



Rotary



# The Rotary Club of Macon

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Center for Collaborative Journalism



**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION**

On Monday, January 30 we will meet in the beautiful Hay House because the church is being used to film a TV series for the Disney Channel. Thanks to member Ennis Willis for inviting us! Our speaker will be Debbie Blankenship of the Center for Collaborative Journalism. This is a unique partnership between Mercer University, *The Telegraph*, Georgia Public Broadcasting and 13WMAZ that has students, faculty and veteran journalists working together in a joint newsroom.

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

**February, 2023**

6	Atrium Health Navicent	Dottie Houser, Drs. Dale and McQueen
13	Campus Clubs	Steven DeGeorge
20	No Meeting – Presidents Day	
27	20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Macon Volunteer Clinic	Nancy White

**March, 2023**

6	NIL/Classic City Collective	Steven Farmer
13	Fraud Prevention and Risk	Dr. Herbert Snyder
20	TKE Elevator	Derry Brandon
27	Life of an NCAA Official	Charles Olson

**April, 2023**

3	Georgia Housing Study (Georgia Public Policy Foundation)	Chris Denson
10	Piedmont CEO (Piedmont Health Update)	Steve Daugherty
17	GRSP Student	Pasindu Mahagamage

## Link for Makeup

Please click this link to view the Zoom recording of the January 23 meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/2l4padkp>

## New Member Approval

At their meeting of January 17, the Board approved three new membership applications. They are:

- Billy Fickling, AVP at Voya Financial, with the classification of Investment Manager, Research
- Cameron Bishop, CEO of Wesley Glen Ministries with the classification of Adult Care
- Andrew Eck, President of Georgia Artisan with the classification of Custom Wood Furniture

Members have 10 days to make comments in writing to President Susan Welsh.

## MEETING January 23, 2023

Attendance: 63.1% - 55 in person, 27 Zoom, plus 4 guests  
CART \$169.07  
Club Membership 146

Past President Elbert McQueen filled in for President Susan Welsh, who is out of the country. He rang the bell to call the meeting and welcomed speaker Debra Lam. He then called on Past President Jonathan Alderman to lead the singing and pledge. Jonathan said he had asked where Susan was, and when being told she was in Ecuador he exclaimed "God Bless America!" and Jackie said "okay." Therefore, that's the song he chose. Past President Robbo Hatcher then led the prayer, and said he asked the artificial intelligence program ChatGPT to write an Episcopalian prayer to start a Rotary meeting. It was a good prayer!

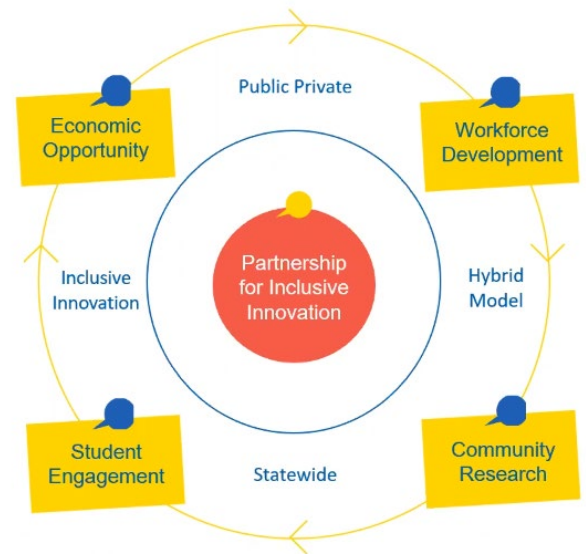
Elbert then welcomed the guests and announced that we will not be meeting here next week, but at the Hay House due to a TV filming taking place in the church. There were three Rotary birthdays last week. Jeff Dudley has been a member 13 years, and Katherine Walden 14.

Elbert then called for CART brags, and there were just three:



Jim Crisp reminded members that the speech contest will be held February 11 at the Museum of Arts and Sciences and is open to all high school students in Bibb County. This is a signature event of the Macon clubs and has produced some inspiring oratory.

Susannah Maddux then came up to introduce the speaker, Debra Lam. Susannah said she was filling in for Lynn Murphy, who was instrumental in bringing the speaker here. Debra Lam is the founding executive director of the Partnership for Inclusive Innovation (PIN), a statewide resource located in Atlanta. She previously served as Pittsburgh's first chief of innovation and performance, where she oversaw all technology, sustainability, performance and innovation functions of the city government. Prior to that she was a management consultant at a global engineering and design firm, and has been the recipient of numerous awards, including being named as one of the top 100 people in digital government. She's a graduate of Georgetown University and the University of California, Berkeley. Susannah also noted that she and Debra were in the Leadership Georgia program at the same time.



Debra then went through a PowerPoint presentation and video that detailed all the work of PIN. PIN's initiatives bring together communities, entrepreneurs, researchers, students and schools to create a more sustainable, equitable and technology-forward Georgia. These programs impact not only the urban and suburban centers of Georgia, but also the rural areas of the state - places that are often overlooked as hubs of innovation.

Programs include a one-year fellowship for new workers to be placed with companies, organizations and universities. A local initiative they support is [Macon Black Tech](#), an accelerator program created by our member Christele Parham and her husband. PIN also helped develop an information kiosk that is in Macon.

Debra covered many projects, but you can [visit their website](#) for an overview. You can also see the complete program at <https://tinyurl.com/2l4padkp>.

The members had many questions, and the program ended with recitation of the Four Way Test.



## 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/](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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