



Rotary



The Rotary Club of Macon

 **THROBS**

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On the Table, Kathryn Dennis

“On The Table” is a community-building event that aims to spark meaningful conversations about the future of our community. Conversations will take place March 27-31, 2023 across Central Georgia. On The Table is an opportunity for people to gather, share their perspectives, and discuss solutions about issues that matter to them. It was begun and is directed by the Community Foundation, which is headed by our own Kathryn Dennis. Come learn more, and maybe take part in some good conversation at the March 27 meeting.

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors:

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/2mjd3exr>

MEETING March 20, 2023

Attendance: 51.9% - 50 in person, 19 Zoom, plus 1 guest

CART \$10.10

Club Membership 149

President Susan rang the bell to start the meeting and welcomed the speaker, Brandon Derry of TK Elevator. Past President Albert Reichert treated us to one of his inventive songs, which was *She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain* with the second verse modified to mention bringing cherry blossoms. Jeff Dudley then delivered a very nice prayer.

Susan then announced that today is the birthday of both Malcolm Burgess and Karla Redding. Chris Edwards' is tomorrow, and Susannah Maddux has a birthday Wednesday. Chris Howard has now been with the club five years and Lynn Murphey a full 26.

Spring Break was in evidence at the meeting, and the turnout was less than usual. This was reflected in CART brags, of which there were just two. Ed Olson showed off his banner from the Racine, Wisconsin Rotary club, which boasts Paul Harris as a native son. Jim Crisp bragged on the Macon Centennial Committee and especially urged members to see the exhibit of Winnie McQueen's work on display at the Macon Mall. She is a celebrated Macon quilt and textile artist who is well-known for her narrative quilts. As a reminder, you don't have to make a brag to put money in the blue bucket, and all money collected goes towards Alzheimer's research!



President Susan announced that two charity golf tournaments are coming up, and both count as meeting makeups. The Brig. Gen. Robert L. Scott, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament takes place April 3 at the Museum of Aviation, and the Malcolm Burgess Golf Classic to benefit the Beverly Knight Olson Children's Hospital will be May 8 at the Brickyard.

Susan then explained that there would be minimal club business today in order to give the speaker ample time for his presentation. David Thompson then came up to introduce the speaker, Brandon Terry. David said that Brandon helped consolidate the U.S. headquarters and establish it in Atlanta in 2020, which was during the pandemic.

Brandon began by announcing that David Lajza, a member of our club, is being moved to the St. Louis branch. His presentation was entitled “Elevator Education 101” and he said it was designed for architects and engineers but he would attempt to make it understandable to all of us. TK Elevators began as ThyssenKrupp Elevator and before that was known as Dover Elevator, which was based in Tennessee. The company still builds elevators in Memphis. TK Elevator was born when the German industrial firm ThyssenKrupp sold its elevator division.

They operate a test tower which is highly visible near the Braves stadium, and it features 18 shafts for testing elevators, including the two-cabins-per-shaft elevator (TWIN) and the world’s first rope-less and sideways-moving elevator system (MULTI).

Brandon gave several “fun facts” about elevators, including that Italy has the most at 960,000, followed by the U.S. with about 900,000. The Roman Coliseum actually had 24 elevators which were operated by 200 laborers, or eight per elevator. Every three days, elevators carry the equivalent of the earth’s population.

New elevators have cloud-connected data controls which send out trouble signals so that problems are often detected before they become apparent. The emergency buttons increasingly connect to central offices and 70% of emergency calls come from people who simply forgot to press a floor button!

Overall, elevators are the safest way to travel, and are even safer than walking.

Brandon’s presentation contained a lot of technical data on elevators that can’t easily be summarized here, but if you weren’t present at the meeting you may wish to view the presentation at <https://tinyurl.com/2mjd3exr>



As always, the meeting concluded with recitation of the Four Way Test.



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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. 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

April 3, 2023 Gen. Robert L. Scott Golf Tournament, Museum of Aviation
May 8, 2023 Malcolm Burgess Golf Classic, The Brickyard
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 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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