



The Rotary Club of Macon



Published Weekly Since 1914

March 18, 2024

Middle Georgia Flute Choir

After being treated to a special program by the McDuffie Center for Strings, we look forward to yet another memorable musical program. Thanks to Past President George Lee for coordinating both the March 11 and March 18 special concerts! Here's what to look forward to this Monday:

TWO DISTINCTIVE MUSICAL OFFERINGS for the MACON ROTARY CLUB, March 18, 2024

FIRST – Two classical numbers by 11-year-old harpist Harper McCoy, a featured performer in the Atlanta Symphony's "Great ASO Play-A-Long" in 2020, a member of the Middle Georgia Harp Ensemble, a member of the Macon Youth Orchestra for the past two years and the youngest performer in the American Harp Society's Summer Fest ensemble! You won't believe this young lady's talent!

SECOND – The Middle Georgia Flute Choir, founded in 2017, is a chamber ensemble of professional, amateur and student musicians. They perform a wide variety of events throughout the area, and include four members of the flute family: piccolo, C, alto and bass instruments. You will enjoy several light offerings which you will no doubt be familiar with, including those such as "Over the Rainbow" (*The Wizard of Oz*, 1939), "My Favorite Things" (*The Sound of Music*, 1965) and "Music of the Night" (*The Phantom of the Opera*, 2004). These flutists just enjoy making music and look forward to sharing it with you!



Link for Zoom Recording

Click here to view the recording of our March 11 meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/25dg2fh4>. Please note that music does not show up well in Zoom, only speech.

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS AND CLUB EVENTS:

March, 2024

- 18 Middle Georgia Flute Choir
- 19 Board meeting, 6:00pm at Fountain of Juice
- 25 Macon Chose ME DSTO Moore, photographer

April, 2024

- 1 No meeting
- 8 Speaker TBA
- 27 Rebuilding Macon service project

MEETING March 11, 2024

Attendance: 60% - 64 in person, 8 Zoom, plus 7 guests

CART \$12.40, Raffle \$66

Club Membership:144

President Stephanie Folsom rang the bell and welcomed members to our first meeting in March. She said March is a fun month, with March Madness, the Augusta National, Macon Cherry Blossom Festival and much more. She reminded us that our club has 110 years of doing good in the community. And as always, she thanked Jackie Riley for the piano music we enjoy before meetings.

George Lee came up to lead the singing and pledge, and he chose "President Elect Danny's favorite" *America the Beautiful*. Chip Miller offered the prayer, prefaced with a reading of Psalm 150. That Psalm, the last in the Bible, was appropriate for today's meeting since it refers to praising with lute and harp, trumpets, string and pipe, cymbals, tambourine and dance.

Stephanie then welcomed our guests, which included Principal of VIP Academy Tiffany Lewis, the wife of Don Wood and the mother of Carey Pickard, as well as our four musicians.

Five members celebrate birthdays March 1-11, including Cameron Bishop and Sarah Harris, whose birthdays are today. Three members celebrate club anniversaries, including Jack Poole with 27 years and Robert Slocumb with 35. Pianist Jackie Riley has been with the club 12 years.

Matt Shoemaker then introduced Tiffany Lewis, Principal of VIP Academy, who explained that STAR student Kyla Pitts was unable to attend today. She's class president, completing her certification as a CNA, and upon graduation will enter North Carolina State to major in Animal Science. She added that VIP Academy is a district-wide school for grades 4-12. Students work online at home and can come into the building two days per week for extra assistance.

Matt then brought us up to date on other youth services. He thanked Jim Crisp, Dell Bunker and Chris Turner for helping with the Speech Contest March 2, which had excellent participation and great speeches. The winner was Brynn Scott of Tattnall Square Academy. She receives a \$1,000 scholarship and will advance to the Zone competition where she could win more. Second and third

place winners were Emmaleigh Brannen of Howard High School and Tannya Sah of Westside, respectively. They were awarded \$500 and \$250 scholarships.

We have also made our selections for RYLA, the Rotary Youth Leadership We will be sending four students to the event at the College of Coastal Georgia June 12-15. They are Lola Mealor (daughter of member Andy Mealor) of FPD, Naomi Jackson of Central, Zach Dent of ACE, and Sophia Hutchinson from Tattnall Square.

It was then time for CART brags. Debra Rollins said Rebuilding Macon is welcoming 20 students to Macon this week, 12 from Boston University and eight from the University of Illinois Champlain, who are building wheelchair ramps and painting houses. Lynn Murphy said our club is well represented in the recent version of *Georgia Trend*. Gary Wheat is on the opening page, and others include Seth Clark, Josh Rogers, and Jessica Walden.

That was only two brags, but fortunately other members chipped in to help fill the CART buckets, with proceeds going to Alzheimer's research.



Kathy McCollum then gave an update on upcoming community service projects. April is National Volunteer Month and our club has two opportunities, on the first and last Saturdays of the month. The first, on April 6 from 9:30am to noon, is a Pleasant Hill Neighborhood Cleanup in conjunction with Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful and Community Schools United. This takes place at the L.H. Williams Recreation Center, [325 Pursley Street](#), and lunch is offered to participants. You can [sign up online](#) or on the sign-up sheets available at this and subsequent meetings.

The second is our own club's workday with Rebuilding Macon, detailed in last week's *Throbs*. This year, we will be working Saturday, April 27. Two



shifts are available – 8:00am to 11:30am and 11:30am-3:00pm. End times are approximate, and you can sign up to work either or both shifts. You are also welcome to drop by the job site any time, since even 30 minutes can make a difference. The location is still pending but will be announced in April. To sign up, click [this link](#) or use the sign-up sheet in person.

It was then time for our musical program. Past President George Lee introduced our guests from the Robert McDuffie Center for Strings. Faculty member Annie Fullard, violinist, is the Center's Distinguished Artist, Charles and Mary Jean Yates Chair of Chamber Music. Founding member of the Cavani String Quartet, she is nationally recognized as a leader in chamber music performance, education and advocacy. Her numerous awards include the ASCAP Award for Adventurous Programming, and she has performed in all 50 states and abroad. In addition to her duties at Mercer, she is Visiting Artist, Coordinator of String Chamber Music at the University of Michigan. George touched on many of her other accomplishments, and you can read her full bio at <https://mcduffie.mercer.edu/faculty-index/annie-fullard>.

Ms. Fullard brought with her three student musicians. Elizabeth Aoki, violin, is a sophomore most recently from Macon. Sophomore Issac Lopez, viola, hails from Jacksonville, Florida, and Brelan Jenkins, cello, is a junior from Newport News, Virginia.

Since Ms. Fullard is the Charles and Mary Jean Yates Chair, George called on Joe Timberlake to speak briefly about the late Charlie Yates, who was a Past President of our club. Joe said he had the pleasure of being in Rotary with Charlie Yates for well over 50 years, and they joined the club within a year of each other in the 1960's. Charlie served as President for 1978-79. He was somewhat quiet but he and his wife were great patrons of the arts and music. Joe said that his daughter had once visited a small museum in Spain and ran into Charlie and Mary Jean there. Joe added that he wasn't sure how Charlie was convinced to fund the chair that's named for him and his wife, since he had a reputation for being very tight with money. However, he has left a legacy that now benefits many in Middle Georgia.



Annie Fullard then came up to introduce her students and the program. She said that Rotary influenced her to pursue music studies. It changed her life, and she thanked us for our service.

She said today's program was entitled *March Madness: Chamber Music and Teamwork* because everything they do requires collaboration. A chamber group has no conductor, so the members communicate through body language.

Ms. Fullard began by explaining the various instruments they played; violin, viola, and cello.

The program began with a tune familiar to most, W.A. Mozart's String Quartet *Eine Kline Nachtmuzik*, the opening *Allegro* movement. It was followed by another Mozart piece, String Quartet No 15 in D Minor, III. *Minuetto. Allegro*. Mozart was born in 1756 and lived until 1791, so his music is emblematic

of the Classical period. This was followed with a piece by Maurice Ravel, who was active in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries and was associated with Impressionism, a movement in both visual art and music. They performed the first movement of Ravel's String Quartet in F, *Allegro moderato*.



The final section was the second movement of Ravel's String Quartet in F I. *Allegro moderato, Assez vif, très rythmé*. Annie Fullard asked the audience to close their eyes and imagine what colors they saw, since his art was influenced by contemporary artists such as Claude Monet.





The club gave the group a rousing, standing ovation. This was truly a treat, and will be followed by another special music presentation next week.

In closing, President Stephanie gave shout out and thank you to Matt Shoemaker for organizing another successful Speech Contest, to Jim Crisp for being an excellent advisor, and Susan Welsh and the Museum of Arts and Sciences for opening its doors and allowing us to host the event there. Also, to our Judges Dell Bunker, Chris Turner, Charles Richardson, and Matt Shoemaker.

Charles Olson drew the winning raffle ticket but drew the seven of clubs, so the pot rolls over! As always, we concluded with the Four Way Test.

Rotary Friendship Exchange

Rotary District 6920 is part of a Rotary Friendship Exchange with District 4895 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The exchange for our district members took place last fall when five Rotarians spent two weeks in a cultural immersion in Buenos Aires. Rotarians accepted District 6920 members into their homes and clubs, and lifelong friendships were made.

In exchange, District 6920 is accepting six Rotarians from District 4895 April 19-28. Rotarian Dana Park from the Wednesday Club is looking for Rotarians to house and transport our guests from Buenos Aires.

If you are interested, President Stephanie Folsom asks you to either reach out to her or contact Dana Park. Dana's email is dana@theparkgroup.net.



Rotary District 6920's District Conference will be held at the Jekyll Island Convention Center April 26-28. Early registration and hotel discount deadline is March 22, 2024. Complete information can be found at <https://www.rotarydistrict6920.org/dc-2024/>



Do you have a recent accomplishment? Have you or your organization won an award or otherwise been recognized? We want to know, and to recognize your achievement at a meeting. Please email Gary Wheat, our Vocational Service Chair, at gwheat@visitmacon.org

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**.

Approved Makeups-Family of Rotary Events:

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

Anytime Rotary Project or Rotary Committee meeting
Anytime Volunteer at Macon Volunteer Clinic
Viewing of Monday meeting recorded on Zoom - See current or past *Throbs* 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. Our attendance is reported each month to the district and is required to be reported before the 15th of the following month. **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 Charles Olson EOlson200@msn.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 Membership Chair Charles 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!

Rotary Club of Macon
Steve Allen, Club Administrator
steve@maconrotary.com
PO Box 4521
Macon, GA 31208
maconrotary.com
