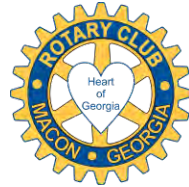




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Macon Planning & Zoning

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors

July

25 Georgia Forestry Commission Tim Lowrimore

August

1 Otis Redding Foundation Karla Redding Andrews
8 Macon Film Aaron Buzza
15 Georgia Power Chris Womack
22 Macon Pickle Ball Paul Midkiff
29 Advanced Technology Development Center (ATDC) Robert Grant

September

5 No Meeting Labor Day Holiday
12 District Governor Heather Kellen Gordon Rogers
19 Flint Riverkeeper Dr. Ansley A. Booker
26 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

October

3 Start Up Macon Andrew Eck
10 No Meeting, Columbus Day Rob Betzel
17 EOS (Entrepreneurial Operating System®)

Link for Makeup

Please click this link to view the Zoom recording of the July 11 meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/2asmd4kt>

MEETING July 11, 2022

Attendance: 62.7% - 53 in person, 26 Zoom, plus 7 guests

CART \$38.72

Club Membership 144



President Susan Welsh rang the bell to open the first meeting of her administration. She thanked Elbert McQueen and his board for an excellent job last year. She then presented the banner with the 2022-23 Rotary theme "Imagine Rotary" and the name of Jennifer Jones as RI President.

Kathy McCollum led members in the song and Pledge, and Jeffrey Monroe offered the prayer. President Susan then welcomed the seven guests, including Mayor Lester Miller and Meaghan Blight, the new President of Wesleyan College. Susan reviewed member birthdays and Club anniversaries for the past and coming week, then called on members to offer brags to support the CART fund. There were many good ones, including a tanned and rested-looking Elbert McQueen, who proudly showed off his Past President pin.



Jim Crisp then offered effusive praise in his introduction of the speaker, our member Alex Morrison, who is Executive Director of the Macon-Bibb Urban Development Administration. Alex was joined at the podium by David Aiello, General Manager of the Macon Centreplex, and David Thompson, co-founder of Piedmont Construction Group.



Alex began by outlining the general vision and goals for Macon's Amphitheater, which is scheduled for completion at the end of May, 2023. It offers the promise of reinvigorating the area around Macon Mall by bringing a concert and event venue that could attract major acts and will accommodate up to 10,000 people.

David Thompson said the site is ideal for such a venue, offering 5,600 existing parking places and easy access to two major roads which connect to two Interstate highways. He contrasted it with Chastain Park, which is an excellent venue but very difficult to enter and leave. The design enhances acoustics for the audience, while limiting spillover of sound into the surrounding area.

David Aiello addressed the parts of the venue that will appeal to major acts, such as loading docks that will enable direct access to the stage, and support from an attentive staff.

There were many questions from members, which were all addressed. The meeting concluded with recitation of the Four Way Test.



PIEDMONT TVS

Artist's Conception of Amphitheater

Donations to Rotary Foundation and CART

Club members can make donations to The Rotary Foundation or the CART Fund online 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 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

Viewing of Monday meeting recorded on Zoom	See current Throbs link
Anytime	Rotary Project or Rotary Committee Meeting
Anytime	Volunteer at Macon Volunteer Clinic

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**, it is in our club's Constitution!

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.

Club Membership Applications

Our club is using a new online (no paper) membership application. Contact Membership Chair Ethiel Garlington egarlington@historicmacon.org or any board member or officer or the Club Administrator. All we need is the potential member's name and email address to send an application to them to complete and submit online.

All members of our club need to think about who would make good Rotarians. There are many classifications that could be filled. If you know of someone, check first with Kathryn Dennis, Classification Chair kdennis@cfcga.org to make sure there are no conflicts with other members. The process is easy and rewarding to bring in new members.

Excused Absence

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 as indicated below.

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