

October 24, 2022

Meeting Minutes

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

David Anderson gave the pledge and invocation.

Bill Keough 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.
- The **Hull Fnd Committee** will meet immediately following today's meeting.
- October is National Book Month. The **Literacy Committee** is collecting children's books and donations to purchase books for RISE Augusta to support a free Scholastic Book Fair for students. Collections will be taken every Monday during October.

GRSP

Our GRSP student **Simbai Mutoti** recently spent time visiting with interact students at Aquinas, Westminster, and the Academy of Richmond County.

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.

This week the inside challenger was **Erin Armstrong**, and the outside challenger was **Dickinson Architects**.

Save the Dates

- **November 7th** – Veterans Program
- **December 5th** – Visit from District Governor Heather Kellen
- **December 19th** – Holiday party

Program

College Pick'em

Rick Franza announced winners of the College Pick'em contest. This week's winner was **Eddie Booth**. The 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 reminded Rotarians of the signature fundraiser. 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

Paul Dainer introduced this week's guest speaker, **Dr. John Fisher**. Dr. Fisher a professor in the Department of Medicine: Infectious Diseases at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University. He presented a history of Poliomyelitis from the Poliovirus from the 19th and early 20th century to today. The presentation covered the causes of the virus, its historical treatments and vaccine approaches. Today the United States uses the Salk vaccine while many other countries outside of the USA use the Sabin vaccine. Although these vaccines are both very effective, poliomyelitis is still not 100% eradicated and still exists in small numbers in many other countries. The fight continues to eradicate polio from the planet and recent research suggests that a double vaccine of both the Salk and Sabin vaccines may be the best approach. Although, that has not yet been implemented in the USA or globally. Dr. Fisher concluded his presentation by informing the group that although the risk is not nearly as high as it was many years ago, and should not cause a great deal of concern, this is still an issue that needs attention from Rotarians and all others in the world.

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