



Rotary



The Rotary Club of Macon

♥ **THROBS**

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May 5, 2025
Spring Social - No Regular Meeting

Have you seen the new Otis Redding Center yet? Join us for our annual Spring Social to be held there (436 Cotton Avenue) from 6:00 pm. This year it's on Cinco de Mayo! Hotel 45 is catering the event, and new member BJ Dunwody will be running the bar. There is no charge for members and spouses. We have already turned in our head count, but don't plan to turn away Rotarians! if you have questions please contact Gene Dunwody at gdunwodyjr@dunwodybeeland.com

The Otis Redding Center for the Arts is a multipurpose space open to students ages 5-18 who have a desire to explore their interests in all elements of music and the arts. Located steps away from Otis Redding's 1960's Cotton Avenue office, the center features lab spaces, practice rooms, a digital technology lab, an interactive gallery space, and the state-of-the-art O3 Recording Studio for students to explore songwriting, production, performance, visual arts, and more.



No Zoom Link

There was no meeting April 28.

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS AND CLUB EVENTS:

May, 2025

5	Spring Picnic at Otis Redding Center for the Arts – no regular meeting	
12	GRSP Student	João Victor Verçosa Vilela
19	Performances by Morning Music Club's Maerz Award winners	
20	Board Meeting	
26	No Meeting – Memorial Day	

June, 2025

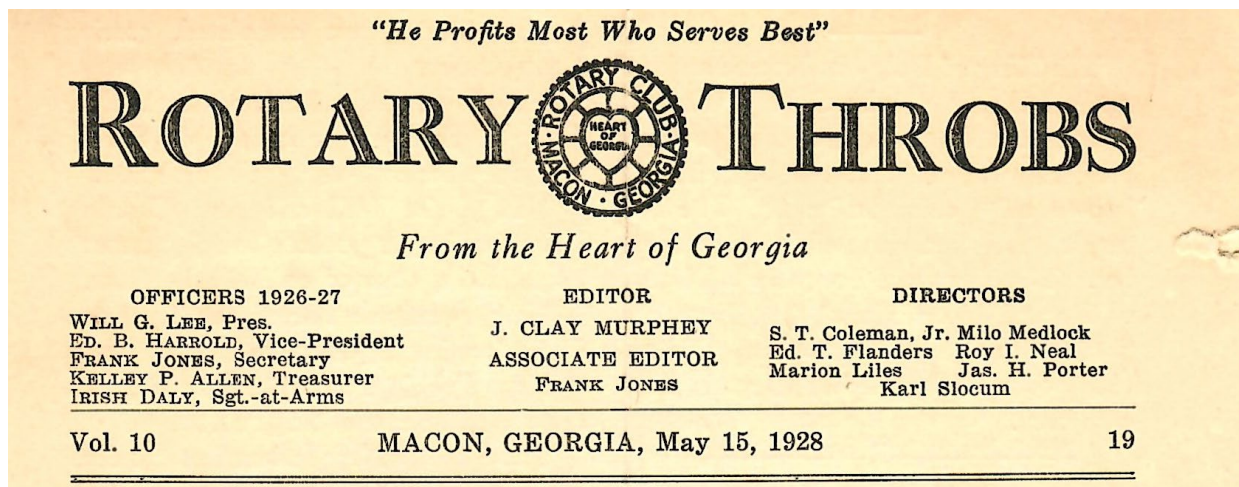
2	No Meeting	
9	Mercer Medical School	Dean Jean Sumner
16	AI (Artificial Intelligence)	Brandon Haddock
17	Board Meeting	
23	Changing of the Guard	
30	No Meeting	

July, 2025

7	No Meeting	
14	Ending Hunger, American Heart Assoc.	Carla Howard, Kelly Mitchell & Bennett Smith
15	Board Meeting	
21	Accessible Playgrounds	Natalie Mackay
28	Georgia Power	Patrick Harris, Region Executive

August, 2025

4	Big Brothers, Big Sisters	Betsy Fitzgerald
11	50 Years of GNTV	Rev. David Wood
18	Rescue Mission	Pat Chastain, CEO
19	Board Meeting	



Throbs?

At first glance, *Throbs* might seem like an unusual name for the Rotary Club's weekly newsletter. However, when it was first introduced in 1914, the publication was called *Heart Throbs*, a nod to our identity as the "Heart of Georgia" club. Some years later this was shortened, as you can see from the above 1928 masthead. (The editor was the founder of United Way in Macon).

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. These online donations qualify as a tax deduction (but ask your accountant). 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**. (This link requires logging in to DACdb. If you have trouble with that, use <https://mycartfund.org/NewUser.cfm> instead.) All donations to CART go to support cutting-edge research on Alzheimer's.

Approved Makeups-Family of Rotary Events:

**Reminder - Makeups can only be used two weeks before or after a missed meeting
(There are no meetings in December)**

Anytime	Rotary Project or Rotary Committee meeting
Anytime	Volunteer at Macon Volunteer Clinic
Anytime	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. **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

Our club continues to grow! To sponsor a prospective candidate to join our membership, contact Membership Chair Gene Dunwody gdunwodyjr@dunwodybeeland.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 the Membership Chair to send the candidate an invitation to apply online. Applications are reviewed by the Board and then announced in Throbs, after which any member can express an objection.

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