



Rotary Opens Opportunities



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF MACON THROWS

MONDAY, August 3, 2020

Update Macon, A Journalist Perspective  
Liz Fabian

**ZOOM Meeting Only**

Watch your email inbox for details and Zoom link

## FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors

### August

|    |                        |                           |
|----|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 10 | Good Bugs vs Bad Bugs  | David Ilan                |
| 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 July 27, 2020

Attendance 45.4%

President Jim opened the meeting informing members we will be meeting by Zoom until we can go back to First Presbyterian Church with a possible combined Zoom and live meeting.

Marcus Tripp led the Pledge and offered the Prayer.

President Jim requested CART Brags telling members they would be doing an IOU to the CART bucket for any brags. He told members that following this year's theme of Doing More we have a CART goal of \$5500, a 10% increase from last year.

President Jim informed members attending that this quarter the board has approved continuing Turning Savings into Giving rather than a reduction of dues. These funds will be used to make an impact on our community thru food and other projects.

President Jim informed members that our District Grant funds would be used to support Feed 1000 in collaboration with other local Rotary Clubs and supporting Read United's reading initiatives in our community.

President Jim called on Tanzy Kilcrease, Board member and Community Service Chair to give an overview of plans for this year.

- 1) Rebuild Macon with Josh Rogers coordinating will happen on April 24 and we will need members to volunteer
- 2) Salvation Army Christmas Bell Ringing will be coordinated by Terry Smith and members will need to volunteer when Terry has the schedule.
- 3) Cindy Gibson will be the coordinator of Read United Project and Reading Celebration. George McCanless added the members that volunteer will be making a great impact on our area children due to their missing many months of school this past year.
- 4) Back Pack Buddies is ongoing volunteer opportunities for members. August 2 and 23<sup>rd</sup> volunteers are needed to assist in feeding 400 families, more information to follow.

President Jim called on Ivey Hall to introduce today's program, Dr Shannon Terrell Gordon, CEO of River Edge Behavioral Health.

More information is available on their website. <https://www.river-edge.org/> Dr. Gordon has been with River Edge for 11 years. The organization serves several central Georgia counties and has a budget of 51 million dollars.

Mental illness is biologically based and responds well to treatment. One in six children between ages 3 to 17 have a developmental disability. River Edge provides outpatient treatment. Dr. Gordon told members the last study showed River Edge provided \$133 million in economic impact to our area. Their services can be accessed anytime 24 hours per day. They will have a 24-hour emergency response service opening soon which will relieve the regular hospital emergency rooms.

Some of their programs are Macon Recovers a non-clinical site for those seeking recovery, Tiny Homes for the homeless and addictive recovery, and specialized homes for those with intellectual disabilities.

Treatment is effective allowing anyone to live a normal life.

COVID-19 has produced an uptick in case of those seeking help.

President Jim reminded members next week will be a Zoom meeting with well-known journalist and speaker Liz Fabian. Members ended the meeting by reciting the Four 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

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](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.