

May 15, 2023

Meeting Minutes

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

Melissa Johnson gave the pledge and invocation

President Faye gave the Sunshine Report today.

Club members introduced their guests in attendance today.

President Faye shared a Rotary recruitment video highlighting the good work we do.

Announcements

- On the first Monday, of the month, **Jerry Woods** and the membership committee will be available to spend 15 minutes sharing information about Rotary International and our club with prospective members.
- **President Faye** reminded the club there will be no meeting on May 29 as we observe Memorial Day.
- **The Hull Fund** will meet today immediately following this meeting.
- **New Member Orientation** will take place May 23 at 4:30 in our Club meeting room.
- President Faye shared that **Dr. Paul Dainer** worked with the AU Rotaract Club to volunteer at the Golden Harvest Food Bank. She also reminded the club that we support two Interact Clubs in high school and two Rotaract clubs at AU and AT. Rotaract students are designated as full Rotary members.

Paul Harris Fellows

Past President Dustin Young recognized **Past President John Whitwell** for is outstanding fundraising effort selling 47 of the clubs 500 Signature Raffle tickets this year. As a thank you to John for his hard work, Dustin contributed enough Foundation points to present John with his Paul Harris Fellow +5 pin. This presentation was extra special because John's mother from Canada was in attendance.

CART: President Faye 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. This week's inside challenger is **Millie Huff** and the outside challenger is **Junior Achievement**.

Guest Speaker/Program

Dustin Young introduced our guest speaker, **Ms. Jennifer Bowen**, VP Destination Development and Community Engagement.

Ms. Bowen talked to the club about a new program called Authentic Augusta which includes 10 experiences intended to showcase "the best sights and immersive experiences our city has to offer".

To highlight one of the experiences, and because our meetings are held at the historic Enterprise Mill, we were joined by "Mary" dressed in authentic 1800's attire who invited us to come over to the new employee orientation being held at the textile mill where we will learn about the importance of the Augusta Canal to the industrial revolution in Augusta. This experience will include learning how to work the loom to make cloth.

The other experiences include learning about Augusta's art scene, speaking to President Wilson's mother, cycling around town, learning to be a bartender, hearing from Augusta National's black caddies, and learning about the canal's ecosystem by getting into the water and collecting samples.

Each experience is held twice per month and cost \$20-25 per person. Reservations are required. Groups are encouraged and schedules will be arranged to meet their needs. Anyone interested in learning more can go to visitaugusta.com/authentic.

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