



Rotary



The Rotary Club of Macon

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TK Elevator, Brandon Derry

While it may not be a household name, TK Elevator has over a thousand sales and service locations worldwide and employs over 24,000 service technicians. Here in Macon, the Branch Manager is our member David Lajza. Learn more Monday!

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors:

March, 2023

27 On the Table Kathryn Dennis

April, 2023

3 Georgia Housing Study (Georgia Public Policy Foundation) Chris Denson
10 Piedmont CEO (Piedmont Health Update) Steve Daugherty
17 GRSP Student Pasindu Mahagama
24 Future of Macon Chamber of Commerce Jessica Walden

May, 2023

1 Being an NCAA football official Charles Olson
8 Weather/Hurricane Season Alex Forbes, WMAZ Meteorologist
15 Macon's Morning Music Club
22 No meeting – Spring Picnic
29 No meeting – Memorial Day

Link for Makeup

Please click this link to view the Zoom recording of the March 13 meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/2zlv14x3>

MEETING March 13, 2023

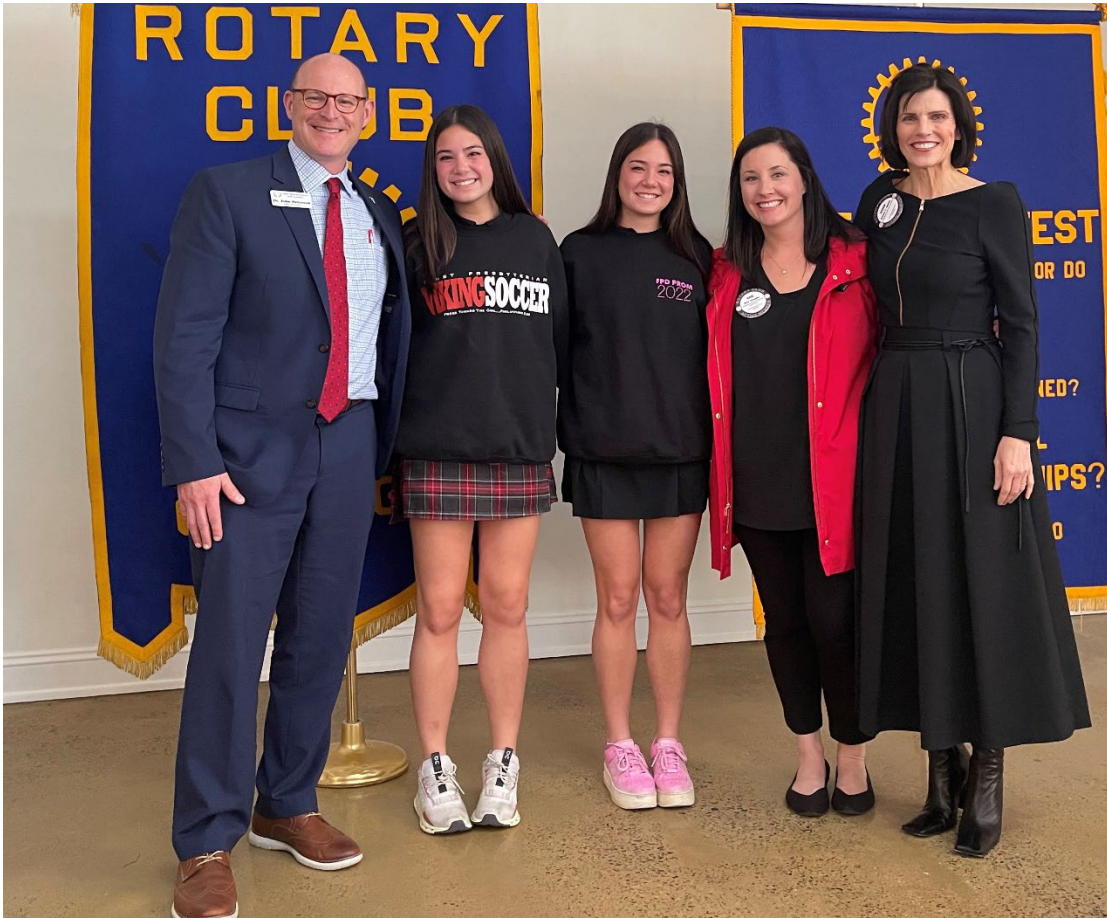
Attendance: 66.9% - 64 in person, 27 Zoom, plus 5 guests

CART \$31.00

Club Membership 149 (including today's inductees)

President Susan rang the bell to start the meeting and welcomed the speaker, Dr. Herbert Snyder. Two students from FPD, Sophie and Laura Chan, led the group in singing *Amazing Grace* followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Abbot offered a wonderful prayer.

Susan welcomed the guests and called on John Patterson, FPD's Head of School, to introduce students Sophie and Laura. Both will be going to Wake Forest in the fall and have 4.0 averages.



Many good brags followed:



Susan then congratulated Amy Rauls and Chris Howard who had birthdays today. Four other members have birthdays this week.

Josh Rogers is organizing a Rebuilding Macon project next month. More information is coming, but members should mark their calendars for April 29.

New Member Inductions: The club inducted two members. Ethiel Rogers introduced Ashley McDaniel. Ashley is CFO and co-founder of Liberty Technology, a Managed Services Provider that specializes in IT management, installation, support, and consulting for businesses. With offices in Griffin and Macon, Liberty Technology helps organizations leverage their IT with peace of mind, ensuring their computers, servers, phones, networks, and data are secure and reliable. She was previously with the Griffin Daybreak Rotary Club, where she served as President for 2011-12.

Jim Crisp introduced Frank Wood, and said they were friends 20 years ago when Frank was in Macon and was Director of Arts and Marketing for Mercer University. Frank then spent 17 years as Executive Director of the Tennessee Williams Theatre in Key West, Florida before returning in October of 2022 as Executive Director of the Grand Opera House. Frank also has Rotary experience, serving as Membership Chair for Key West Sunrise Rotary in the Conch Republic.



Past President Robbo Hatcher then came up to introduce the speaker. Dr. Herbert Snyder is a professor of accounting and department chair of Accounting and Business Law at GCSU. He teaches in the areas of fraud examination and auditing and his research is primarily in non-profit fraud and ethics. He has worked as a fraud investigator for New York State and served as an intelligence analyst for the U.S. Army. His numerous awards include Fraud Educator of the Year.

Dr. Snyder said it was good to be back at a Rotary Club, and the first time he spoke he was a 16-year-old Boy Scout. He also said that he failed at retirement and went into academics, where it's a relief to not have to carry a gun to work.

He said that his specialty is in fraud at non-profits and religious organizations, where losses often go unnoticed or unreported, but the principles apply to all businesses and organizations. He joked that for those interested in a secondary income, you can make a lot of money stealing from your church if you become treasurer. This is because few people want that job, don't pay attention to what is being done, and are reluctant to prosecute.

Unlike armed robbery which is an obvious crime, embezzlements are often hard to identify and the complexities of finance can offer a defense to those accused. Dr. Snyder went on to say that most fraud is not large-scale, as with Bernie Madoff. For most people charged with fraud, it is the first time. Typically, the perpetrator has worked for the company or organization for 4-12 years and encounters some personal difficulty which requires a lot of money. The way to prevent this is to make sure systems for oversight are in place, and managers should be more involved with accounting and pay more attention to the business.

Several members shared their own stories of fraud, and questions touched on Medicare fraud and other areas. As always, the meeting concluded with recitation of the Four Way Test.



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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