

September 11, 2023

Meeting Minutes

President Bill Keogh rang the bell and called the meeting to order.

David Hudson gave the pledge and invocation after asking for a moment of silence to honor those we lost during the tragic events of 9/11/01.

Richard Rogers gave the Sunshine Report today.

Tom Kiernan called on club members to introduce their guests in attendance today.

Announcements

- President Bill reminded the club that our GRSP Student **Victoria Jorgenson** is available for any events or activities you may be planning.
- As a club we are sponsoring the formation of a new scouting troupe. **Pack 1914**, so named for the year of our founding, will be meeting at St. Luke's Methodist Church tonight. Anyone wishing to help support the troupe should come by the church. Dinner will be served from 5-5:45 and the meeting will run from 6:00-7:00.
- Our schedule of speakers/topics for the coming weeks include,
 - Scott Seidl, Executive Director of the Augusta Players
 - Alicia Sweat Executive Director of the Phinizy Center for Water Sciences
- As a reminder, quarterly dues statements have been distributed. Please make every effort to pay dues on time as those funds are already committed to fund club expenses.
- President Bill reminded the club to watch for details on the upcoming YPA Social.
- The Arts in the Heart of Augusta Festival will take place this weekend and anyone interested in participating should contact **Brenda Durant**.
- Everyone is encouraged to use the DACdb website and app. It is a great way to stay connected with fellow Rotarians.

CART: Presedient Bill 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. Also, please complete our club's Google form to sign up to be a Cart Challenger.

Guest Speaker/Program

Rotarian Ann Catherine Murray, Executive Director of the Augusta Symphony, introduced our guest speaker, **Dr. Dirk Meyer**, Music Director of the Augusta Symphony and the Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra in Minnesota.

Before Dr. Meyer took the podium, Anne Catherine announced that the Symphony had extended his contract until 2033 and this was a testament to the great work he has done and the ongoing support of our community.

Dr. Meyer described the upcoming programs offered including the Augusta Pops Series, two family oriented programs at the Columbia County Library, and the Symphony Series.

He played several excerpts from the Symphony Series which focuses on American music and was inspired by his journey to become a dual citizen after arriving from Germany 22 years ago. Many of the composers in the series followed that same path and became US citizens after falling in love with our country and culture.

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