



The Rotary Club of Macon



Published Weekly Since 1914

May 13, 2024

Rhythm & Rally / Sports Tourism

By now, you're probably aware that Macon is home to the world's largest indoor pickleball facility. Located in the Macon Mall (and a big part of its revitalization), Rhythm & Rally features 32 indoor, climate-controlled courts, lockers, showers, and a pro shop, in a clean and fun playing environment that covers 150,000 square feet.



Having such a premiere facility is bringing players and tourists from all over. Learn more Monday from General Manager John Roberts and Ann Starley, Director of Sports Development at Visit Macon.

No Zoom Link

There was no regular club meeting May 6 due to the Spring Picnic.

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS AND CLUB EVENTS:

May, 2024

13	Rhythm & Rally/Sports Tourism	John Roberts and Ann Starley
20	Macon Film Festival	Justin Andrews
21	Board Meeting, Fountain of Juice	
27	No Meeting	

June, 2024

3	Fall Line Brewing Co.: Growing a business in a pandemic	Kaitlyn Kressin
10	Macon Black Pages and the Rising Tide	Alex Habersham

Spring Picnic

The weather was perfect for our Spring Picnic at the Macon Atrium Health Amphitheater and a fun time was enjoyed by all! The highlight of the event was the dedication of the Peace Pole, which will be a permanent installation at the amphitheater's entrance. Visitors will be greeted by the inspiring "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in English, Japanese, Braille, and Muskogee, and also by a plaque with "Rotary Club of Macon" and the Four-Way test inscribed.

Many members were involved in the realization of this project. The pole was fabricated by Andrew Eck and four artists enlisted by Julie Wilkerson. The project was proposed and coordinated by Club President Stephanie Folsom.

Stephanie said "The Atrium Health Amphitheater will welcome visitors from all over the country, and all over the world, to our community. The Macon Rotary Club is honored to be able to gift this symbol of peace that beautifully represents Macon-Bibb County culture and commitment to the arts."

Contributing artists were Oklahoma based Muskogee artist Hotvlkuce Harjo (Muskogee side), Macon graphic design and mural artist Erin Hawkins (Japanese side), Macon muralist Kevin Lewis (English side), and Macon mosaic and tile artist Rudy Mendes (Braille side).

Members were entertained by the Jackson Griffith Band, and we thank Rotarian Chris Blake for arranging this.







Rebuilding Macon Service Project

Here are some scenes from our service project of April 27, in which we painted and fixed up a house for a deserving Macon resident. Many more are on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!





CART Appeal

Our club has a \$5,000 challenge match each year and we've always been able to meet that challenge. However, with just a little over two months to go in the fiscal year, we are less than half way to that goal. We collect money in the blue buckets at each meeting, but also rely on donations by check or online.

Founded in 1995 by Roger Ackerman, a Rotarian in Sumter, SC, The CART Fund (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) is a non-profit grassroots organization that provides "seed" money for cutting edge, high impact research grants to help find a treatment or cure for Alzheimer's Disease. 100% of donations goes directly to that research.

There are three ways to donate, and the most visible is by putting cash in the blue bucket on each table. You may also write a check payable to the Rotary Club of Macon and put "CART Fund" on the check. Thirdly, you can donate online at <https://mycartfund.org/login.cfm>. For online donations you will need to enter our Club number 4202 and District number 6920. This requires logging in to DACdb, if you have trouble please contact Steve Allen or use this [alternate link](#). Online donations qualify as tax-deductible (but ask your accountant!)



Do you have a recent accomplishment? Have your or your organization won an award or otherwise been recognized? We want to know, and to recognize your achievement at a meeting. We also need members to share a short vocational talk at a meeting. Please email Gary Wheat, our Vocational Service Chair, at gwheat@visitmacon.org

-- Donate to Rotary Foundation --

Club members can make donations to The Rotary Foundation online line using credit cards or EFT. These can be made in memory of, honor of, or personal donations. They can be set up as recurring or one-time. Follow these easy steps:

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, POLIO PLUS FUND, WORLD FUND, or DISASTER RESPONSE FUND, then just follow easy steps to make payment. Checks payable to Rotary Foundation can also be given to the club and we will forward the payment.

Approved Makeups-Family of Rotary Events:
Reminder - Makeups can only be used two weeks before or after a missed meeting

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 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!*