



Rotary Opens Opportunities



THE ROTARY CLUB OF MACON THROBS

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European Politics
Barbara Donovan

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors

February

15	No Meeting	President Day Holiday
22	Greater Macon Works	Lynn Farmer

March

1	Ballard Designs	Ryan McKelvey
8	TBD	
15	Macon's New Ball Field	Jeff Battcher
22	Macon Volunteer Clinic	Nancy White
29	Georgia Ports Authority	Lee Beckmann

April

5	TBD	
12	TBD	
19	Update from NewTown Macon	Josh Rogers
26	Blue Bird	Felix Lin

May

3	TBD	
10	US Energy Policy and National Security	David Gattie
17	GA Tech Smart Cities	Debra Lam
24	TBD	

MEETING February 1, 2021

Attendance Live and Zoom 69.5%
CART Collection \$18.00

President Jim rang to bell to open the meeting. Dawn Dunbar led members in the Pledge and offered the Prayer.

President Jim congratulated members on February birthdays and club anniversaries.



President Jim called for CART Brags from members in person or online. Jean Bragg had a great brag on Macon-Bibb litter pickup.

President Elect Elbert McQueen gave a brief update on COVID vaccinations. Navicent has giving new vaccines on hold waiting for a new shipment to arrive. The website and appointments at the Wellness Center were very successful and they got good feedback. They have the 2nd doses in storage for those that received their 1st dose from Navicent. A second site has been readied for when more vaccine is available.

President Jim reported to members the Macon Rotary Educational Scholarship board has met and are studying ways to make it stronger, give more scholarships each year and expand its reach. More information will be coming.

President Jim presented members with information on the death of our member Judge Phil Brown. He told members about Phil's legal career as an attorney and Judge and his service to Rotary.



President Jim called on Cathy Cox to introduce our speaker, Judge Walt Davis. Judge Davis is a graduate of Mercer University and Vanderbilt University. He is a newly inducted member of the Atlanta Rotary Club. Judge Davis was appointed July 2019 by Governor Brian Kemp to serve a 5-year term as the inaugural judge of the Georgia State-wide Business Court. Previously he was a partner at the law firm of Jones Day in Atlanta. Judge Davis was given the task of getting the court organized and running with minimal resources.

Judge Davis told members the court was created to serve businesses that needed resolution in court. It specializes in only business disputes so as to relieve other courts of business-related cases. They take the court to where the business is located so the business does not need to come to Atlanta. All parties must agree to use the State-wide Business Court. The court is structured so smaller less, complex cases do not use this court. The court has a \$3000 filing fee and an amount in controversy requirement of \$5000,000.



Judge Davis said his goal is to make the court assessable and available to business and keep the cost down. He reported most cases get resolved. Currently they have a case load of 20 cases. Some of the types are restrictive covenants, ownership disputes, policy disputes, contracts, and receiverships.

For more information visit their website: <https://www.georgiabusinesscourt.com/>

President Jim closed the meeting by all 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

February

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

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.