



Rotary



The Rotary Club of Macon

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No Meeting – Memorial Day



As Rotarians, we uphold the principles of service, both in our local communities and on a global scale. Memorial Day serves as a poignant reminder of the importance of our collective efforts to create positive change and support those in need. It is an opportunity for us to come together, express our gratitude, and renew our commitment to serving others. It is a day to honor and remember the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our nation, and to reflect on their selflessness, courage, and unwavering dedication to defending the values we hold dear.

No Zoom link: Since we didn't meet May 22, there is no Zoom recording.

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors:

June, 2023

- 5 Cultural Trifecta: Murals & Melody
- 12 Update on Wesleyan College
(note: meeting at Wesleyan)
- 19 No Meeting
- 26 Changing of the Guard

Jamie Gaudet
Meaghan Blight, President

July, 2023

- 3 No Meeting – Independence Day holiday
- 17 Piedmont Health Update

Steve Daugherty, CEO of Piedmont Health

Spring Picnic

The Spring Picnic was almost cancelled due to rain, but Rotarian Kaitlyn Kressin came to the rescue and let us use Fall Line Station at the Fall Line Brewery. Thanks to Ethiel Garlington for organizing this. Here are some scenes from the fun:







Last Call for 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.

If you haven't signed up previously, PLEASE let Steve Allen (steve@eggmedia.com) know if you want to attend. We have already submitted our head count but can probably accommodate a few more..



Flight to End Polio

President Susan recently received this message from a lady named Donna Renon:

I moved to Macon in April 2021, so I am now a part of your community. I am writing to be sure your club is aware of the "Flight to End Polio". The web page is www.flighttoendpolio.com. My cousin Peter Teahen and brother John Ockenfels departed from Cedar Rapids, IA on May 5th in a Cessna to fly around the world to help make people aware of the anguish of polio and its effect on the family and friends. I hope that you'll take time to see what they are doing, and the funds that are being raised. They will be visiting both Pakistan and Afghanistan on this journey. I also hope you will share this event at your meeting. These 2 guys will be gone from home for 3 months. They own the plane and all expenses for the flight are covered by donated equipment and services of some sponsors or out of Peter and John's pockets. All money donated for this cause is being matched 2:1 by the Bill Gates foundation and goes to their Rotary Clubs in Iowa.

Notice of Dues Increase

Meal costs for our weekly club meetings have more than doubled since before the pandemic, and this is the largest expense we incur each week. In order to maintain the quality meetings we all enjoy, the Board voted to increase dues from \$245 to \$260 per quarter, beginning July 1. While this still results in an annual deficit for the club, it should be a manageable amount. We appreciate your understanding.

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

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| 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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