

The Officers and Directors of  
The Rotary Club of Augusta  
November 12, 2024

President Surendra Gupta opened the fourth board meeting of the Rotary Club of Augusta for the Rotary year 2024-2025 at 4:01P.M. via zoom.

Present

President Surendra Gupta, Immediate Past President Bill Keogh, President Elect Brenda Durant, President Elect Nominee Dat Hoang, Directors: Erin Armstrong, Dora Hogg, Zach Kelehear, Shanda Vaughn

Absent:

Directors; Leigh Teffeteller, Chris McKinney and Kevin Grogan

Also present:

Peggie Whitehurst

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Surendra Gupta**

President Surendra Gupta welcomed the Board of Directors. He stated that Rotary District Governor Kelly Knitter reported our club will receive a District Relief Grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 to be used by January 31, 2025. Rotarian Brittany Burnett will develop a plan and report to the board. President Surendra Gupta reported our service project for EEE, Enhancing Education Environment of \$5,000.00 has been approved. Brittany Burnett will make sure this is executed by March 1, 2025.

**IPAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Bill Keogh**

Classification

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

Sunshine

It was reported all is going well at this time.

DG Visit

Immediate Past President stated there is nothing to report at this time since the District Governor will not be here until February 2025.

**PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT**

**Brenda Durant**

The financial report for October was approved.

The board minutes from the October meeting were approved.

### Member Development

President Elect Nominee Brenda Durant stated that there is nothing new to report.

### Memorials/Resolutions/Recognition

It was stated there is nothing to report at this time.

### GRSP

There is nothing new to report at this time.

### Rotary Youth Exchange Program

President Elect Brenda Durant stated she has a student interested in the study abroad program. Brenda and Ed Presnell have received permission to interview the student at her home. There will be more information in the upcoming months.

## **PRESIDENT ELECT NOMINEE'S REPORT**

### **Dat Hoang**

#### Programs

Director Dat Hoang reported that the program slots are filled thru 2024. He stated he and Dustin Young are working on filling vacancies in April, May and June 2025.

## **CLUB DIRECTOR**

### **Chris McKinney**

#### College Pick"Em:

It was reported that College Pic-Em is going well.

#### Website

President Surendra Gupta stated the new website is up and running but there are a few corrections that need to be made and he will make the corrections.

#### Public Image

There is nothing new to report at this time.

## **CLUB DIRECTOR**

### **Kevin Grogan**

#### Hospitality/Greeters

It was reported all is going well.

#### Bulletin

There is nothing new to report.

#### Roster

There is nothing new to report.

#### Mentorship

There is nothing new to report.

## **CLUB DIRECTOR**

### **Zach Kelehear**

### Pledge/Invocation

Director Zach Kellehear stated that all is under control.

### CART

Director Zach Kellehear reported he has noticed that there have only been Inside Challengers and no Outside Challengers. He was under the impression that the CART committee would assign a Rotarian to be the Inside and Outside Challenger if no one came forward to volunteer. He will contact the CART committee and see what is going on with this.

### Foundation

Director Zach Kellehear stated that November is Foundation month. He and President Surendra Gupta will get together to discuss what needs to be addressed this month.

### **CLUB DIRECTOR**

**Erin Armstrong**

### Rotary Info/Red Badge Orientation

Director Erin Armstrong stated that there is no Red Badge Orientation planned at this time.

### New Member Engagement

There is nothing to report.

### District Local Grants

Director Erin Armstrong reported that the EEE, Enhancing Education Environment, in Augusta district grant has been approved. The amount is \$5,100.00.

### **CLUB DIRECTOR**

**Dora Hogg**

### Rotaract

Director Dora Hogg reported she did not hear any news from the Rotaract committee.

### Interact

Director Dora Hogg reported that Naomi Stanton, Executive Director of GAP Ministries will be speaking at the Richmond Academy Interact Club on Thursday, November 14 and go over some service projects that they can get involved with at GAP Ministries. They can stock the pantry, help with the Amazon "wish list" etc. She also said Naomi Stanton will be speaking to the Davidson Fine Arts School Interact Club in January 2025. Aquinas is still working on a date with her to discuss service projects.

### Speech Contest

It was reported by Dora Hogg that the Speech Contest will be held at the Morris Museum this year and the winners will give their speeches at the Rotary Youth meeting on March 3, 2025. There will be more information in the next few months.

### RYLA

There is nothing new to report at this time. This committee doesn't get busy until January.

### **CLUB DIRECTOR**

**Leigh Porterfield Teffeteller**

### Signature Fundraiser

It was reported that the Signature Fundraiser beneficiary for this year is GAP Ministries. President Surendra Gupta reported the negotiations with a Dodge dealership in Augusta for them to donate a Dodge Ram truck are still going on and hopefully there will be more information in the upcoming weeks. President Elect Brenda Durant has asked for a breakdown of the expenses of the Signature Fundraiser. Peggie Whitehurst will send her the breakdown.

#### Family of Rotary

It was reported the Family Christmas party will be held on December 16 at Enterprise Events. There are several social events in the planning and more information to come.

#### Literacy

President Gupta reported that the event for Rotarians to read to students on September 27, 2024, at Immaculate Conception School was canceled due to the hurricane. He has asked Rotarian Candice Hillman to let the club know when the rescheduled date is.

#### Shanda Vaughn

Director Shanda Vaughn reported that the Hull Fund met and approved the GRSP student final tuition bill of \$7,500.00. They also approved \$1,7500.00 for the Speech Contest. She stated that Apparo Academy reached out to the Hull Fund requesting a donation of \$15,000.00, the committee has tabled this commitment for the time being.

#### Club Business

President Surendra Gupta reported that he has 10 volunteers at this time for the Master Soup Kitchen on November 16, 2024. He also reported he is still discussing with Enterprise Events about the Box lunches to deliver to the Fire Stations. There has not been a final decision on the box lunches at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Peggie Whitehurst  
Executive Secretary