The Officers and Directors of

The Rotary Club of Augusta

March 11, 2025

President Surendra Gupta opened the eighth board meeting of the Rotary Club of Augusta for the Rotary year 2024-2025 at 4:06 P.M. via zoom.

Present

President Surendra Gupta, President Elect Nominee Dat Hoang, Past President Bill Keogh, Directors: Erin Armstrong, Dora Hogg, Kevin Grogan, Zach Kelehear, Chris McKinney and Leigh Teffeteller

Absent:

President Elect Brenda Durant and Shanda Vaughn

Also present:

Peggie Whitehurst

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**Surendra Gupta**

President Surendra Gupta welcomed the Board of Directors. He stated our District Service, Enhancing Education Environment project has been approved.

President Surendra Gupta stated the Rotary Leadership Institute was a success this year. It was held on March 8 at Augusta University. President Elect Brenda Durant, President Elect Nominee Dat Hoang and Director Zach Kelehear attended.

President Surendra Gupta has nominated Jerry Woods for the Ethics Award and Brittany Burnett for the Vocational Award. He is going to present Dustin Young with the Signature Fundraiser award for selling the most raffle tickets this year.

President Surendra Gupta stated there will be teams back in Augusta from several Rotary Clubs, Districts 6900,6930 and 6920 to help clean up Camp Tanglewood. Our Rotary Club will provide box lunches for 18 Rotarians on Wednesday, March 13, 2025.

**IPAST PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**Bill Keogh**

Classification

There are no proposals waiting for a classification at this time.

Sunshine

It was reported all is going well at this time.

DG Visit

The District Governor’s visit was uneventful.

**PRESIDENT ELECT’S REPORT**

**Brenda Durant**

The financial report for February was approved.

Member Development

There are two proposals Angie Cox and Hunter Roberson, that have been approved by the Rotary Club and they were inducted on February 24, 2024.

Memorials/Resolutions/Recognition

It was stated there is a memorial for Bill Kemp to be presented to his family once Rotarian Eddie Booth completes the memorial.

Rotary Youth Exchange Program

There is nothing to report at this time.

**PRESIDENT ELECT NOMINEE’S REPORT**

**Dat Hoang**

**Programs**

Director Dat Hoang reported that the program slots are filled for the year except for April 21, 2025.

**CLUB DIRECTOR**

**Chris McKinney**

College Pick”Em:

It was reported that college pick”em is on break until the fall.

Website

President Surendra Gupta stated the new website is up and running and updated weekly.

Public Image

Director Chris McKinney stated the public image Chairwoman Lindsey Black will not be able to chair this committee next year. Director Chris McKinney will inform President Elect Brenda Durant to start a search for a new chair person.

**CLUB DIRECTOR**

**Kevin Grogan**

Hospitality/Greeters

It was reported all is going well.

Bulletin

There is nothing new to report.

Roster

There was nothing new to report at this time.

Mentorship

There is nothing new to report at this time.

**CLUB DIRECTOR**

**Zach Kelehear**

Pledge/Invocation

There is nothing new to report at this time.

CART

Director Zach Kelehear reported that Cart Chairman Steve Munn will not be able to Chair the CART committee next year.

Foundation

There is nothing new to report at this time.

**CLUB DIRECTOR**

**Erin Armstrong**

Rotary Info/Red Badge Orientation

Director Erin Armstrong stated that she did not hear back from Herb Upton regarding a Red Badge Orientation but President Gupta stated an orientation needs to be planned soon for the new members.

New Member Engagement

Director Erin Armstrong stated there is no update at this time.

District Local Grants

Director Erin Armstrong reported that the EEE, Enhancing Education Environment, Rotary district grant has been approved. Rotarian Brittany Burnett is developing a plan with the school system and will execute the project. The amount is $5,000.00.

**CLUB DIRECTOR**

**Dora Hogg**

Rotaract

There was nothing new to report.

Interact

Director Dora Hogg stated the Interact students did a great job leading the Rotary meeting on March 3, 2025.

Speech Contest

It was reported by Dora Hogg that the Speech Contest was a huge success. It was stated that for the Speech Contest next year make sure the prize money is discussed before the contest.

RYLA

There is one student at this time interested in going this year. Vithyash Ayyappan from Evans High School is going to fill out the registration form and mail it in. Peggie Whitehurst will mail a check in the amount of $450.00 along with the necessary forms to reserve his place.

**CLUB DIRECTOR**

**Leigh Porterfield Teffeteller**

Signature Fundraiser

It was reported that the Signature Fundraiser was a huge success. The Rotary Club sold all of our tickets this year.

Family of Rotary

There will be a Top Golf outing for Rotarians on March 24, 2025 instead of our regular meeting.

It was reported there will be a family outing on at the Greenjackets baseball game on June 4, 2025.

Literacy

Director Leigh Teffeteller reported that our club participated in Read Across America last week.

**Hull Fund**

**Shanda Vaughn**

Director Shanda Vaughn reported that the Hull Fund approved the following requests:

Baker Place Elementary – Military Flagship Program $2,000.00

Apparo Academy $5,000.00

Aiken Hook -A-Kid on Golf $1,000.00

**Club Business**

President Surendra Gupta covered the Club business in his President’s report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Peggie Whitehurst

Executive Secretary