



The Rotary Club of Macon

 **THROBS**

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No Meeting – Memorial Day

Memorial Day is usually seen as the unofficial start of summer and a time for taking beach trips, but more importantly a day to honor those who died defending our country. Originally called Decoration Day, it was observed on May 30 from 1868 to 1970 but since 1971 has been the last Monday of May. Across the country, Americans spend the day visiting cemeteries, attending Memorial Day events and otherwise honoring those who lost their lives in service to the country.

As always, our club has no meeting on Memorial Day. Please join us June 3 for our next weekly meeting.



Link for Zoom Recording

Click here to view the recording of our May 20 meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/268gg64w>

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS AND CLUB EVENTS:

May, 2024

27 No Meeting

June, 2024

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

MEETING May 20, 2024

Attendance: 58% - 59 in person, 17 Zoom, plus 10 guests
CART \$101.46, Raffle \$25
CART Total to Date: \$3,051.48 (\$5,000 needed by June 30)
Club Membership: 145

President Stephanie Folsom rang the bell to start the meeting. After welcoming members and guests, she said the piano music we had been enjoying was not from our usual pianist Jackie Riley but our own member Kathy McCollum.

Katy Carr led the song and pledge. She said her voice apparently didn't get the memo about singing today, so she asked Kathy to play very loudly and for everyone to join in. She led the club *in America the Beautiful*.

Chris Blake then asked us to join in prayer, or whatever your faith commitment in a moment of personal reflection. He said "Scripture tells us that your spirit, hope hovered over the waters for creation, descended as a dove at your son's baptism, and arrived like fire at Pentecost."

Stephanie once again thanked Kathy for doing a wonderful job filling in on the piano. She then welcomed our guests, which included District Governor Felix Smith and two Rotarians attending for an award presentation, as well as family of our speech contest winners.

Six members celebrate birthdays this week, including Lori Palmer today and Kris Vaughn tomorrow. Four members have club anniversaries, including Past President Jim Manley with 21 years and Past President Fred Morgan with 23.

It was then time for CART brags. We had some exceptionally good ones and raised a bit more than usual. We still need much more to make our \$5,000 match before the end of June. Here are just some of those who spoke:



President Stephanie then said that today is a very special day to honor our very own Rotarian, Past President and Past District Governor Albert Reichert. Earlier this year our Board nominated Albert for the Lynford Hadwin Guardian of Ethics Award. This award is given to a District 6920 Rotarian who encourages and promotes the ideals of Rotary, the Four Way Test, and Service Above Self in their vocational and personal life.

On hand to present the award were District Governor Felix Smith; Mike Gray, Secretary of the Perry Rotary Club; and close friend and Past District Governor Bob Griggers of the Centerville Rotary Club.

Bob Griggers came forward to present the honors. He began by recalling his personal relationship with the namesake of the award, Lynn Hadwin, a respected businessman in Savannah who was known for his integrity and tremendous work ethic. He was known by many as a true gentleman and never paused to help those in need. Bob said his family had a saying around their house: "What would Mr. Lynn do?" This award is for a Rotarian with the attributes and passion for ethics that Lynn Hadwin exemplified.

Bob said that Albert Reichert served as Macon Rotary President 1993-94 and District Governor in 2000-01. He was awarded the Service Above Self award in 2017 and 2018. He served as a delegate for the Rotary International Council on Legislation for three consecutive terms, from 2004 to 2013. He served on a Far East study exchange in 1998 and also participated in a national immunization day in Pakistan. Albert is a graduate of Emory University and the Harvard Law School. He was elected Lawyer of the Year in 2002 and has been very active in organizations providing free or reduced fee legal services. He also served as a scoutmaster and President of the Central Georgia Council of Boy Scouts. For these accomplishments and his tireless commitment to charitable causes, Albert Reichert has been chosen for the Lynford Hadwin Guardian of Ethics Award. Our club is proud of Albert and we are fortunate to have him in our organization.



Stephanie then said that Matt Shoemaker, our Board Chair of Youth Services, did a wonderful job overseeing our annual Speech Contest. Today the winners of the competition join us to give their speeches. All members who heard the contestants were awed by talents and dedication to take time from their schedules to create Rotary-themed speeches. She then invited Matt to come forward and make the introduction of our winners of the 2024 Speech Contest.

They are Brynn Scott from Tattnall Square Academy, Emmaleigh Brannen of Howard High School, and Tanya Sah from Westside High School. They presented in reverse order, with Tanya going first, followed by Emmaleigh and then first-place Brynn.

Tanya spoke on the general principles that guide our lives. Emmaleigh talked of the challenge of navigating all the perspectives emerging through increased accessibility to modern technology. She said one way to do this in an ethical and inclusive way is to apply the Four Way test. Finally, Brynn based her speech on the Rotary Club's mission statement that says "Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe and our communities, and in ourselves." All three speeches were greeted with applause from the members.



Our speaker was introduced by Alex Morrison, and he was our own club member Justin Andrews. Alex began by congratulating the speech contest winners and acknowledging Albert Reichert as a model for all of us.

Justin is best known as grandson of the legendary Otis Redding Jr. and serves as Director of Special Projects and Outreach for the Otis Redding Foundation. He's a dynamic leader of that organization as evidenced by the branded merchandise and the new, state of the art building under construction downtown. Beyond his work for the foundation, Justin is a member of many boards. He's here today as President of the Macon Film Guild.

The Macon Film Festival is coming in a couple of months, running August 15-18, and is now in its ninth year. It's amazing to see how far the festival has come in that time. Justin said he's been involved with the festival since its creation and he now gets to steer the ship this year.

It will be four days full of films and parties. Locations include the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame and Douglass Theatre. Fulldome films will continue at the Museum of Arts and Sciences. The emphasis will be on a downtown festival, and several downtown businesses are partnering to make it a community festival that brings in more and more people. Films are currently being selected and the schedule will be released in June or July.

Justin said they are still seeking both volunteers and sponsors. The short presentation was well received and members had questions about the film categories as well as timeline for completion of the Otis Redding Center.



President Stephanie thanked Justin and said the club will be making a donation to the Macon Film Festival.

In closing, Stephanie once again praised Albert Reichert for his leadership. She thanked District Governor Felix Smith, Mike Gray, and Bob Griggers for coming to present the award, as well as the speech contest winners. She reminded the club that we don't meet next Monday due to Memorial Day, and our next meeting will be June 3 when we will hear from Kaitlyn Kressin about the challenges of opening a business during a pandemic.

The CART lottery pot was up to \$396 but will roll over again since the Queen of Clubs is still in the deck. The meeting concluded with recitation of the Four Way Test.



CART Appeal

Our club has a \$5,000 challenge match each year and we've always been able to meet that challenge. However, with less than two months to go in the fiscal year, we are only about 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 you 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 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!*