



Rotary Opens Opportunities



THE ROTARY CLUB OF MACON THROBS

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Club Celebration of Members Paul Harris Fellow Awards

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors

March

15	Macon's New Ball Field	Jeff Battcher
22	Macon Volunteer Clinic	Nancy White
29	Georgia Ports Authority	Lee Beckmann

April

5	Hearing Loss the Silent Epidemic	Monique Hammond
12	TBD	
19	Update from NewTown Macon	Josh Rogers
26	Blue Bird	Felix Lin

May

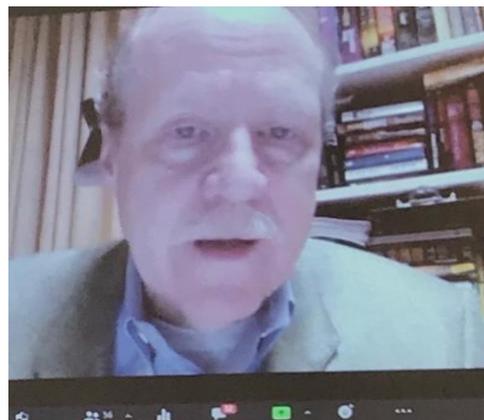
3	Macon Music Club Performance	
10	US Energy Policy and National Security	David Gattie
17	GA Tech Smart Cities	Debra Lam
24	US Congressman Austin Scott	Austin Scott
31	No Meeting Memorial Day Holiday	

MEETING March 1, 2021

Attendance Live and Zoom 67.2%

CART Collection \$28.00

President Jim Manley rang the bell to open the meeting, calling on Katherine Walden to lead the Pledge and offer the Prayer. President Jim introduced our guests and reviewed members birthdays and club anniversaries.



After CART Brags he called on Jim Crisp to give members an update on the 2021 Rotary Speech Contest. Jim said the contest is on for 2021 and will be held at Theatre Macon March 27, 2021 from 1-3pm. There will be only three judges and very limited or no attendance of an audience due to following CDC rules. He urged members to help promote it to eligible high school students. Sponsorship opportunities are available, contact Jim Crisp for more information.

President Jim introduced representatives from Read United to give members an update on this year's literacy opportunities for members to read to students. Jack Finklestein, William Ayers and Dexter Jordan attended by Zoom. They gave members an overview of how important Read United is to students' success.



Lynn Murphey, Board Member and Membership Chair presented an update on our club's membership goal and where we are in reaching the goal. Our goal is 150 members this year and we are currently at 151. Lynn reminded members to keep finding new members as thru attrition we will lose more before June 30th. She told members once they identify a potential member to contact her or Kathryn Dennis, Classification Chair, to be certain the club has an open classification for that person. Once this is clear then Lynn can assist in the fully online application process.

President Jim called on Past President Gene Dunwody Jr to introduce his friend Ryan McKelvey. Gene presented a brief bio of Ryan and told members his parents and the Ryan's parents were close friends.



Ryan presented his program on his life journey from growing up in Macon, graduating from Mt DeSales and the University of Georgia. From there he had a brief job in the financial industry. Desiring a change, he joined LL Bean in Maine in 1992 as Manager of Product Development.

He and his wife began their life together in Maine, sharing a very small apartment. They have two children and they now live in Forsyth, GA where he continues his company leadership roles.

At LL Bean one of his responsibilities was to remake the process to manufacture the famous LL Bean boot. After a successful remake he moved to being President of L&A Molding, the company that developed the new process for the LL Bean boots. He left L&A and joined Ballard Designs in 2000 as Sr VP of Operations and Sourcing and moved up to be President of Ballard Designs, which he remains today. In addition, he also became President of Cornerstone Brands in 2020 remaining President of Ballard Designs. Both companies are part of the Qurate Retail Group. Cornerstone has aspirational home and lifestyle brands including Frontgate, Ballard Designs, Garnet Hill, and Grandin Road. Cornerstone and Ballard are both billion-dollar companies with 62 million customers. All of their products are internally designed and outsourced manufactured. They have 1500-1800 team members. Ryan has expanded the digital commerce operations and retail services with innovations in the digital and in person interior design services.

One of his employees began a podcast on interior design which has been extremely successful.
<https://www.ballarddesigns.com/howtodecorate/2019/07/podcast-episode-97-ballard-designs-president-ryan-mckelvey/>

Visit the website to learn more.

<https://www.ballarddesigns.com/>

<https://www.qurateetailgroup.com/newsroom/executive/ryan-mckelvey/>

President Jim closed the meeting with members reciting the 4 Way Test.

Donations to Rotary Foundation and CART

Club members can make donations to The Rotary Foundation or the CART Fund online line using credit cards or EFT. These can be made in memory of, honor of, or personal donations. They can be setup as recurring or one time. Follow these easy steps:

The Rotary Foundation: Go to <http://rotary.org/> If you have never signed in you will need to register so it credits your Paul Harris Fellow account and our Club. You may need our District number 6920 and club number 4202. Once registered you can SIGN IN to MY ROTARY then click DONATE button in upper right. Check the area ANNUAL FUND or POLIO PLUS to donate, then just follow easy steps to make payment.

CART FUND: First you will need your club member database sign in for <http://dacdb.com/>, if you do not have this Cecil Coke can send to you. Your username and password are the same for DACdb or CART. Go to <https://mycartfund.org/Login.cfm> use your DACdb log in as a CURRENT USER. Menu on left MAKE CONTRIBUTION and follow steps.

Vocational Spotlight

See <http://maconrotary.com/vocational-spotlight.php> to read more information on Rotarians featured monthly on our website <http://maconrotary.com> If you would like to be included in a Vocational Spotlight, please contact Mike Austin.

Dates to Remember

March

16

Board Meeting 6pm Idle Hour Club

Approved Makeups-Family of Rotary Events

Reminder - Makeups can only be used 2 weeks before or after a missed meeting

Anytime	Rotary Project or Rotary Committee Meeting
Anytime	Volunteer at Volunteer Clinic
	Warming Center
	Backpack Buddies

Club Membership Applications

Our club is using a new online (no paper) membership application. Contact Membership Chair Lynn Murphey <mailto:murphey@kf.org> or any board member or officer or the Club Administrator. All we need is the potential members name and email address to send an application to them for the potential member to complete and submit online.

All members of our club need to think about who would make good Rotarians. There are many classifications that could be filled. If you know of someone check with Kathryn Dennis, Classification Chair first to make sure there are no conflicts with other members. The process is easy and rewarding to bring in new members.

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Excused Absence

Members have the opportunity to receive a board approved Excused Absence during a long-term family, health, or business crisis. When a member realizes they have a situation that will keep them from attending Monday meetings for an extended period they can contact the Club Administrator or President with the reason. This contact needs to be immediate and not after the crisis. The board can approve a beginning and ending date and attendance is excused on club and district level. Short term absences are best made up online as indicated below.

HOW TO MAKE UP MISSED MEETINGS

Please make up missed meetings to help our club's attendance percentage rank with District 6920 and Rotary International. Our attendance is reported each month to the district and is required to be reported before the 15th of the following month. **Members are required to maintain an attendance average of 60%.**

Missed meetings must be made up **14 days before or after the meeting you miss**, it is in our club's Constitution!

You can make up from the comfort of your home or office online at <http://rotaryclubone.org/> They will email a notice of the makeup to the Club Administrator and you will be credited.

When you make up at another club please send an email immediately afterwards to the Club Administrator, cecilcoke210@gmail.com so your makeup can be recorded. Do not expect the club where you make up to report to our club.