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THE ROTARY CLUB OF MACON THROBS

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Full Bloom TV Show
Cannan Marshall

Zoom Only 12:30pm start time

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors

October

4	District Governor 6920	Ed Presnell
11	No Meeting	Columbus Day Holiday
18	OSPLOST	Mayor Lester Miller
25	Atrium Health Macon	Delvecchio Finley, CEO

November

1	End of Life and Estate Planning	Kathryn Dennis
8	No Meeting	Veteran's Day
15	Crimestoppers Program	More info later
22	No Meeting	Thanksgiving
29	Macon's Stained Glass	Susan Welsh

December

6	No Meeting	Christmas Party
13	Burdell Hunt Christmas Event	
20	No Meeting	Christmas Holiday
27	No Meeting	New Year's Holiday

New Member Approval

The Board of Directors met Tuesday September 21, 2021, and approved Charles Olson for membership in the Rotary Club of Macon. Charles, son of our long-time member Ed Olson, has been assigned a classification NCAA Football Official. Our club bylaws/constitution require a 10-day notice for members to make comments in writing to President Elbert McQueen.

Annual Past President Dinner

Attention all Past Presidents:

Our annual Past Presidents Dinner is on hold for this year due to COVID. We will be scheduling a dinner for all past presidents later in year.

MEETING September 20, 2021

Attendance: 69 Zoom 54.4%
CART Collection \$100
Club Membership 149

Link for Makeup

Please click this link to view the Zoom recording of this meeting. <https://tinyurl.com/ye3wmnso>

If you need a makeup for a missed meeting 2 weeks prior or after this meeting viewing the recording will qualify. Once you view, please email Club Administrator, Cecil Coke, <mailto:cecilcoke210@gmail.com> to report your makeup.



President Elbert ran the bell to open our meeting. He called on Ty Ivey for the Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Elbert reviewed members birthdays and called for CART Brags. He reminded members we are behind on CART Brags and collections, so members need to get ready when we go back to in person meetings.

President Elbert told those attending the COVID numbers are starting a downward trend and he hopes it will continue.



Josh Rogers, Program Chair, introduced today's speaker, Joe Cook, author of Ocmulgee River User's Guide. Joe a graduate of Berry College is Paddle Ga Coordinator, Coosa River Coordinator, a nature and landscape writer and photographer.

Joe Cook began by thanking The Peyton Anderson Foundation for allowing him the opportunity to write his book about the Ocmulgee River. Copies of Ocmulgee River User's Guide are available at Ocmulgee Outfitters and at the Peyton Anderson Foundation.

Joe Cook, thru the GA River Network has been establishing water trails in Georgia. The Ocmulgee River is the longest trail in Georgia. Joe presented his program with stories from the past about rivers in Georgia. He presented stories from his book.

Joe told of the Atlanta water wars starting very early with Atlanta damming streams to provide water for Atlanta factories. This created lawsuits from cities below Atlanta. The Ocmulgee gets its water from these streams and is created with the damming of Lake Jackson.

The Stribling Bridge over the Ocmulgee in Macon got its name from Young Stribling the famous boxer that was killed in a motorcycle accident.

Stribling obituary: <https://www.riversidecemetery.com/records/interment/?InterID=6407>

Macon Kraft Co which opened in 1948 was a big polluter of the Ocmulgee in the early years and it was part of the argument to create jobs or not pollute. Cleanup was complete in 1972 when cities began to realize they could have jobs and clean water at the same time.

In the early 1900's business leaders were pushing for steamboat access up to Macon on the Ocmulgee. In 1904 a group of Macon leaders planned to attend a meeting in Hawkinsville to promote clearing the river for steamboats to Macon. They got on the steamboat in Macon headed for Hawkinsville but only made it to Bullard's Landing before having to catch a train to Hawkinsville to make the meeting on time. The Ocmulgee was never navigable all the way to Macon by steamboat.

Visit website for more information. <https://garivers.org/>

President Elbert 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: <https://mycartfund.org/Login.cfm> follow the online instructions. You will need our **Club number 4202** and **District number 6920**.

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 Danny Gibson.

Dates to Remember

Oct 4 Special Board Meeting with District Governor 11 am at First Presbyterian prior to regular Monday meeting

Approved Makeups-Family of Rotary Events

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

When requested	Viewing of Monday meeting recorded on Zoom	See current Throbs link
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 Kris Vaughn <mailto:krishvaughn@gmail.com> 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 using the **Zoom link** of our meetings listed in meeting summary above or makeup in person 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.