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FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors:

August

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
24	The Partnership for Inclusion Innovation	Debra Lam

Link for Makeup

Please click this link to view the Zoom recording of the July 25 meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/23z6uj6c>

New Member Approvals

The Board of Directors approved three membership applications in their meeting of July 19, 2022. Their names and classifications are:

- Katy Carr, Operations Director of United in Pink (Cancer Resource Center)
- Jeffrey Hagy, Realtor, Atlanta Fine Homes Sotheby's International Realty (Real Estate – Residential)
- Dan Sims, Superintendent of Bibb County School District (School Superintendent)

Members have 10 days to make comments in writing to President Susan Welsh.

MEETING July 25, 2022

Attendance: 59.4% - 46 in person, 30 Zoom, plus 3 guests

CART \$15

Club Membership 144

President Susan Welsh rang the bell to open the meeting. Harold Young led members in the song and Pledge, and Susan noted that it was Harold's birthday. Cynthia Knapp offered the prayer. President Susan then welcomed our three guests, noted other member birthdays for the week, and acknowledged Marcus Tripp's 26th anniversary with Rotary.



There were several good brags to support the CART fund. Kathryn Dennis introduced her guest, Sarai Hitchcock, who has just begun work with the Community Foundation, and Jim Manley announced the opening of the new Synovus branch downtown.

George Lee introduced his son, Jonathan, who has a special connection with speaker Tim Lowrimore. In introducing Tim, Jonathan noted that Tim had invited him to lunch when he was still in high school, and encouraged him to become a forester. Jonathan did just that, graduating from UGA's Warnell Forestry School and then working in forestry and with forest products companies since graduation.

Tim Lowrimore is Director of the Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) and has over 20 years of forestry and other professional experience. He began working as a forester with the GFC, rising through the ranks before leaving for private industry. He was happy working in public affairs for a major lumber producer but was recruited in 2021 to come back to GFC as Director and State Forester.

The GFC is headquartered in Macon and has 109 county offices in the state. Mr. Lowrimore said Georgia is the number one state for forestry, which has a \$30 billion impact on the Georgia economy. 123,000 jobs are created by forestry in Georgia. Two-thirds of the state is forested, equaling 24 million acres. Georgia is the "wood basket of the world."

He noted the beneficial impact trees have on the environment. The GFC helps guide the management of the forests, and due to the private ownership structure and prescribed burns, Georgia has fewer problems with wildfires than western states. Still, there were 23 wildfires of over 100 acres last year, including the one on Sapelo that affected 2,200 acres but was contained before destroying important historical assets. Mr. Lowrimore noted trends in forestry, including the ability to construct high-rise buildings out of "mass timber" which is compressed layers of wood with remarkable strength and has attracted growing interest in Georgia.



Tim Lowrimore

Members asked many questions, right up until the 1:30 closing time.

The meeting concluded with recitation of the Four Way Test.



Found Bag

Someone left a small black bag with diapers, an umbrella and other things, but no ID. It can be claimed at the church office.

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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