

October 17, 2022

Meeting Minutes

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

Bill Keogh gave the pledge and invocation.

Gould Hagler gave the Sunshine Report today.

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.

Announcements

- Please continue to sign in each week so that we have a record of attendance.
- We have added the virtual meeting option back for those who cannot attend in person but still wish to participate in meetings.
- **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.
- This week the inside challenger was **Shanda Vaughn**, and the outside challenger was **Brinkley's Best Premium Hardwood BBQ Pellets**.

New Member Induction

- **Shanda Vaughn** introduced our new member, **Rebecca Stout**. Welcome to the club, Rebecca!
- **Anne Murray** introduced our new member, **Maria Henry**. Welcome to the club, Maria!
- **De Pierce** introduced our new member, **Charlene Dent Wilkins**. Welcome to the club, Charlene!

College Pick'em

Rick Franza announced winners of the College Pick'em contest. This week's winner was **Sonny Tucker**. Last week's winner was **Chuck Fuqua**. 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 or Ashley. 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 Fundraiser

President Faye Hargrove invited **Dr. Mac Bowman** and **De Pierce** to the front to speak about the signature fundraiser to support **Apparo Academy**. 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.

Guest Speaker

President Faye Hargrove introduced this week's guest speaker, **Jennifer Jones, PhD**. Jennifer is the Founder and Executive Director of Apparo Academy. The mission of Apparo Academy is to assist children and their families with the necessary skills to realize their potential and achieve success through education, therapeutic, and nursing services, in a loving, Christian environment. The non-profit school opened in August 2019 to meet the needs of the community. Specifically, our area lacks therapeutic, educational programs that provide for children with special medical and educational needs under six years of age. Jennifer presented on all aspects of the academy and its programs and explained the funding model that supports the non-profit academy which relies very heavily on philanthropic support. She ended her presentation by expressing her gratitude for being selected as the recipient of this year's signature fundraiser proceeds and sharing a video about the academy and its impact to the group.

At the conclusion of our reports **President Faye** led us in reciting the four-way test and adjourned the meeting.