

June 13, 2022

Meeting Minutes

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

Tom Clarke gave the pledge and invocation.

Richard Rogers gave the Sunshine Report today.

Club members introduced their guests in attendance today.

Announcements

Please continue to sign in each week so that we have a record of attendance.

Anna Reeves gave the Club a report of the Literacy Committee's activities. Anna encouraged anyone wishing to help by donating financial support or time to read to children to reach out to her. We are currently collection donations to purchase educational activity toys for all six of the Richmond County libraries.

President Shanda informed the club that **Linnea Larson**, our GRSP student in 2018-2019, will be arriving today and staying with Shanda and her family until June 27. If anyone would like to see her while she is in town please reach out to Shanda.

GRSP

Emily Rogers, daughter of club member **Jerry Rogers**, came forward and thanked the club for the scholarship she received to attend a six week program in Oslo, Norway. Emily will be joining five other students from Georgia in this program and will report back to the club when she returns.

CART: President Shanda 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.

Paul Harris Fellows

President Shanda presented the Paul Harris Fellow plus 1 pin to **AK Gulati**, the plus 2 pin to **Surrendra Gupta**, and the plus 6 pin to **TR Reddy**. Congratulations and thank you to all three for their support.

New Member Induction

AK Gulati and **Steve Munns** came forward and introduced our newest member, **David Lewis**. David is the VP of Burgh Construction which is a family owned business based in Augusta.

SAVE THE DATES

- Our next meeting will be Monday June 20 and the speaker will be the President of the Augusta Greenjackets.
- Passing of the Gavel will take place on Monday June 27

Guest Speaker/Program

Kevin Grogan introduced our guest speaker today, **Brenda Durant**, who is the Executive Director of the Greater Augusta Arts Council and she is also a club member.

Brenda has served in her role for the last 25 years and has been instrumental in the creation of many successful projects, most notably the Arts in the Heart festival which brings in nearly 85,000 visitors. She also created partnerships with the city of Augusta and formalized an MOU to be the official public art agency for the city.

Operating within the MOU, she worked with various agencies and departments to create the 2017 Public Art Master Plan and is working to get SPLOST 7 funds for various projects including gateway sculptures for roads leading into town.

Over the last few years, Brenda has helped leverage Arts Council dollars with matching funds and federal grants to pay for the Golden Blocks Project in the Laney Walker Area. Resources have also been used for murals on storm drains and traffic boxes, as well as, the Sculpture Walk downtown.

During the most recent Rotary District Conference in Augusta, Rotarians from Savannah enjoyed the Sculpture Walk and are now making plans to do the same thing in Savannah.

Brenda finished by encouraging everyone to join the Arts Council and if you are interested in having a sculpture located at your place of business please call her.

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