



The Rotary Club of Macon

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Piedmont Health Update



Stephen Daugherty, CEO of Piedmont Macon Medical Center, will be our special guest and speaker at the July 17 meeting. He has led Piedmont since 2017, when it was known as Coliseum Medical Centers. This promises to be an especially interesting and informative program, so please plan to attend!

Link for Zoom Recording

Click here to view the recording of our July 10 meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/2333xclx>. We have a new AV person and the video shown by Chris Floore doesn't show in it, but you can see that at <https://youtu.be/QuCkMWZgKvc>.

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors:

July, 2023

24	Macon Violence Prevention	Jeremy Grissom
31	No meeting	

August, 2023

7	TBA	
14	TBA	
21	No meeting	
28	Affordable Housing Panel	(pending approval)

Our new board is in place, and more programs will be scheduled at their July 18 meeting.

MEETING July 10, 2023

Attendance: 63% -62 in person, 18 Zoom, plus 13 guests

CART \$47.10

Club Membership 142

Stephanie Folsom rang the bell to start her first meeting as President. After welcoming members and guests and thanking Jackie for her piano playing, she called on Ivey Hall to lead the singing and pledge. Ivey led the members in singing *America the Beautiful*, and Albert Reichert followed with the prayer.

President Stephanie then welcomed an unusually large contingent of 13 guests. Ten members celebrate birthdays July 1-10, including George Lee on the 4th. There are three club anniversaries, including Yankee doodle Dandy George Lee with 35 years, and Alfred Sams with 49 years of club service. (As a reminder, all of this information and more, including contact information and pictures of our members, is accessible to all members by logging on to www.dacdb.com.)

Before asking for CART brags, Stephanie informed the members that CART giving for the year of Susan Welch's presidency totaled \$6,022.47. Many thanks to each Rotarian who played a part in such a successful year of giving. The brags then commenced:



President Stephanie then said that in a few weeks, Macon will be the host of the statewide GRSP Conclave from Friday, August 18th through Sunday, August 20th. Organizing this event requires all three of the Macon Rotary Clubs. Rebecca Grist and Milton Heard from our club are acting as co-chairs. Stephanie then called on Rebecca Grist to give more details.

Conclave is the kickoff event for GRSP program's 2023-2024 year and allows the international college scholarship students to interact with one another as well as GRSP leadership, host families, club presidents, alumni and Rotarians throughout the State. We are looking for host families for this weekend to ensure a successful experience for all involved. If you are interested in helping, full information is in these documents:

[Click here for full details](#) and [click here for the tentative Conclave agenda](#)

Stephanie then said that each year our Club awards scholarships to high school students to attend a leadership conference called RYLA. This year's Rotary Youth Leadership Conference was held in June at the College of Coastal Georgia and our recipient of this award was Stuart McCurry. Stuart is Past President Elbert McQueen's granddaughter and the daughter of Reese and Will McCurry, and came to the meeting today to share her experiences. She is an incoming Junior at the Academy of Classical Education (ACE), an accomplished volleyball player, member of the Beta Club, President of the Latin Club, and was recently a principal in the ACE spring production of Legally Blonde. She begins a summer internship next week along with 10 other area students selected by the Childers-McCain Law Firm.

Stuart came to the podium and thanked the Club for the opportunity to participate in RYLA. She said she was unfamiliar with the program before her grandfather told her about it. Stuart said she made many new friends that she would never have had the chance to meet. She was fascinated by the history of the Rotary Club and was particularly impressed with the efforts to eradicate polio and Alzheimer's. It was a great four days at the College of Coastal Georgia in Brunswick. More information is at <https://rotarydistrict6920.org/ryla/>.



Stephanie then called on Gary Wheat to introduce our speakers, Chris Floore, Chief Communications Officer for Macon-Bibb, and Bonnie Hopkins of the Macon Tracks Running Club. Gary noted that Chris and his department have received over three dozen national awards.

Chris began by saying that in April of 2022, the City of Savannah cancelled their contract with the Rock and Roll Race series. In 2009 this race brought 12,000 runners, who with their friends and family had an impact of \$23 million. Mayor Miller then called for an all-out effort for Macon to attract this race series. Chris and his team were tasked with making a video to showcase what Macon could bring to the race. Unfortunately, the Rock and Roll Race Series had not quite recovered from COVID and decided not to continue. Since Macon had put a team in place to attract the race, they decided to partner with Macon Tracks to put on a race of our own.

Chris then showed the video, which can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/QuCkMWZqKvc> and is very entertaining!

Bonnie Hopkins then came up and said that after years of working with area nonprofits, she just recently changed jobs and is now Chief Financial Officer of Wesley Glen Ministries, so Cameron Bishop is her boss. She said she may not look like a regular runner, but 11 years ago she weighed almost 300 pounds and looked for a way to change. She started a program called "Couch to 5K" and entered a race where she came to know Macon Tracks. She is now Vice President of Macon Tracks and is also a member of the Downtown Macon Rotary Club.

Macon Tracks is a 501(c)(3) that started in 1977 for the purpose of promoting running. More than that, it promotes fitness. Even people such as herself who are not fast runners can benefit. She made many friends there, and has participated in Rock and Roll races in other cities. Macon Tracks started the Macon Labor Day Road Race, which grew from 352 members the first year to over 2,000 today. One of their other projects was to transform an abandoned lot near Rivoli and Old Forsyth Roads into the "Triangle" which provides parking and

access for runners, walkers and cyclists.

The inaugural Macon Music Half Marathon will be November 4, 2023. It will start and end in Carolyn Crayton Park (Central City Park). The course will take you by locations showing the musical heritage of Macon, including the Big House, Capricorn Studios, and Mercer's McDuffie Center for Strings as well as other historic and cultural sites. Full details are at <http://macontracks.org/macon-music-half-marathon/>. Atrium Health has signed on as the presenting sponsor but other sponsorship opportunities are available. If you or your company are interested, please see this [sponsorship document](#).



After questions, the meeting ended with recitation of the Four Way Test.



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. Please email Gary Wheat, our Vocational Service Chair, at gwheat@visitmacon.org

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 Gary Wheat, gwheat@visitmacon.org

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 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 Charles Olson Charles@1842inn.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!

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