



Rotary



The Rotary Club of Macon

 **THROBS**

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The Partnership for Inclusion Innovation

After the Martin Luther King holiday last week, we are back to regular meetings for a while. Join us Monday, January 23 as we hear from Debra Lam, the Founding Executive Director of the Partnership for Inclusion Innovation. The organization brings together leaders from academia, government and tech to support entrepreneurship and inclusivity throughout Georgia.

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors:

January, 2023

30	Center for Collaborative Journalism	Debbie Blankenship
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February, 2023

6	Atrium Health Navicent	Dottie Houser and panel of doctors Steven DeGeorge Nancy White
13	Campus Clubs	
20	No Meeting – Presidents Day	
27	20 th Anniversary of Macon Volunteer Clinic	

Link for Makeup

The link to the Zoom recording is normally published here, but we didn't meet January 16 due to the MLK holiday. If you missed a meeting you were interested in, all editions of *Throbs* for the past year and a half can be viewed through [this link](#). Please note that makeup credit can be applied only within 14 days of a missed meeting.

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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How Smart is Artificial Intelligence?

There is a lot of talk about artificial intelligence, which is capable of writing reports and essays that rival human-written ones. This has led to concern that it could lead to cheating in schools as well as the loss of journalists and others in the writing profession. Much of the centers on a new computer program called ChatGPT.

Well, I thought I would test it, and it does know a lot about Rotary International!

Question: *What are the major accomplishments of Rotary International?*

ChatGPT: Rotary International is a service organization made up of local clubs known as Rotary clubs. Some of the main accomplishments of Rotary International include:

- **Eradication of Polio:** Rotary International has played a major role in the global effort to eradicate polio, raising over \$1.9 billion and counting towards eradication efforts, and contributing countless volunteer hours to immunization campaigns.
- **Water and Sanitation Projects:** Rotary International has implemented thousands of clean water and sanitation projects in developing countries.
- **Supporting Education:** Rotary International supports education by providing scholarships, supporting vocational training, and promoting literacy.
- **Peace and Conflict Resolution:** Rotary International promotes peace and conflict resolution through various programs and initiatives, such as the Rotary Peace Fellowship program, which provides academic and practical training to future peace leaders.
- **Community and Economic Development:** Rotary International has worked on community and economic development projects around the world, including providing small business loans, and supporting sustainable agriculture.

I wonder if it can write *Throbs* for me?

Donate 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 <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**.

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.

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 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.**

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 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 Ethiel Garlington 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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