

November 1, 2021

Meeting Minutes

President Shanda Vaughn rang the bell and called the meeting to order. President Shanda Vaughn gave the pledge and invocation. Connie Melear gave the Sunshine Report today. Club members introduced their guests in attendance today.

Announcements

- President Shanda asked members to please continue to sign in each week so that we have a record of attendance.
- Lynda Johnson announced that the literacy committee was working to celebrate National Family Literacy Day. She encouraged members to celebrate by taking a picture of themselves reading a book to a child and to share on social media. The committee is also supporting a book drive and encouraged members to donate children's books.
- Our GRSO student, Kaushini Pathirana is looking to get to know Rotary Club members. Please contact Susan Jernigan or Surenda Gupta if you have ideas for things she can be a part of.
- Veterans Day Celebration
- President Shanda reminded members that the Veterans Day Celebration will be held on 11/8/2021. If you are a veteran or someone in your immediate family is a veteran or currently serving in the military, please email President Shanda at vaughnshanda@gmail.com with your branch of service, rank and years of service.
- Membership Roster Update in DACdb
- Everyone is encouraged to update their pictures and contact info on the DacDb website. This is the best way to access information on our club so please keep it updated. Please review and update information by November 15, 2021.

Membership Development

President Shanda reminded members of our responsibility for membership development and the "Each one, bring one" initiative.

Committee Updates

The Speech Contest Committee will meet today immediately following the club meeting.

Social Media Reminder

President Shanda reminded members of the opportunity to check-in to the weekly meetings on Facebook to enhance our club's social media presence.

Mentorship Committee

The Membership Committee is looking for volunteers to mentor YPA and Rotaract members and to serve on the committee. If interested, please contact Steve Munn.

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. The inside challenger for this week is David Hogg and the outside challenger is Sheehan's Irish Pub.

New Member Orientation

The new member orientation scheduled for October 19, 2021 at 4:30pm has been rescheduled to today, November 1, 2021 at 4:30pm.

College Pick'em

Rick Franza announced winners of the College Pick'em contest. Each winner received a \$50 gift card to a local restaurant. You should be getting an email from Ashley Duren for you to pick your games. If you do not receive the email please contact Rick, Ashley or President Shanda. Great prizes will be given out each week and there will be prizes for the top 3 at the end of the season. Remember, we are using the point spread to determine the winner of each game.

New Member Induction

AK Gulati introduced our new member Brinda Balan. Welcome to the club, Brinda!

Paul Harris Fellow Presentation

President Shanda presented a Paul Harris Fellow pin to De Pierce. She has pins for club members who could not attend today and will present them as soon as possible

Guest Speaker/Program

Dr. Paul Danier introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Kimberly Atianzar. Dr. Atianzar is a physician at Augusta University Health and Assistant Professor at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University (AU). She presented information related to cardiothoracic surgery programs at AU, related to Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR). This is a contemporary approach to valve disease that allows for valve replacement without open heart surgery. The approach is relatively new with the first case completed in 2002. The procedure has been being done at AU for years and a unique approach at AU is that the patient does not have to undergo anesthesia. Typically patients are back home and on their feet within 24 hours. In 2019, clinical trials conducted cemented the role of TAVR in the treatment of Aortic Valve Stenosis. This unique approach is ideal for patients that are ineligible for open heart surgery and is even an option for those that are eligible.

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