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Macon's Morning Music Club

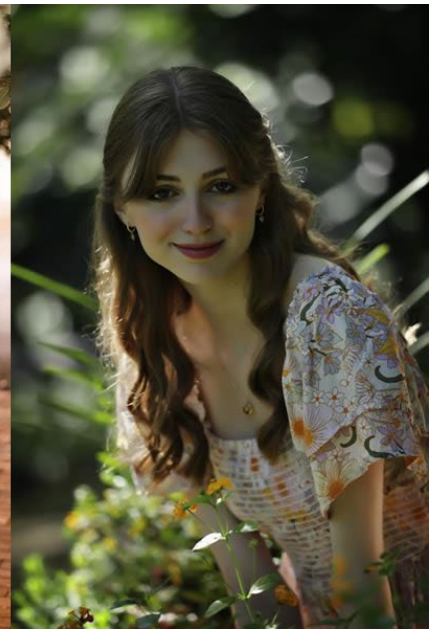
The May 15 meeting will be a special one! We will be treated to musical selections by the winners of Macon Music Club's Maerz Award. Don't miss this chance to hear some of Macon's most talented young musicians!



Austin Carter



Elinor Fenimore



Kaleigh Borck

Link for Zoom Recording

Click here to view the recording of our May 8 meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/2q4ptoyf>

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors:

May, 2023

- 22 No regular meeting – Spring Picnic is 6:00-8:00pm outside the Hay House
29 No meeting – Memorial Day

June, 2023

- 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

- 3 No Meeting – Independence Day holiday
17 Piedmont Health Update Steve Daugherty, CEO of Piedmont Health
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MEETING May 8, 2023

Attendance: 52.8% - 49 in person, 17 Zoom, plus 4 guests
CART \$56.00
Club Membership 144

President Susan rang the bell and welcomed our speaker, Alex Forbes, who is a meteorologist for 13WMAZ. She then said we had a special treat for this morning's music and pledge. Cameron Bishop brought 17 guests from Wesley Glen who treated us to an enthusiastic rendition of *Power in the Blood*. Rebecca Grist then offered the prayer, though she was hesitant to follow the singing!



Susan then welcomed our four guests. There were no birthdays this week, but two members had club anniversaries including Past President Don Cornett with 21 years.

It was then time for CART brags, and Susan led off by saying that Cindy Gibson is inviting the club and any guests to a first-ever performance of the musical *Junie B. Jones, Jr.* It takes place at 10:30am in the Reynolds

Auditorium of the Georgia Academy for the Blind. The musical based on the [Junie B. Jones books](#).

Jim Crisp then gave an extended brag, so he dropped in a check. He was bragging on Steve Bell of the Wednesday club, who received an award at the District Conference for creating the Macon Beer Festival, a fundraiser for prostate cancer research. Jim also noted that Sylvia Whitlock first became a member of Rotary in Duarte, California in 1978, and Rotary International suspended the club for violating rules. However, in 1987 she was elected President of the Club. The case eventually went to the Supreme Court and only then were women admitted to Rotary. This is worth noting in a year that our International President, District Governor, and Club President are all women.

More good brags followed. Here is a sampling:



President Susan then reminded us that the Wednesday club has planned an exceptionally fun Rotary Night at the Macon Bacon on Saturday, June 17. It's also Hawaiian Night, and is always fun for the entire family. Tickets are \$17 each and that includes all you can eat and (soft) drink. We will have a section devoted to Rotarians. The game starts at 7:00pm. Everyone also gets a Macon Bacon hat. Add to all of these "perks" our Rotarian group will also have the Group Experience- we will be able to have a group photo on the field and a representative will have the first pitch. That is a "packed" night you won't want to miss! This will be District Governor Heather's last big fling, so let's send her out in style. We need to let the Wednesday club know how many in our club will be attending... so basically, need to have a head-count and payments no later than May 22nd. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting, or just let Steve Allen know at steve@eggmedia.com

Susan also reminded the club that, for those Rotarians with rising junior and senior high school students, check out the Rotary Youth Leadership conference (or RYLA). This four-day leadership conference will be June 8-11th at the College of Coastal Georgia in Brunswick. Over 100 students will attend. Our club will pay for 2-4 students to attend but so far, we have no takers! Students will stay in dormitories and benefit from a full line-up of leadership seminars and lectures delivered by top professionals in a wide spectrum of professions.

You may sponsor your own child or grandchild. More detailed information is available on [RotaryDistrict6920.org](https://rotarydistrict6920.org) (<https://rotarydistrict6920.org/ryla/>). If you have a student who might be interested in attending, please let Susan know so we can earmark the money and help get the application submitted.



Jeff Dudley then came up to introduce our speaker. Alex Forbes, who joined the 13WMAZ weather team two years ago as a recent college graduate and is since a year later became the morning meteorologist at 6am. He has done a lot in a short time. Originally from the Atlanta area, he attended Mississippi State University and earned a BS in Geosciences, with a concentration in Professional Meteorology.

Alex gave a presentation he called "Hurricane Season Through a Different Lens." He began by talking about his day, which begins before 3:00am so that he can be on air at 6:00. He then said that, after setting records in 2020 and 2021, the 2023 hurricane season forecast by Colorado State University calls for a little less than normal activity. Still, six hurricanes and two major hurricanes are forecast, with a total of 25 hurricane days.

Georgia is in a unique spot for weather disasters, since it sits between the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico and is therefore affected by storms in either region. The Georgia Farm Bureau estimates the state's losses in 2018 from Hurricane Michael were about \$3 billion. To a lesser extent, we also benefit economically from weather events on the coasts. Various cities are designated evacuation sites for either the Atlantic or Gulf coasts, but Macon is the only designated site for both.

Jeff then spoke about how the public is often confused about hurricanes by what they see on television weather. A big source of public confusion, as well as frustration for meteorologists, is "The Cone." This is the graphic used to illustrate the probable track of the center of a tropical cyclone and is formed by enclosing the area swept out by a series of circles along the forecast track. However, the model used for this still allows for a one-third margin of error, so about a third of hurricanes make landfall outside this cone. The public will often look at the map, see that they are outside the center of cone, and assume they are safe. He cited Ft. Myers in 2022 as an example, with the city being on the periphery of the projected path but was in fact where Ian made landfall.



Jeff has actually come up with a new model that will be adopted by the weather services this season. As illustrated below. Essentially, it removes the icons so to better illustrate the fact that any area within the cone is likely to be impacted. This is a remarkable achievement for a young meteorologist.



Jeff cited another source of confusion as the category scale for hurricanes, which takes only windspeed into consideration. A category 3 storm can cause much more damage than a category 5 if it has longer and more intense rainfall. Jeff presented a lot of information that's difficult to condense here, but the entire presentation can be seen at <https://tinyurl.com/2q4ptoyf>

The speaker honorarium this week goes to the Scholarship Fund at the National Weather Association Foundation. As usual, the meeting ended with recitation of the Four Way Test.

Make Plans to Attend Spring Picnic!



Spring Picnic

MONDAY MAY 22 6-8pm



Make plans to join us for the Spring Picnic! This year we'll enjoy the outdoor space at the Hay House and dine on tasty fare from Satterfields BBQ. Beer and wine will be served and we'll have a classical guitarist on hand for background entertainment. The event is free and open to members + significant others. Please respond so we can plan accordingly for food and refreshments. Deadline for RSVP is 12 pm on May 19.

Don't miss the Spring Picnic! This is free for members, and you may also bring your spouse or significant other (but not both). Please respond by May 19, preferably much sooner, by clicking this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/2or28we7>

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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