



Rotary Opens Opportunities



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF MACON THROBS

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MONDAY, October 26, 2020

**Our first live-at the church + Zoom**  
Zoom link will be sent by email to all members

Georgia Secretary of State  
Chris Harvey, Director of Elections Division

## FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors

### November

2	Cincinnati Reds Professional Baseball Player	Kyle Farmer
9	Macon Arts Alliance	Julie Wilkerson
16	GEICO	Gary McKenzie
23	No Meeting	Thanksgiving
30	Rotary Foundation Birthday Tables Zoom Only	David Stovall former RI Treasurer & Director

**December**

7	Club Christmas Party to be determined	
14	Burdell Hunt Christmas Party – Club Project	
21	No Meeting	Christmas Holiday
28	No Meeting	Christmas Holiday

**January 2021**

4	Golden Ray-Shipwreck in Brunswick	Larry Hobbs
11	Cherry Street Energy	Michael Chanin
18	No Meeting	Martin Luther King Holiday
25	Macon Beneath the Street	Bill Causey

**February**

1	Georgia Statewide Business Court	Judge Walt Davis
8	TBD	
15	No Meeting	President Day Holiday

**MEETING October 19, 2020**  
Attendance 58.1 %



President Jim rang to bell to open the meeting. Rebecca Grist led members in the Pledge and offered the prayer.

President Jim called for members CART Brags.



President Jim updated members:

- The return to the church for live and Zoom meetings will be on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup>. The cap on the number of available seats at the church is 64 and Zoom will continue for those not comfortable in attending in person. Zoom meeting will continue into the future.
- Turning Savings into Giving Zoom meeting for members has been rescheduled to Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Watch for email with Zoom link. This will give members a chance to give

input into the organizations our club will make donations for our meals not eaten during the pandemic.

- The Birthday Table Rotary Foundation meeting Monday November 30<sup>th</sup> will be a Zoom meeting only.

President Jim spent a few minutes telling members the impact Rotary has made on the eradication of Polio. Rotary has been a leader in raising the funds and people on the ground administering the vaccine from the beginning 30 years ago. 2.1 billion dollars have been raised and 2.5 billion children have been protected with vaccine all over the world. Cases have been reduced 99.9% with only a few cases in two countries remaining. Your contributions to The Rotary Foundation are still needed. If you wish to contribute please make your check payable to: The Rotary Foundation mark Polio Plus in memo line and mail to our club at P.O. Box 4521 Macon, GA 31208 and it will be sent to TRF.

President Jim called on John O'Shaughnessey, Club Director and Program Chair to introduce today's program. Norfolk Southern's Brosnan Yard is a massive facility located in Macon that very few citizens know exists. Conner Poe is a Georgia native with family ties to Macon. He is a 2001 UGA graduate. He spent 17 years at the Georgia State Capitol and has been with Norfolk Southern since January 2016. His position is Vice President of Government Relations.



Conner started his presentation by thanking Mayor Robert Reichert for being a friend, supporter and advocate of railroads. Conner gave some history of Norfolk Southern beginnings as the South Carolina Canal Railroad in 1827 merging with the Central of Georgia Railroad in 1833. In 1963 Central of Georgia became the Southern Railroad and in 1982 the Norfolk Southern Railroad. Macon is the main epicenter of the railroad with Brosnan Yard located here on 960 acres. The Port of Savannah is growing and the railroad is a main component of the growth moving import and export

shipping containers to and from the port. Brosnan Yard is the main switching and train building center of all traffic. It was the first electronic switching yards with 90 miles of tracks. 33 tracks go out and 24 are local tracks. There are 300 employees at Brosnan Yard.

1000 shipping containers a week pass thru Macon which is requiring the railroad to raise and improve three bridge overpasses to raise the bridge clearance allowing for double stacked containers. Container traffic will increase substantially, 1 million/year, when the crane system is complete at the Savannah Port allowing trains to be setup with containers at the Port.

Conner told members of the current construction in Atlanta, bringing the Norfolk Southern headquarters to Atlanta from Virginia. Georgia offered many advantages to the company to relocate.

President Jim closed the meeting with the 4 Way Test.

## Club Officers and Directors Election 2020-2021

The Election Committee has been working to implement our Officers and Directors elections this year with the prospect of Zoom and limited live meetings. Rotary requires all clubs to hold elections before the end of the calendar year. This year watch for ballot emails from Rusty Bradford. This year the elections will come to you by email in a survey. It has been designed to be very easy and efficient way to give all club members a vote whether they attend live or Zoom meetings.

## Feed 1000 Club Project

Tanzy Kilcrease reports we have volunteers for Read for the Record BUT **we need more volunteers for Feed 1000**. Sign up on the link below for Feed 1000.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IHUKDabTE0W91Jg6J3XTu7DxtCKi799JISa3Xqtn11NUNlpQTTJXQlhROUIOWEJVWU01NUhHS1ZTSy4u>

## 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

<u>October</u>	
29	Read for the Record - Club Project
<u>November</u>	
17	Board Meeting 6pm Idle Hour Club
21	Feed 1000 - Club Project
30	Rotary Foundation Birthday Tables

## 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
Anytime	Live stream of Macon Rotary Club meeting on FaceBook when available <a href="https://www.facebook.com/TheMaconRotaryClub/">https://www.facebook.com/TheMaconRotaryClub/</a>

## Club Membership Applications

Our club is using a new membership application. It can be found on [maconrotary.com](http://maconrotary.com) or contact Cindy Gibson, Membership Chair, any board member or officer or the Club Administrator and 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.

[www.maconrotary.com](http://www.maconrotary.com)

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:cecilcoke210@gmail.com) so your makeup can be recorded. Do not expect the club where you make up to report to our club.