



Rotary Opens Opportunities



THE ROTARY CLUB OF MACON THROWS

MONDAY, August 10, 2020

Good Bugs vs Bad Bugs

David Ilan

ZOOM Meeting Only

Watch your email inbox for details and Zoom link

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors

August

17	Solar Energy	Biren Patel
24	GDOT Project I-75/I-16	Tim Goldon GDOT President
31	SCORE	Matt McKenna

September

7	No Meeting Labor Day Holiday	
14	Legal & Consumer Issues of the Pandemic	Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr
21	Macon's Airports	Dwight Jones
28	College Sports & COVID-19	Jim Cole Mercer AD

October

5	Hiking the Appalachian Trail-Life Lessons Learned & Applied from the Trail Experience	
	Shelly Martin	
12	No Meeting Columbus Day	
19	Norfolk Southern Railroad Brosnan Yard	Conner Poe
26	Georgia Secretary of State	Brad Raffensperger

MEETING August 3, 2020

Attendance 51.6%

President Jim rang the bell for a record number of members on Zoom. Ivey Hall offered the Prayer and Pledge. President Jim reviewed birthdays and anniversaries of members for August. The Zoom was opened up for CART Brags. Checks for CART can be made payable to Macon Rotary Club with CART in memo line and mailed to Macon Rotary Club PO Box 4521 Macon, GA 31208.

Past President George Lee reported on former member Ed Bond: Past President Ed Bond really misses his Macon and Macon Rotary friends. He is currently living in Florida near family and is now in rehab following a major back operation to fuse three vertebrae. Know he would really appreciate a call if you'd like to make one to him. Ed's cell number is 478-714-9008.

President Jim reported the District is organizing a Disaster Relief team from our district prior to the hurricane season. Bucky Moore has volunteered to be our representative. Bucky a member since 2016 owns the local Service Master of Middle Georgia service.

President Jim announced he is putting together a group of members for an Audio Visual Team/Workgroup to formulate and implement a plan for our club to improve the virtual online meeting experience for those members that cannot attend even when we return to live meetings.

President Jim called on John O'Shaughnessey III, Board Member and Program Chair, to give Zoom attendees an overview of upcoming programs. A great lineup is on schedule, see list above in Throbs.

President Jim called on Lynn Murphey, Board Member and Membership Chair, to introduce today's speaker, Liz Fabian. Lynn added a few items to Secretary Steve Allen's bio of Liz in his email notification of our Zoom meeting. Liz has been on the front line of the news headlines for 40 years and is the first Senior fellow at the Center for Collaborative Journalism. <https://ccj.mercer.edu/>

Liz Fabian opened her presentation telling members she thinks back how powerful news organizations have been and how they are changing but still powerful today.

The news cycle is very fast today with online news but printed newspaper still have today more space than broadcast news.

Liz works in the Center for Collaborative Journalism office everyday even during the pandemic. This is located in the Georgia Public Broadcast Center at Mercer University. The Center started as an idea of George McCanless to bring students alongside journalist to learn before they began their career. It is a partnership with the Macon Telegraph, Mercer University, Georgia Public Broadcast and WMAZ 13.

The computer and social media have contributed greatly to the downfall of the printed newspapers. Now there is one edition of the printed newspaper with online versions changing during the day with changing news and information. The actual governing bodies are not being covered as they were in the past because reporters do not spend all day on one assignment at the city offices.

The election coming up is the biggest collaborative project right now. The candidates will be interviewed by all journalist at the same time rather than separate interviews, but each reporter will compile their own report for their media. The joint interview will bring out new questions not asked before. It will be available on WMAZ 13 Wednesday at 5 pm.

Liz told members she frequently visits the health department to get latest news on COVID. They also have established a team of civic ambassadors to assist with watching and reporting specific areas of the local community.

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

August 18 Board of Directors meeting 6pm Idle Hour Country 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
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.