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Lessons in Leadership – Dr. R. Kirby Godsey



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Our speaker for January 27 needs no introduction to most anyone in Macon. NewTown head and Macon Rotarian, the late Josh Rogers, said “Dr. Godsey is Macon’s own superhero.” He served as Mercer University’s president for 27 years, the longest of any Mercer president. During that time, he worked to integrate Mercer into its surrounding neighborhood, leading to the revitalization of Beall’s Hill and Huguenin Heights.

Dr. Godsey was also instrumental in creating NewTown Macon, and served as its chair for 11 years. In 1998, 2000, 2002, and 2003, Godsey was named as one of the 100 most influential Georgians by *Georgia Trend* Magazine. In 2002, he was named the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) III Chief Executive Officer of the Year. The Macon Chamber of Commerce recognized him in 2003 as the Macon Citizen

of the Year. In 2006, he was awarded the Salvation Army "Others" Award, the highest honor bestowed by that organization. Also in 2006, both houses of the Georgia legislature passed resolutions honoring Godsey for his contributions to higher education, Mercer, and the state.

He's also an accomplished author, having written three acclaimed (and sometimes controversial) books on religion. Fun fact: his first name is Raleigh, but he never goes by that. Want to learn more? Be sure to be there January 27!

No Zoom Link

There was no meeting January 20 due to the national holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS AND CLUB EVENTS:

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)
17	USDA	Nikki Thomas, Acting State Director
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	

2025 Rotary Speech Contest



Once again, the Rotary Clubs of Macon, Downtown Macon, and Macon North are sponsoring a speech contest for high school students in Macon-Bibb County. Scholarship prizes for the top three winners are \$1,000, \$500 and \$250, and the winner who advances to Zone Level competition could win an additional \$1,000.

The contest will take place March 8 at the Arts Theater of Middle Georgia State University, 100 University Parkway, Macon, GA 31206.

Information:

- Contestants must present a 3-4 minute memorized speech on the topic “The Magic of Rotary” or “The Four-Way Test.”
- Presentation is important (eye contact, body language, voice inflection and appearance.) Families and teachers are encouraged to attend.
- The Rotary Speech Competition is an annual project engaging Rotarians, educators, and students in a meaningful and rewarding opportunity for personal development of our nation’s future leaders.

Do you know of a student who could enter? Send their name and school information to nancy.white1@mga.edu

Apply Today

for RYLA!

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards



June 11 - 14, 2025

Brunswick, Georgia

RYLA is a **FREE!** 4 day, 3 night leadership experience at the **College of Coastal Georgia** for high school Juniors and Seniors who are ready to develop their leadership potential and make their community better.

Benefits of RYLA:

- **Develop** Communication Skills
- **Build** Self-Confidence & Self-Esteem
- **Learn** Ethics of Good Leadership
- **Perform** Public Service
- **Enhance** Conflict Management Skills
- **Impact** Your Community
- **Make** Dreams Happen



Qualifications:

- Open to **rising** HS Juniors & Seniors
- Aspire to leadership roles at your school
- Sponsored by your local Rotary Club (see application link)
- Have transportation to/from Brunswick, GA

More Info:

www.rotarydistrict6920.org/RYLA



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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. 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

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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