



May 13, 2024

NEW MEMBERS

Meeting Minutes

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

Neil Dickert gave the pledge and invocation.

There were no guests and visiting Rotarians today.

Richard Rogers gave the Sunshine Report.

Announcements

President **Bill** presented the following slate of officials which was unanimously approved by the club;

- President: Surendra Gupta
- President-Elect: Brenda Durant
- President-Elect Designate: Dat Hoang
- Immediate Past President: Bill Keogh

Board of Directors (each in their first one-year term of five consecutive possible under bylaws adopted 12.4.23):

- Erin Armstrong
- Kevin Grogan
- Zach Kelehear
- Dora Hogg
- Chris McKinney
- Leigh Teffeteller
- Shanda Vaughn

Congratulations to all and Thank You for your service to Rotary!

President **Bill** congratulated **Kaushini Pathirana** our former GRSP Student who graduated from Augusta University with a degree in Cyber Security.

He also congratulated the members of the **Aquinas High School Interact Club** for their successful sock drive which collected 877 pairs of socks for the homeless residents in the area. Our club donated 263 pairs and the students collected 614 for this very worthy effort.

District Assembly was held in Jekyll Island last week. We were well represented by **Surendra Gupta** and **Brenda Durant**.

Young Professionals of Augusta (YPA) will be hosting a mentorship luncheon. Anyone wishing to participate should contact **Dat Hoang**.

Everyone is encouraged to use the DACdb website and app. It is a great way to stay connected with fellow Rotarians.

Gould Hagler reported on the Rotary Golf Tournament held on Tuesday May 7th at the River Club. We had a good turnout and the event was won by **Gene McManus, Haskell Toporek, Bob Evans, and John Whitwell**. **Steve Mund** and **Faye Hargrove** won the long drive prizes and **Ed Walker** and **Chuck Fuqua** won closest to the pin prizes.

Paul Harris Fellows

President Bill recognized the following Paul Harris recipients today:

- Clay Jolly PHF+1
- Bob Evans PHF+2
- De Pierce PHF+2
- Shanda Vaughn PHF+2
- Mac Bowman PHF+6
- Steve Hobbs PHF+6

CART: Today's Cart Challenger is Haskell Toporek. President Bill 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.

Upcoming Speakers

- May 20 – Col. Reggie Evans, Garrison Commander at Ft. Eisenhower
- May 27 – No Meeting due to Memorial Day Holiday
- June 3 –
- June 10 – Dr. Brooks Keel, President of Augusta University
- June 17 – No Meeting

Upcoming Events

- May 25-29 Rotary International Convention (Singapore)
- June 24 Passing of the Gavel

Guest Speaker/Program

Dat Hoang introduced our guest speaker, Past Club President, Jennifer Pennington, Executive Director of VIA Cognitive Health.

Jennifer joined the Judson C Hickey Center for Alzheimer Care in 2016. The center has been part of the community for 40 years and recently rebranded as VIA Cognitive Health. The rebrand is part of their expansion into a new facility on Washington Road.

The new center provides much needed space for their programming and allows them to serve more patients than they could accommodate in their original facility. It is estimated that over 10,000 people in the CSRA have dementia and over 6 million are affected across the country.

Jennifer explained that dementia is an umbrella term that covers many different types of cognitive issues, with Alzheimer's accounting for 60-80% of cases.

Increased funding and research have led to a new diagnosis called Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI). The recognition of MCI will lead to an increased need for services and the center is preparing for that growth. Jennifer shared with us the layout of the facility and how the center provides for patients with a variety of cognitive issues needing various levels of care.

The center hosts a Brain Health Luncheon the 3rd Thursday of each month. Anyone interested in participating or learning more can reach out to Jennifer or contact the center.

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

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