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The Rotary Club of Macon

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Georgia Forestry Commission
Tim Lowrimore, Director

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors

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	
19	Flint Riverkeeper	Gordon Rogers
26	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion	Dr. Ansley A. Booker

October

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

Link for Makeup

Please click this link to view the Zoom recording of the July 18 meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/25ehq4k8>

MEETING July 18, 2022

Attendance: 61.4% - 47 in person, 33 Zoom, plus 3 guests

CART \$12

Club Membership 144

President Susan Welsh rang the bell to open the meeting, George Lee led members in the song and Pledge, and Marcus Tripp offered the prayer. President Susan then welcomed our three guests. There were no member birthdays for the week, but several Club anniversaries and two wedding anniversaries.



We had just one brag today! Members are encouraged to use this opportunity to support the CART fund, but remember that you can still put money in the bucket and it will go to support Alzheimer's research.

Gene Dunwody introduced our speaker, member Jeff Ruggieri, who is Executive Director of the Macon-Bibb Planning and Zoning Commission. Jeff first attended the University of Rhode Island, but then decided to pursue a degree in city planning, and Gene was proud to

say he chose Georgia Tech. Jeff has worked in land development in both the public and private sectors in Texas, Florida, and North Carolina. Jeff's private sector experience includes design and management of large scale mixed use developments and Developments of Regional Impact in Florida. He was most recently the City of New Bern, North Carolina's first Director of Development Services before being recruited to come to Macon. His predecessor spent 37 years in the job, so a nationwide search was launched to find Mr. Ruggieri.



Jeff began by complimenting President Susan on being the first person to introduce him using the correct pronunciation of his name. He then explained that the Planning and Zoning Commission, more often referred to as P&Z, was established by a state constitutional amendment in 1947 and began in 1952. Jeff said the commission is the only one of its kind in Georgia and perhaps in the entire country where there is a separate organization charged with all planning and zoning matters for a county. It is a five-member commission of volunteers appointed by the Mayor and has many tasks, such as developing construction and maintenance codes, enforcing zoning laws, and developing transportation plans. It is assisted by the Historic Preservation/Design and Review Board, which cannot act on its own but makes recommendations to the P&Z. Jeff went over some of the many challenges faced in fighting blight, regulating development, and preventing inappropriate use of properties.

Members were quite interested, as evidenced by the many questions that followed the talk. In closing, President Susan reminded the members of Thursday's event in Warner Robins, which is sponsored by District 6920 and will offer information on stopping human trafficking.

The meeting concluded with recitation of the Four Way Test.

EXPOSING THE CULTURE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

COMMUNITY AWARENESS | FREE EVENT



**END
HUMAN
Trafficking
NOW**



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HOPE**

**ALL WELCOME!
JULY
21**

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Rotary
District 6920



**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
CENTRAL GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE
80 COHEN WALKER DR. BLDG A
WARNER ROBINS, GA**

Donations 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 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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