



The Rotary Club of Macon

 **THROBS**

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Macon Black Culture

Marshall Talley, a local food and beverage entrepreneur, was chosen as one of Macon Magazine’s “5 Under 40.” He’ll be speaking about Macon Black Culture, an organization committed to cultural preservation and education, and will bring us up to date on Juneteenth programming.



Link for Zoom Recording

Click here to view the recording of our April 8 meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/2dzlq8e4>

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS AND CLUB EVENTS:

April, 2024

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| 15 | Macon Black Culture | Marshall Talley et. al. |
| 16 | Board Meeting, Fountain of Juice | |
| 22 | No Meeting | |
| 27 | Rebuilding Macon service project | |
| 29 | Maerz Music Scholars | |

May, 2024

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| 6 | No Meeting | |
| 13 | Rhythm & Rally/Sports Tourism | John Roberts and Ann Starley |
| 20 | Vendela Danfors, GRSP student | |
| 21 | Board Meeting, Fountain of Juice | |

MEETING April 8, 2024

Attendance: 58.3% - 61 in person, 16 Zoom, plus 4 guests

CART \$16, Raffle \$27

Club Membership: 145

President Stephanie rang the bell to start the meeting. After welcoming the guests, she offered thanks to Jackie Riley and reminded the members that we are one of the first 100 Rotary clubs in the world.

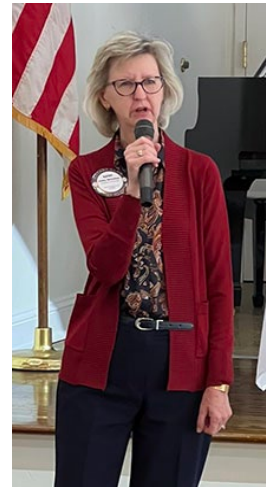
The member scheduled to lead the song and pledge couldn't make it, so Katy Carr ably pitched in to lead us in *God Bless America*. If you ever look at the automatically generated transcript of our Zoom meetings, you'll find it's pretty accurate with speech but seems to stumble on music. Here's what it thought we sang:

"God Bless America. My mom stand aside her handgun from a bomb, from the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans like with fun."

Marcus Tripp offered a prayer that acknowledged the solar eclipse that was to start just after the meeting. He said it's "evidence of the orderliness of the creation you have given us," but "when we look for the touch of your hand upon our world, we look not to the heavens so much as we look to the inspiration of those who give their lives in service to others."

Stephanie then acknowledged our guests, including potential member Patrick Harris. We had just one birthday to celebrate this week, and that was Mack Minton. Five members have club anniversaries, including Past President Robbo Hatcher and William Slocumb who both have 34 years of service.

CART brags followed, and our members didn't disappoint! Kathy McCollum began by thanking the members who came out Saturday for the Pleasant Hill Cleanup. She then announced that the location for the Rebuilding Macon project on April 27 has been set, and it's on Crisp Street.

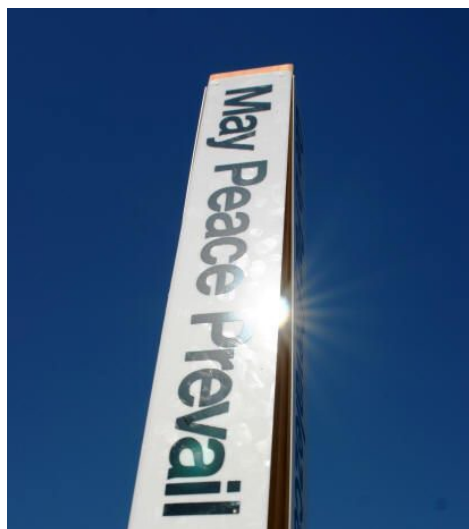


President Stephanie thanked Ivey Hall for keeping up our social media posts, and said that pictures from Saturday's service project have been posted to Facebook and Instagram.

It was then time for our STAR student. Laura Perkins, Principal of the Academy for Classical Education, also known as ACE Academy, introduced her student Pooja Patel. Pooja said she's been a student there since 2014, the first year it opened. She will be graduating in May and going to Georgia Tech to study mechanical engineering.

Stephanie then announced we have a venue for the annual Rotary Spring Picnic on Monday, May 6, and it will be the new Macon Amphitheater. If you haven't seen this new facility, this will be a great chance to experience it without a huge crowd. The amphitheater is providing catering, and there will be live entertainment from Jackson Griffith, a singer-songwriter from Warner Robins. There is no cost to attend, and we won't have a regular meeting that day. As always, you are welcome to bring your spouse or significant other, but not both.

Each Rotary Club president is given a list of goals, and Stephanie has chosen to erect a peace pole. Julie Wilkerson will be heading up this project, and Stephanie asked her to give an overview. Julie said there are about 250,000 peace poles around the world, beginning in 1955 in Japan. A peace pole is a monument that displays the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in the language of the country where it has been placed, and in three or more additional languages that are locally important. Rotary has adopted peace poles because the idea dovetails so well with our goal of creating a culture of peace in the world.



Ours will look better than this

Our member Andrew Eck has created the pole itself, which is about eight feet tall with each side about nine inches wide. Our board approved the languages of English, Japanese, Muscogee and braille. Several area artists have been commissioned to complete the project. The finished project will be dedicated at the Spring Picnic. The club approved \$5,000 and donations from members are very appreciated. [Please click here to make your donation.](#)

Dr. Dan Sims then came up to introduce our speaker, Dr. Cassandra Washington, who is Executive Director of Bibb County CTAE (Career, Technical and Agricultural Education). Dan said he wanted to take a minute to talk about "gems." Using college basketball as an example, you have great coaches but every once in a while run into a gem like Dawn Staley. There are many good players, but only a few gems like Caitlin Clark. We are just as privileged to have in our Bibb County School district a gem, a sapphire, a ruby, a diamond like Dr. Cassandra Washington. She is known throughout the state and nationally for her vision and approach to educating students. He then invited Dr. Washington to speak.

She began by saying that Georgia is the only state to use the acronym CTAE. Other states use CTE, and this shows how important agriculture is in Georgia. Dr. Washington then presented a PowerPoint detailing the goals and accomplishments of Bibb County CTAE.



Profile of a Georgia CTAE Graduate



CTAE intends for its students to graduate with “stackable credentials.” That means more than a high school diploma, but credentials that allow one to go into a career and not just a job. This means teaching technical skills and also soft skills. When Dr. Washington said their program has a 99.2% graduation rate, the members applauded.

One opportunity for students is dual enrollment, which can equal a free year of college. In a district with a high percentage of first-generation college students, this is a perfect opportunity to show



students what college looks like and that they can be successful in it. Dual enrollment students graduate with 30 college credit hours that can be transferred most anywhere.

Many career pathways are available, including agriculture, healthcare, cyber security, entrepreneurship and much more.

Cassandra Washington offered a densely-packed overview of Bibb County CTAE which is hard to summarize in this limited space. If you missed it, or just want to watch again, please see <https://tinyurl.com/2dzlq8e4> for the complete recording of the April 8 program.

The lottery pot was up to \$252, but again the Queen of Hearts remained hidden in the deck so next week's jackpot will grow larger. Be sure to buy a ticket! Half the winning proceeds are yours to keep, with the other half going to support Alzheimer's research through CART.

The meeting concluded with recitation of the Four Way Test.



For several years, one of our club's service projects has been a workday with Rebuilding Macon. Rebuilding Macon, in partnership with the community, repairs the homes of low-income homeowners, particularly the elderly and disabled, so that they may continue to live in warmth, safety, and independence. This is a perfect example of the Rotary motto "Service Above Self."

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 (location will be announced in early April). Josh Rogers said:

"While the majority of the work will be scraping and painting, we always need help on the ground. We're always short on help to monitor safety, keep everyone hydrated, make runs to the hardware store, and generally encourage everyone. The bottom line is we could use help from every skill level and physical ability!"

To sign up, click [this link](#). You will need to log in to DACdb to complete your registration. (You do know how to log in to DACdb, right? If not, contact Steve Allen at steve@maconrotary.com) Thanks to Kathy McCollum, our Service Chair, for organizing the event. For questions, contact her at kmccollum@mgcfb.org.



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

April 27	Rebuilding Macon service project (see article above)
April 27	Malcolm Burgess Golf classic benefiting the Beverly Knight Olsen Children's Hospital, 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 <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. 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!

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