



Rotary



# The Rotary Club of Macon

 **THROBS**

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May 1, 2023

Being an NCAA football official  
Charles Olson

Our own Charles Olson will be the featured speaker. In addition to managing the 1842 Inn and serving on numerous community boards, Charles is an NCAA Division II football official. Find out more May 1!

**FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors:**

**May, 2023**

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| 8  | Weather/Hurricane Season  | Alex Forbes, WMAZ Meteorologist |
| 15 | Macon's Morning Music Club  |                                 |
| 22 | No regular meeting – Spring Picnic is 6:00-8:00pm outside the Hay House |                                 |
| 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 |   |
| 17 | Piedmont Health Update                | Steve Daugherty, CEO of Piedmont Health |

Zoom Recording Unavailable

Due to the absence of the church AV person, there is no recording for the April 24 meeting. Recording should resume next week.

# New Member Approval

At their meeting of April 18, the Board approved the membership application of Meaghan Blight, President of Wesleyan College. Members have 10 days to make comments in writing to President Susan Welsh.

## MEETING April 24, 2023

Attendance: 54.3 % - 53 in person, 16 Zoom, plus 2 guests

CART \$39.01

Club Membership 144

President Susan rang the bell and welcomed our speaker, Jessica Walden who is the new CEO and President of the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce. She is a former member of the Wednesday club. Susan then welcomed Meaghan Blight, President of Wesleyan College who will be joining our club soon.

Jeffery Monroe then came forward to lead our singing of *God Bless America* and the Pledge of Allegiance. In honor of Poetry Month, we were treated again to more words of inspiration instead of our traditional prayer. Ethiel Garlington offered this week's selection, *The Guest House* by Rumi.

Susan announced that Wayne Gullat and Matt Heller celebrate birthdays this week, and John O'Shaughnessey has now been a club member for 23 years. Next it was time for CART brags to raise money for Alzheimer's research. Here's just a sampling:



President Susan then announced that the annual Rebuilding Macon workday is this Saturday, April 29, 2023 beginning at 8am. The address is 3147 Hamlin Road in Lizella. Debra Rollins shared some information on the owners, who are two women who have stepped up to take care of nephews. We'll have a morning shift (8am-11:30am) and an afternoon shift (11:30am-3pm). Also, breakfast will be served at Vineville Methodist from 7 to 9am. Signing up for one of the two shifts is very helpful, (email [egarlington@historicmacon.org](mailto:egarlington@historicmacon.org)) but you are also welcome to drop by the job site anytime. Even 30 minutes makes a big difference! While the majority of the work will be scraping and painting, we always need help on the ground.

For those Rotarians with high school students. Our District 6920 offers a valuable program for rising juniors and seniors -- the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (or RYLA). This is a four-day leadership conference. Over 100 students will attend. Our club will pay for 2-4 students to attend. The program was suspended due to COVID but will be held this year. Dates are June 8- 11, 2023, at will be at the College of Coastal Georgia in Brunswick. Students will stay in dormitories on the campus. The experience includes a full line-up of leadership seminars and lectures delivered by top professionals in a wide spectrum of professions. Open to rising H.S. Juniors and Seniors. Candidates should hold a position of leadership or be interested in expanding and

displaying leadership qualities. Candidates can be a relative of a Rotarian, foreign exchange student, or past recipient. You may sponsor your own child or grandchild. More detailed information is available on RotaryDistrict6920.org (<https://rotarydistrict6920.org/ryla/>). If you have a student who might be interested in attending, please let Susan Welsh know so we can earmark the money and help get the application submitted.

Lynn Murphey then introduced our speaker, Jessica Walden who is the new President and CEO of the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce. Jessica said she is a second-generation entrepreneur who grew up “in the shadows of music history and Downtown Macon’s past.” Her uncle Phil and father Alan Walden managed Otis Redding, Percy Sledge and many others and founded Capricorn Records which was responsible for the Allman Brothers Band, Lynyrd Skynryd and countless other artists. Redwal Music with Otis Redding was one of the first integrated business partnerships in Macon.

Jessica’s career began in 2000 and focused on public relations and community events. She became a small business owner in 2011 and has launched additional businesses in 2016 and 2019. She and her husband Jamie Weatherford organized Rock Candy tours and have conducted tours of Macon to over 1,000 visitors. Incidentally, her husband’s candy business was recruited to Macon from Atlanta by the Greater Macon Chamber in 1971, and now employs up to 100 people.

As for the Chamber, here are the current Mission and Vision statements:

## Mission and Vision: What Success Looks Like



**Vision: To be the best location for business.**

**Core Mission: The voice of business by advancing business success in the region.**

- Our Chamber is **relevant** and **meaningful** in laying the bricks of success - serving as the voice of business.
- We create **measurable impact**, exceeding Forward Macon’s plan for \$56 million in consumer expenditures and 3,100 direct and indirect jobs.
- That success is **diverse and inclusive**, with a responsive and courageous cultural narrative. An inclusive community is our hallmark.
- We are a **trusted regional partner** who is no longer behind when compared to our peer cities, and we have a strong voice as a chamber among the chambers of Georgia.
- It’s not location, location, location - it’s about **people, people, people** who want to be in THE best location to do business.

The Chamber has created new avenues of innovative and responsive investor services. These services connect with the community at large – locally and regionally – and meet businesses where they are. The Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce is Macon-Bibb’s most significant, organized business community. The Chamber works collaboratively to attract and retain talent for Macon and our region.

In 2023, the Chamber left its longtime location near the Centreplex and moved into newly renovated offices on Poplar Street downtown. Since then they have celebrated many ribbon cuttings for new businesses in Macon.

More information on the Chamber can be found at <https://www.maconchamber.com>.

Jessica also cited a new online resource, at <https://www.greatercareerworks.com>. This is a web-based hub linking workforce development and career navigation tools, and serves both job seekers and employers.

As usual, our members had a lot of questions and showed their appreciation for the presentation. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

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## *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](mailto: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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