



## March 18, 2024

### NEW MEMBERS

## Meeting Minutes

President Bill rang the bell and called the meeting to order.

Steven Kaplan gave the pledge and invocation.

Rebecca Sylvester introduced the guests and visiting Rotarians.

Matt Barrett gave the Sunshine Report.

CART:

- Last week: Inside Challenger – Erin Armstong
- Outside Challenger – Dickinson Architects, PC
- This week: Inside Challenger – Benda Durant
- **President Bill** asked everyone to please continue to contribute to the blue buckets on the table or online at [mycartfund.org](http://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.

Mac Bowman invited all to come out to Champions of the Heart free CPR training to be held at Paine College HEAL Complex Saturday, March 23rd, 9:00am – 12 pm.

Participants will be empowered with essential skills to respond confidently in cardiac emergencies, potentially saving lives within our community.

### Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- \* March 25 -- Tonia Gibbons from Channeled Paths, Inc. will present a program on mental health counseling services to at-risk, indigent, and underserved youth and their families in the CSRA.
- \* April 1 -- Dr. Jackson Drumgoole will present on the Bridge Builder Community.
- \* April 8, 15 -- Masters Tournament and Recovery Monday -- **No meetings.**
- \* April 21 -- Vahid Majidi from the Savannah River National Laboratory will finish our trilogy of speakers from the major contractors at SRS.
- \* April 28 -- Justice Carla Wong McMillan of the Supreme Court of Georgia will address the club.

### Announcements:

- \* **March 22 -- Early registration and hotel discount closes for District Conference**
- \* April 20 -- Club Service Project with Turn Back the Block (information to follow in upcoming weeks)
- \* April 26-28 -- 2024 District Conference, Jekyll Island. Click here for Registration: <https://www.rotarydistrict6920.org/> \* May 2nd – Rotary/YPA Professional Development Luncheon.
- \* May 7 -- Annual Golf Tournament (River Club, North Augusta; information to follow in upcoming weeks)
- \* May 25-29 -- Rotary International Convention (Singapore)
- \* June 24 -- Passing of the Gavel (the end is near!)
- \* Foundation Match – Anyone interested in donating Paul Harris Fellow point please see Kevin Wade.

### Guest Speaker/Program

Ed Presnell introduced our guest speaker **Stephanie Stuckey** – Chair, Stuckey's Corporation.

Stephanie's grandfather, WS Stuckey, Sr founded Stuckey's as a roadside pecan stand in Eastman, GA in 1937. Her grandmother Ethel Stuckey started making and selling old-fashioned candy, including the famous pecan roll. In 1948, Stuckey's moved from the small candy kitchen to a candy plant in Eastman.

Stucky's rose to prominence in the 60's and 70's and grew into a roadside empire synonymous with the roadside trip. In 1964, Stuckey's merged with Pet Milk Co. to add capital for the company to continue expansion. Pet Milk began closing hundreds of Stucky's stores across the country. In 1984, Stuckey's was acquired by Billy Stuckey, Jr to turn the company around. Billy grew the company to 165 stores in 17 states. Evidently, the candy Eastman candy plant closed in 2009 due to the recession.

In 2019, Billy's daughter Stephanie Stuckey took over as CEO of Stuckey's. Stephanie shared her recipe, bringing Stuckey's name back to prominence.

**President Bill** led us in reciting the Four-Way Test and adjourned the meeting.

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