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The Rotary Club of Macon

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GRSP student João Vilela

After the long December and New Year’s break, it’s finally time to resume our regular Monday meetings. Our special guest will be our GRSP student João Vilela of Brazil.

Since 1946, Rotarians in Georgia have promoted world peace through understanding by offering scholarships to international students for one year of study in Georgia colleges and universities. Unique to Georgia, the Georgia Rotary Student Program was founded in Thomasville by Will Watt. The students become adopted members of a Georgia “host family,” living on-campus at the school they attend.

João Victor Verçosa Vilela, 21, is attending Mercer University. Since his arrival, this future diplomat has embraced his time at Mercer by being invited to take part on a reading group about Benjamin Franklin, being part of the Model Arab League, sharing his country’s culture with other students and most recently nominated to a conference in California. He is thankful his professors are helping him become the better version of himself. João is sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Macon, Downtown Macon and Macon North. Learn more at our meeting Monday!



FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS AND CLUB EVENTS:

January, 2025

6	Georgia Rotary Student Program	GRSP student João Vilela
13	Aviation Program at MGA State University	Prof. Adon Clark
20	No Meeting – MLK Jr. Holiday	
21	Board Meeting	
27	Lessons in Leadership	Dr. Kirby Godsey

February, 2025

3	Rotary District Governor	Todd Freesman
10	Mercer Updates	President Bill Underwood
17	No Meeting – Presidents’ Day	
18	Board Meeting	
24	50 Years of GNTV	Rev. David Wood

March, 2025

3	No Meeting	
10	Goodwill	Jim Stiff (President, Goodwill Middle GA and Central Savannah River) Nikki Thomas, Acting State Director
17	USDA	
18	Board Meeting	
24	Unified Defense/Prince Service & Mfg.	Eric Williams, CEO
31	No Meeting	

April, 2025

7	Chancellor Perdue	Sonny Perdue
14	Georgia Supreme Court	Justice Verda Colvin
14	Board Meeting	
21	Cherokee Brick	Kate Sams Peavy, President
28	No Meeting	

Joe Timberlake Wedding

Joe Timberlake joined the Macon Rotary Club in June of 1966, making him the longest-serving member after Albert Reichert, Jr., who joined just two months prior. Apparently, old dogs can learn new tricks, because on December 27, Joe married Mary Jane Leggett. It was a wonderful ceremony attended by several Macon Rotarians. Seated in the photo below (L-R) are Ty Ivey (back to camera), Lanier Anderson, Georgia and Bob Hatcher, and Mardi and Bert Maxwell. Afterwards, the new couple headed to a secret honeymoon destination.



Rotary Raffle: The raffle pot is up to almost \$1,000, and there are only 18 cards remaining in the deck! That means you have a very good chance of winning, so be sure to buy tickets when we return to regular meetings January 6. Ticket prices will go to \$5 each for 2025.



Donate to Rotary Foundation and CART

Club members can make donations to The Rotary Foundation or the CART Fund online 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. These online donations qualify as a tax deduction (but ask your accountant). Follow these easy steps:

The Rotary Foundation: Go to <https://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, DISASTER RELIEF FUND, or POLIO PLUS to donate, then just follow easy steps to make payment.

CART FUND: <https://mycartfund.org/Login.cfm> follow the online instructions. You will need our **Club number 4202** and **District number 6920**. (This link requires logging in to DACdb. If you have trouble with that, use <https://mycartfund.org/NewUser.cfm> instead.) All donations to CART go to support cutting-edge research on Alzheimer's.

Approved Makeups-Family of Rotary Events:

**Reminder - Makeups can only be used two weeks before or after a missed meeting
(There are no meetings in December)**

Anytime	Rotary Project or Rotary Committee meeting
Anytime	Volunteer at Macon Volunteer Clinic
Anytime	Viewing of Monday meeting recorded on Zoom - See current or past <i>Throbs</i> link.

HOW TO MAKE UP MISSED MEETINGS (Does not apply in December!)

Please make up missed meetings to help our club's attendance percentage rank with District 6920 and Rotary International. **Members are encouraged to maintain an attendance average of 60%.**

Missed meetings must be made up **14 days before or after the meeting you miss.**

See list above of approved makeups. 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. Also, attendance at another Rotary Club is a great option when you are traveling!

When you make up using the **Zoom link** of our meetings listed in meeting summary above or makeup in person at another club please send an email immediately afterwards to the Club Administrator, steve@eggmedia.com so your makeup can be recorded. Do not expect the club you visit to report to our club.

Excused Absences

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.

Club Membership Applications

We are purpose-driven leaders of influence and action. To sponsor a prospective candidate to join our membership, contact Membership Chair Gene Dunwody gdunwodyjr@dunwodybeeland.com or any member of the Board of Directors to ensure a vocational classification is available for your candidate. Once the Classification Committee approves the classification, invite your new member candidate to a weekly meeting. If the candidate expresses interest in joining our club, then ask the Membership Chair to send the candidate an invitation to apply online. Once the new member candidate completes the application, Board members review the application. Then, new member candidates are presented for formal approval at the monthly Board meeting. Once approved by the Board, new member candidates are announced in Throbs. Unless there is objection by any existing member, the new member is scheduled for orientation and formal induction. All members of our club need to think about who would make good Rotarians!

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