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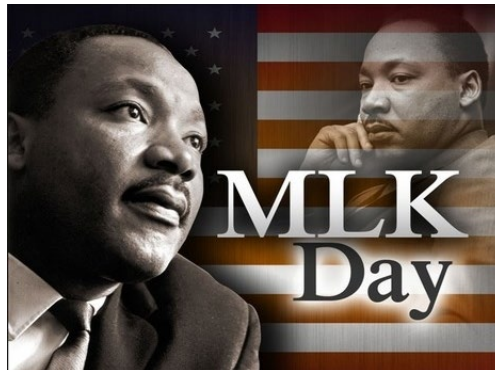


# The Rotary Club of Macon

 **THROBS**

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January 16, 2023  
No Meeting – MLK Day



**FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors:**

**January, 2023**

23 The Partnership for Inclusive Innovation  
30 Center for Collaborative Journalism

Debra Lam  
Debbie Blankenship

**February, 2023**

6 Atrium Health Navicent  
13 Campus Clubs  
20 No Meeting – Presidents Day  
27 TBA

Dottie Houser and doctors  
Steven DeGeorge

## Link for Makeup

Please click this link to view the Zoom recording of the January 9 meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/2ejkuu6v>

### MEETING January 9, 2023

Attendance: 56.5% - 56 in person, 18 Zoom, plus 4 guests  
CART \$22.25  
Club Membership 146

President Susan rang the bell and welcomed back the members after the long holiday break. She then called for a moment of silence for longtime member and Past President, Dr. William O'Shaughnessey, Jr., who passed away on December 31. She recited his many contributions to our community.

She then called on Dianne Brannen, who led us in singing *America the Beautiful* and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Susannah Maddox then offered the prayer.

Susan then recognized our three guests and offered belated birthday wishes to four members who had birthdays last week. She recognized eleven members with club anniversaries. Some were especially notable, including Danny Gibson's 22 years, Malcolm Burgess' 28 years and Sam Robinson's 33, but the topper was John Page with 48 years.

President Susan then called for brags to support the CART Fund. While we expected a lot after being away for so long, there were just two. Susan gave the first one, deservedly bragging on her daughter who delivered her dissertation at Emory over the holidays and graduated with a doctorate in nursing. Jim Crisp then said that hearing on the news of two refugee camps in Ukraine being run by women Rotarian presidents made him very proud to be a member.





Ivey Hall then came up to give a classification talk. Ivey is the Executive Director of Macon Area Habitat for Humanity and she related how exciting it is for most people to progress from childhood homes to dorm rooms to buying their first house. However, that isn't a reality for many, and the local chapter of Habitat was established 35 years ago in order to bring home ownership to people who otherwise might be unable. Since then they have provided home ownership opportunities to over 130 families. Ivey then detailed the application process and the efforts of four staff members and many volunteers who bring these dreams to life.



Rebecca Grist introduced the speaker, Mary Kay McCullough, Executive Director of the Macon Area Tennis Association. She's originally from Florida but has been in the area for almost 30 years and is excited to be part of growing tennis in Middle Georgia.

The Macon Area Tennis Association (MATA) was founded in the early 1970's by John Drew Smith and was one of the first community tennis associations in Georgia. With a current membership of approximately 600 and over 55 teams playing USTA League Tennis each season, MATA is a thriving organization with both adult and junior leagues. Partnering with the Macon-Bibb County Recreation Department, MATA offers many beginning junior or adult players the opportunity to learn this great game they may otherwise miss.

MATA has a number of programs designed to bring tennis to even more populations. Net Therapy is a new program for kids with Autism, and coming soon is a wheelchair tennis program and one for children with Down's Syndrome.

Tennis Apprentice is a new program designed for adults of all ages and athletic abilities, and includes six hours of fun tennis instruction for just \$50.

MATA co-hosts the Mercer Tennis Classic, which is an \$80,000 professional women's tournament that attracts the top 100 players in the world. You can hear even more from her complete presentation at <https://tinyurl.com/2ejkuu6v>



## Speech Contest



The Annual Rotary Speech Contest will be held on Saturday, February 11 at 1:00 in the auditorium of the Museum of Arts and Sciences. This is one of Rotary's main community events with an opportunity to nurture and encourage future leaders.

This special signature event is also in need of sponsorship to fund awards and scholarships. We are grateful to Jim Crisp for his continuing work in organizing this event. Please contact Jim with your sponsorship pledges:

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## 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. 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**.

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## 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 Cater Thompson [cater.thompson@jonescork.com](mailto:cater.thompson@jonescork.com).

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## Approved Makeups-Family of Rotary Events

**Reminder - Makeups can only be used two weeks before or after a missed meeting**

Viewing of Monday meeting recorded on Zoom - See current or past Throbs link  
Anytime Rotary Project or Rotary Committee Meeting  
Anytime Volunteer at Macon Volunteer Clinic

## 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.**

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 good 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](mailto: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.

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## Club Membership Applications

*We are purpose-driven leaders of influence and action. To sponsor a prospective candidate to join our membership, contact Membership Chair Ethiel Garlington [egarlington@historicmacon.org](mailto:egarlington@historicmacon.org) 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 Membership Chair Ethiel 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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