



Rotary Opens Opportunities



THE ROTARY CLUB OF MACON THROBS

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MONDAY, November 23, 2020

No Meeting
Thanksgiving Holiday

MONDAY, November 30, 2020

ZOOM ONLY MEETING

Rotary Foundation Birthday Tables
David Stovall former RI Treasurer & Director

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors

December

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| 7 | Christmas Holiday Fellowship Idle Hour Club Terrace 6-7:30PM | |
| 14 | No Meeting | |
| 21 | No Meeting | Christmas Holiday |
| 28 | No Meeting | Christmas Holiday |

January 2021

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| 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 met Tuesday November 17, 2020 and approved Kensey Rabun for membership in the Rotary Club of Macon Georgia. Kensey was approved by the Classification Committee with a classification Land Trust. She is Executive Director of the Ocmulgee Land Trust and the Ocmulgee National Park & Preserve Initiative. Club bylaws and constitution specify that members have 10 days from this notice to send comments in writing to President Jim.

Rotary Foundation Birthday Tables November 30, 2020

Many of our members have responded and sent in their Rotary Foundation contribution. If you have not responded please do so by November 30, we would like 100%-member participation.

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 speak directly to our membership. David is a friend of Cathy Cox and Mark Dehler. Cathy is our Foundation Chair this year. You should have received a postal mail letter with a card and stamped return envelope to submit your Rotary Foundation contributions. Make checks payable to :Rotary Foundation and mail to PO Box 4521 Macon, GA 31208.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Our annual Salvation Army Christmas Bell Ringing schedule for those interested in volunteering to ring has been scheduled.

Available 1 hour slots still open...

12/15...10 a.m. till 7 pm

12/16...10 a.m. till 7 pm

We will be ringing at Kroger on Forsyth Rd as in previous years.

Those desiring to volunteer can contact Terry Smith by email or phone. <mailto:terry@terrydsmith.com> or cell 478-207-0766



MEETING November 16, 2020

Attendance 54.5%
 CART collection \$31.93

President Jim rang to bell to open the meeting. PP Andy Nations led the Pledge and followed with the Prayer. Jackie played patriotic music.



President Jim reviewed the members birthdays and club anniversaries followed by CART Brags.

Turning Savings Into Giving – 1st Quarter

Organization	Recommendation
Loaves & Fishes	\$3,400
Macon Volunteer Clinic	\$2,750
Methodist Home	\$1,750
GA Industrial Children's Home	\$1,500
St. Peter Claver Food Pantry	\$1,850
First Choice Primary Care	\$1,250
Goodwill – Helms Career Education	\$1,000
MGSU COVID Fund	\$1,000
Mid GA Justice	\$500
	\$15,000

President Jim informed members of the members final decisions for Turning Savings Into Giving.

Turning Savings Into Giving & Grants - YTD 2020

• Basic Needs			
• CFCG / United Way Relief Fund	\$5,000		
• Middle Georgia Food Bank	\$5,000		
• Daybreak Macon	\$2,500		
• Salvation Army	\$2,500		
• Feed 1000 (District Grant)	\$4,000		
• Methodist Home for Children	\$1,750		
• Loaves & Fishes	\$3,400		
• St. Peter Claver Food Pantry	\$1,850		
• Middle Georgia Justice	\$500		
• Georgia Industrial Children's Home	\$1,500	\$28,000	
• Healthcare			
• First Choice Primary Care	\$1,250		
• Macon Volunteer Clinic	\$2,750	\$4,000	
• Education			
• Read for the Record, Read United (District Grant)	\$4,270		
• Battle for Knowledge (Global Grant)	\$1,050		
• Middle Georgia State University Foundation – COVID Fund	\$1,000		
• Goodwill Industries Helms Career Education Scholarship Fund	\$1,000	\$7,320	Total \$39,320

Including a screen of all club funds donated during calendar year 2020.

Members were reminded of the Feed 1000 project on Saturday November 21 and the 30 volunteers were told to look out for emails with instructions.

Burdell Hunt fifth graders have every year for many years been recipients of our club generosity with a Christmas Party at the Museum of Arts and Sciences. This year due to COVID restrictions this has been moved to possibly be held in the spring before the end of the school year.

President Jim introduced our speaker today. GEICO Regional Vice President, Gary McKenzie was attending and presenting live with Zoom sent out to members attending by Zoom. He has brought talented leadership to our community and GEICO since being named Regional VP in 2017.



Gary started his program by sharing his power point screen on Zoom for our members attending online. He presented his companies Mission and Vision statements. The company is dedicated to protecting people from unexpected events and saving them money at the same time.

His next slide was the companies seven operating principles. He stressed his company passes savings onto customers but does want to make a profit of 4 cents per dollar on their insurance products.

Gary shared the history of the company with some main points in its history.

The company has 41,000 employees with 6700 here in Macon. Macon is the largest office facility in the company. Opening here in the mid 1970's.

Gary shared the timeline for their COVID-19 response, starting on March 5th with the CEO here in Macon saying they need to prepare to send everyone home to work from home. On March 10th they decided it would happen and spent the next week inventing the way to make it work for all employees to work from home. They developed a thumb drive to give employees access to the company at home and at the same time would not open the company info up to the employees home laptops. All employees kept their jobs and paychecks working from home. They are still fine tuning the work from home process. Some employees have returned to the office with safeguards in place. Mainly new hires and ones that volunteered to come to the office due to lack of home internet reliability. Their buildings are about 90% empty.

Business has been good. They have returned a percentage of premiums back to policy holders mainly due to lockdowns creating less driving and less accidents. Gary said it is hard to say what the future work environment will be but there is a need for workers in the office building due to some work better under supervision. Supervision of productivity is difficult when employees are at home. He does see some changes in work environment coming.

President Jim closed the meeting with the 4 Way Test.

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>November</u>	
21	Feed 1000
30	Rotary Foundation Birthday Tables
<u>December</u>	
7	Christmas Holiday Fellowship at Idle Hour Club 6-7:30PM
15 & 16	Bell Ringing
<u>January</u>	
19	Board Meeting

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.