack a skilled workforce in spite of all of the opportunities to get a degree. The Academy wants to help prepare individuals to earn a "family sustainable wage" by obtaining marketable skills that do not necessarily require a degree.

They are offering two programs, Cyber Aces and Commercial Aquaponics, to address early workforce development. These programs are intended to give students exposure, education, and experience that will translate into marketable skills. The Cyber Aces program will provide 300 hours of instruction during 6th – 8th grades in the areas of hardware, software, installations, security, and coding. Students will also take national tests to measure their knowledge and skills.

The Commercial Aquaponics program is a result of a donation from Chick-fil-a, which will provide students with skills needed to make the system, market the product, and manage the resources needed to produce the product.

Following her remarks, **President Scott** led us in reciting the four-way test and then adjourned the meeting.

### Easy links to pages on our website

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

[Member Proposal Form](#)

[Online directory - Find a member or update your information](#)

[Bulletins - Weekly bulletins from 2014-current](#)

## CART

<b>CART buckets</b>	\$160.93
<b>Inside Challenger:</b> Steve Hobbs	\$125.00
<b>Outside Challenger:</b> Stan Stanton	\$125.00
<b>Total</b>	\$410.93

## Guests

<b>Guest</b>	<b>Guest Of</b>
Dr. Linda Tucciarone	Speaker
Ed Tarver	De Pearce
Carolyn Jackson	Janice Jackson

## Richmond Academy Interact Club

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## Westminster Interact Club

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## Augusta Tech Rotaract Club

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## Visiting Rotarians

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## Meeting Makeup

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Jeanette Cummins 7-22-19 On Line Make Up  
Leigh Porterfield 7-22-19 Rotary Board of Directors Meeting  
Shanda Vaughn 7-22-19 Rotary Board of Directors Meeting  
Ray Walters 7-15-19 On Line Make UP  
Josh Nolan 7-22-19 Red Badge Orientation  
Kevin Wade 7-22-19 Red Badge Orientation

The following will receive a make up for attending the Rotary Red Badge Orientation on Monday July 22, 2019:

Kevin Wade  
Ed Presnell  
Frank Mulherin  
Herb Upton  
John Whitwell  
Scott Williams  
Bill Kemp  
Josh Nolan

## Absentees

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Forester Adams	Natalie Paine	Debbie Sleeth
Russell Keen	Larry Broyles	Rick Franza
Stacie Adkins	Sue Parr	Steve Smith
Ronald Lampkin	David Bullington	Mark Gilliam
Bob Baisden	Jeff Partl	Stan Stanton
Rick Lowe	Nate Cartwright	A K Gulati
Tony Bernados	Leigh Porterfield	Kevin Steffes
Robetta McKenzie	Gretchan Caughman	Aimee Hall
Chris Bird	Jonathan Powell	Kyle Titus
Linda McKnight	Tom Clark	Chad Harpley
Barclay Bishop	Angela Pringle	Sonny Tucker
Gene McManus	Patrick Cullinan	Cecil Harrison
Felita Brady	Jimmy Richards	Shanda Vaughn
Travis McNeal	Jeanette Cummings	Randy Hatcher
Conley Braun	Harold Scott	Kevin Wade
Connie Melear	Rob Dennis	James Heffner
Josh Nolan	John Sebby	Willie Williams
Dave Brendza	Chris Etterlee	Dora Hogg
Robert Osborne	Stan Shepherd	George Williams
Bennish Brown	Susan Everitt	Chris James
Sheri Osburn	Jeff Simless	Dustin Young
Carl Brown	Jeff Flowers	Brooks Keel