

November 29, 2021

Meeting Minutes

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

Jeff Flowers gave the pledge and invocation.

Faye Hargrove gave the Sunshine Report.

Visiting Guests: Club members introduced their guests in attendance today.

Interact Students: Interact students from the Academy of Richmond County introduced themselves and were welcomed to the meeting.

Member Highlight: Paul Danier is an associate professor of medicine at the Medical College of Georgia, Georgia Cancer Center at Augusta University. He has two daughters. He joined Rotary in 1992 in Greenville, NC. In his free time, Paul enjoys traveling and lists Morocco, Vietnam, Russia and Israel among the most interesting places he has been thus far. If he could learn to do anything it would be to speak German with more fluency.

GRSP Student Update: Our GRSP student, Kaushini Pathirana is a student at Augusta University studying Cyber Security and Criminal Justice. Please contact Susan Jernigan or Surenda Gupta if you have ideas for things she can be a part of.

Announcements:

President Shanda asked members to please continue to sign in each week so that we have a record of attendance.

Membership Development

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

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 today, November 15, 2021.

Committee Updates

The **Membership Development Committee** and **Hull Foundation 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.

New Member Orientation

The new member orientation scheduled for January 18, 2022 from 4:30pm-5:30pm.

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. This inside challenger for this week is **Robert Osborne** and the outside challenger is **SouthState Bank**.

College Pick'em

Rick Franza announced winners of the College Pick'em contest. Last week's winner was **Denise Vickers** and this week's winner was **Betty Dyches**. 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.

Signature Fundraisier

President Shanda Vaughn invited **Erin Williams**, Executive Director of Augusta Locally Grown, to the front to speak about **Augusta Locally Grown** and Erin thanked the club for their support. The raffle for a Mercedes Benz GLA 250 has begun. Tickets are \$100 each and a maximum of 1500 tickets will be sold. Each Rotarian is asked to purchase or sell three tickets to support the fundraiser.

Service Projects

President Shanda Vaughn reminded the club about the upcoming service project. The service project will be today, November 29, 2021 from 5pm to 9pm at Ronald McDonald House of Augusta to decorate for the holiday season. She also reminded the club to collect can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

Guest Speaker/Program

President Shanda Vaughn introduced this week's guest speaker, **Elaine Matthews**. Elaine is the Executive Director of the Augusta/CSRA Habitat for Humanity. Elaine presented an overview of the Habitat for Humanity organization that is an international organization with local chapter affiliates. The organization utilizes volunteer labor and philanthropic contributions to build affordable, safe housing and provide interest free financing for qualified, low-income families. The organization also has the Habitat for Humanity "Restore" Store on Washington Road in Augusta that sells donated housing materials to generate funds to support the Augusta/CSRA Habitat for Humanity organization. The organization has been in the Augusta area for over 30 years and has built 81 homes and is about to start the 82nd home soon.

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