



Rotary Opens Opportunities



THE ROTARY CLUB OF MACON THROBS

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Live-at the church + Zoom

Zoom link will be sent by email to all members

Cincinnati Reds Professional Baseball Player
Kyle Farmer

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors

November

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

New Member Approval

The Board of Directors at a called meeting October 23 approved for membership in the Rotary Club of Macon Dawn Dunbar. Dawn is Executive Director at Carlyle Place. She has been assigned a classification by the Classification Committee; Continuing Care Retirement Community. As required by our club bylaws club members have 10 days to make comments in writing to President Jim Manley. Her membership application can be viewed in the club database, <http://dacdb.com/>, under the Proposed Member tab.

Rotary Foundation Birthday Tables November 30, 2020

This year we will have our traditional Rotary Foundation Birthday Tables in a nontraditional way. The meeting will be by Zoom only and we will have David Stovall Former RI Treasurer and Director and a friend of Cathy and Mark to speak directly to our membership. Cathy Cox has arranged the program and to facilitate our member contributions you will be receiving a postal mail letter with a card and stamped return envelope to submit your contributions. You will be hearing more in coming weeks.

MEETING October 26, 2020

Attendance 59.4%

President Jim rang to bell to open the meeting.

President Jim told members he was thankful for having Zoom this Monday since the church video equipment malfunctioned, hastily returning us to full Zoom meeting. Equipment should be functioning for next Monday and will be tested before Monday so we can have our hybrid Zoom live meeting. The lunch that had already been prepared for this Monday was donated to one of the agencies that feed the hungry, so it was not wasted.

Jeffery Monroe led members in the Pledge and offered the prayer.

CART Brags were slim this week and President Jim reminded members they can go to our club website to contribute to CART with a credit card. <http://maconrotary.com/>

President Jim gave members a brief update on "Turning Savings into Giving" and reminded members there will be a Zoom called member meeting to gather ideas for distribution of last quarters saving on meals.

President Jim informed members of proposed changes to the Annual Christmas Party. There will be an emailed survey asking for responses from members. Proposed this year is more of a cocktail party on Idle Hour terrace to allow for more social distancing and a shorter stay time for members. Cary Pickard and Chris Howard are working on plans and more information will be available later.

President Jim called on former Secretary of State, Cathy Cox, to introduce today's speaker, Chris

Harvey, Director of Elections Division for the Georgia Secretary of State. Chris lives in Dekalb County and was in law enforcement for 13 years before becoming the Chief Investigator for the Secretary of State in 2009. He worked on election related investigations. Governor Kemp recently appointed him Director of Elections to manage all of the state's elections.



Chris opened by saying “things are popping in the election world right now”. He said he went from an investigator, stopping things from happening to being appointed director to make things happen by following the state laws.

In mid 2018 the office was set to look at new voting procedures. He praised Cathy Cox for her valuable/historical voting information in the process of setting up the new. In 2019 new laws went into place requiring new machines and printing of electronic ballots for backup. This short schedule to implement was hindered by the pandemic.

He praised the county election directors for organizing their county and hiring poll workers since the pandemic prevented the normal older individuals from working. Machines had to be installed and workers trained in a short period of time. Chris explained the new process of printing and scanning paper ballots after electronic ones are cast. Paper gives a backup in case there is a contested vote or machine failure. The counties are facing new challenges having to store the paper ballots. Each polling location has a trained technician on call to immediately “fix” any machine breakdowns.

Chris told members the elections will have a risk limiting audit to confirm the results are accurate at the end of the voting night. The Secretary of State will then be assured all correct before he certifies the results by November 20th.

Great program, prompting may member questions and comments.

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.

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

October

29 Read for the Record - Club Project

November

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
<https://www.facebook.com/TheMaconRotaryClub/>

Club Membership Applications

Our club is using a new membership application. It can be found on 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.

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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.