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Mercer Medical School, Dean Jean Sumner

Since its establishment in 1982, the Mercer University School of Medicine has made a significant impact in Macon and across Georgia. Its mission is to train physicians and health professionals to serve the primary care and healthcare needs of the state's rural and medically underserved communities. The school now operates campuses in Atlanta, Savannah, Columbus, and Valdosta.

When Mercer President Bill Underwood spoke to our club on February 10, he shared a major development: Mercer's plan to build a new medical school campus in downtown Macon. He described the project as the largest single investment in the university's history, one that will have a profound impact on both the university and Macon's economic landscape.



At the time, President Underwood could not reveal the campus's exact location. It has since been announced that the new facility will be built on Riverside Drive, overlooking the Ocmulgee River between Spring and Second Streets.

Learn more about the exciting things happening at Mercer Medical School when Dean Jean Sumner addresses our club June 9.

No Zoom Link

There was no meeting June 2.

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS AND CLUB EVENTS:

(Note changes from those previously published)

June, 2025

16	AI (Artificial Intelligence)	Brandon Haddock
17	Joint Board Meeting	
23	Changing of the Guard – Meeting to be held at The Overlook on First, 484 First Street (in the old Armory building, next to Macon Arts)	
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	GA Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Commissioner Kevin Tanner
19	Board Meeting	
25	Rescue Mission	Pat Chastain, CEO



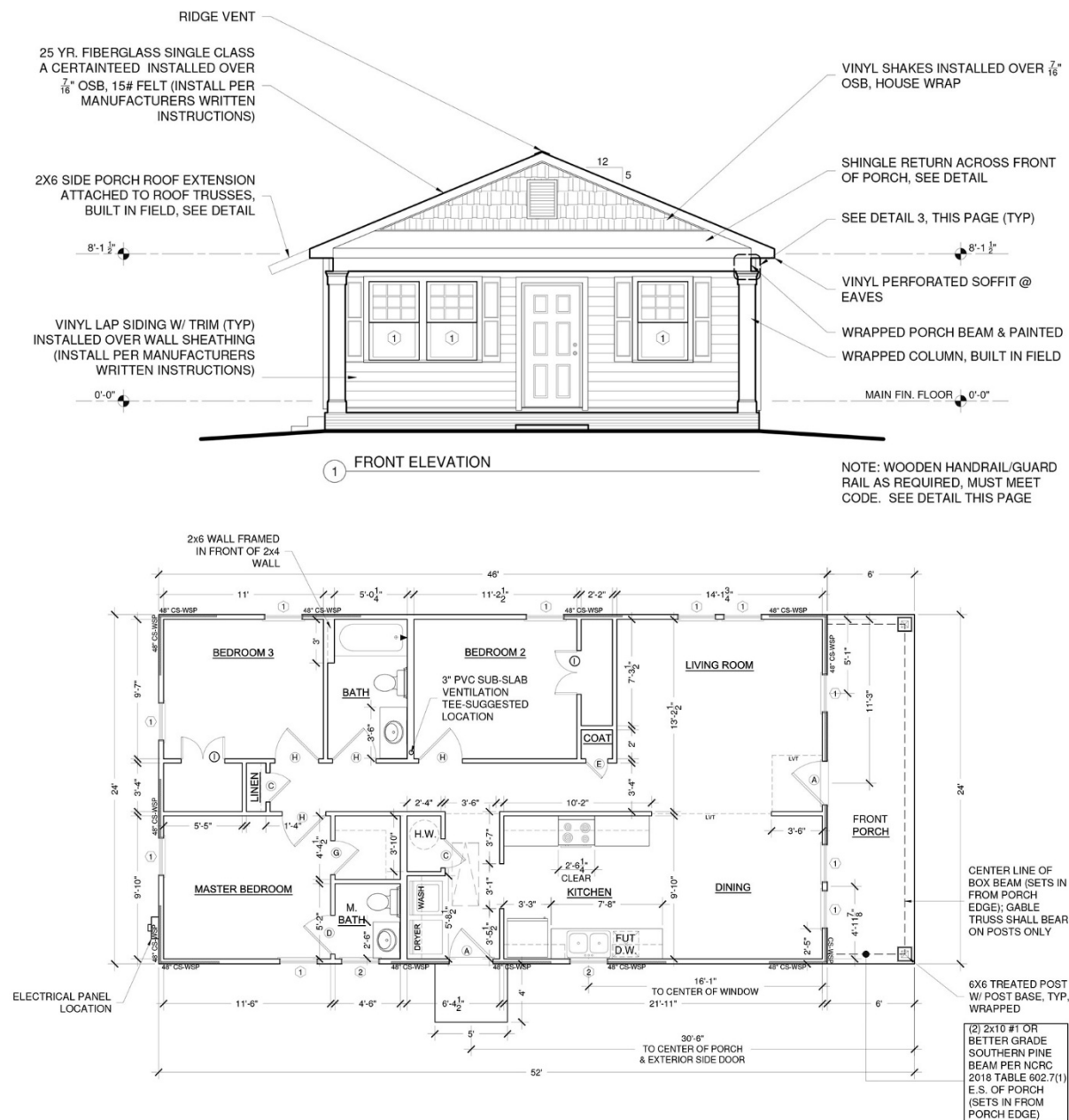
Each year, District 6920 offers a great experience to a few selected rising high school juniors and seniors through the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program. RYLA students attend an all-expense paid four-day event, where they can expand their perceptions, learn about themselves, discuss leadership skills, and put those skills to practice. The event is held on the campus of the College of Coastal Georgia, next door to St Simons and Jekyll Islands, and this year's session takes place June 11-14. To learn more about the selection process, see <https://www.rotarydistrict6920.org/ryla-registration-timeline/>

We do have opportunities for club members to get involved in RYLA. All of the presentations are open to all Rotarians, especially the opening and closing sessions. Another REALLY good session is on Friday night, when Fahima Rastagar will share her riveting story. To volunteer for the available slots, go to <https://signup.com/go/juRHMrF> Questions? Contact Brian Weese at rotaryd6920.ryla@gmail.com.



Update on Habitat House

Due to the rain this week our footers have been delayed so we did not have a group on Monday, June 2 as originally planned. Our first group will be Monday, June 30th (when there will be no Rotary meeting). To volunteer, sign up at <https://forms.gle/kfpgYVPgyCKiU69P9>. For questions, contact Ivey Hall at ihall@maconhabitat.org.



Rotary Raffle for CART



Wow! We started with a 52-card deck and there are only five cards remaining. The winning card, the Queen of Clubs, is still there waiting to be claimed. At our last meeting, the pot was up to \$2,888, so for our next meeting of June 9 this should be around \$3,000.

As a reminder, whoever draws the winning card will win half of the pot, with the remainder going to the CART fund for Alzheimer's research.

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 (such as the Habitat house) 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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