



Rotary



The Rotary Club of Macon

 **THROBS**

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Macon Chamber of Commerce
Jessica Walden

Jessica Walden, who is well known in music and cultural circles, is the new President and CEO of the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce She will be joining us April 24 to give an update on what’s happening with the Chamber and in our city.

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors:

May, 2023

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| 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 | |

June, 2023

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| 5 | Cultural Trifecta: Murals & Melody | Jamie Gaudet |
| 12 | Update on Wesleyan College | Meaghan Blight, President |
| 19 | No Meeting | |
| 26 | Changing of the Guard | |

July, 2023

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| 3 | No Meeting – Independence Day holiday | |
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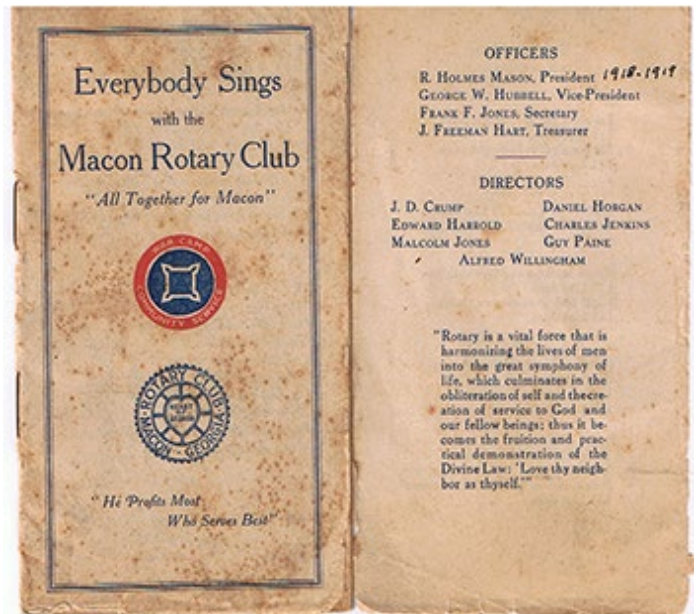
Link for Makeup

Please click this link to view the Zoom recording of the April 17 meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/29bqy5ak>

MEETING April 17, 2023

Attendance: 59.2% - 57 in person, 20 Zoom, plus 3 guests
CART \$4.00
Club Membership 146

President Susan rang the bell and welcomed our speaker and GRSP student, Pasindu Mahagamage. Steve Allen led the singing and pledge, and began by showing pictures of the 1918 Macon Rotary songbook. This was a WWI edition with mostly patriotic music and some popular songs of the time. It's part of the collection saved by longtime club member and Past President, the late Bony Baskin.



In keeping with National Poetry Month, Jim Crisp came up to read a selection. He said that, as a poetry lover he was intrigued with the idea of substituting poems for prayers this month, since "a poem is a prayer." After eloquently expanding upon that idea, he recited the poem *Lent* by Mercer professor Gordon Johnston.

Susan said this Friday at the Museum of Arts and Sciences amphitheater we can hear more poetry from Gordon and others at a free event called "Wild Words," beginning at 6:30.

She then acknowledged our guests, beginning with Scott Cox. Scott is a member of the Perry Rotary Club and is attending in place of Toni Hannah, who was transferred to Atlanta by the Southern Company. He brought us up to date on what the Southern Company is doing.

We then heard from Nathan Tidwell, a senior and ROTC cadet at Rutland High School. He was introduced by Keith Allen, a retired Sergeant Major who heads the school's JROTC program.



Our CART brags followed. This is a chance for members to brag about their organization or family, but most importantly raises money for Alzheimer's research.



President Susan acknowledged four club birthdays this week, including Steve Allen's today. This is also the 9th club anniversary of Ethiel Garlington. April 19th is the 155th anniversary of the birth of Paul Harris, founder of Rotary.

Rebecca Grist then introduced the GRSP student she has been hosting, Pasindu Mahagama from Sri Lanka. Pasindu arrived last August and has been studying at Mercer.

Pasindu had prepared a presentation of his background and experiences in Georgia. He described his home country as a wonderful place to visit but not as good for those who live there, due to recent political and economic problems. It has beautiful beaches, a rich history, and wonderful food.

Pasindu first went to Atlanta and stayed with his brother before coming to Macon. He said his first impressions of Georgia were quite good, and that Southern hospitality is real. He enjoyed attending a football game and his first tailgate. Housing was a problem at first but his overall experience at Mercer has been very positive.

He was also challenged by Sri Lanka's strict laws against taking money out of the country, so he had to find a job to support himself while studying.

Overall, he considers GRSP to be an exemplary cultural exchange. If you missed his presentation, you can view the entire meeting at <https://tinyurl.com/29bqy5ak>.



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

Rotary at the Macon Bacon!



The Downtown Club has organized a special event for June 17. Join District Governor Heather Kellen and fellow Rotarians for a night of fun and baseball. We'll have a special section, and a Rotarian will even throw out the first pitch! It's also Hawaiian Night, so grass skirts are permitted (though not encouraged). Tickets are \$17 each and that includes all-you-can-eat hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches and more. You'll also get a Macon Bacon hat. Please let Steve Allen (steve@eggmedia.com) know if you want to attend, so we can submit a head count by mid-May.

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

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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