

May 9, 2022

## Meeting Minutes

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

**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.

### New Member Induction

DG Ed Presnell introduced our newest member, PDG Pam Lightsey.

### Rotary Golf Tournament

Gould Hagler thanked everyone for their participation in the annual golf tournament held Tuesday May 3 at the River Club in North Augusta. He also thanked the sponsors who donated prizes. The winning team at 7 under par included Jerry Rogers, Steve Hobbs, Steve Chalker and Mark Wilby. The second place team at 6 under par included Dustin Young, Chris Wilcox, Tom Denlinger, and Steve Munn. John Whitwell won closest to the pin in the Men's division and Jerry Rogers won long drive. Alicia Sweat won both the closest to the pin and long drive in the Women's division.

### District Conference

President Shanda recognized everyone who participated in the District Conference held Friday April 29 – Sunday May 1 at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Augusta. During the conference our club received the Gold Citation and the Highest Club Contribution Award for Cart. Through our District's effort, especially with help from a 5th grade class from Valdosta, we raised over \$21,000 to support the Ukrainians fighting to protect their country.

### SAVE THE DATES

- New Member Orientation – May 17, 2022 4:30-5:30
- Guest Speaker/Program

Sue Parr introduced our guest speaker Mr. Brad Raffensperger, Georgia Secretary of State.

Secretary Raffensperger discussed the much criticized Election Integrity Act of 2021 which Georgia passed following the 2020 Presidential Election. This Act has been wrongly characterized as the voter suppression bill by those who have either not read the bill or for political reasons choose to denigrate it.

In essence, the bill requires photo id in order to be able to vote in person or by mail, creates a review panel to oversee polling stations, it increases early voting days, and creates a 150 foot buffer to keep individuals from politicking as voters stand in line.

The Georgia bill is far less restrictive than many in the country and has resulted in the Heritage Foundation ranking Georgia number 1 in election integrity.

The Secretary touted his accomplishments in office which includes being the first Secretary of State to conduct a 100% audit to verify US citizenship of voters. Many states are starting to allow non-citizens the right to vote in public elections. Georgia is actively working to catch non-citizens who are trying to register to vote.

He also reminded the Club that Georgia is ranked number one for the last 8 years as the "Best Place to do Business" and that we should all be very proud of that recognition.

He closed his presentation by taking questions from the audience.

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