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The Rotary Club of Macon

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Center for Middle Georgia Studies at MGSU

The Macon area has a new asset at Middle Georgia State University, the Center for Middle Georgia Studies. The Center will embark on groundbreaking research, offer customized training programs, and host engaging events to advance its mission of regional prosperity and vitality. Based on MGA's Macon Campus in the newly renovated space in the library, the center will focus on tackling issues ranging from poverty and workforce demands to healthcare disparities. The center's development fits in well with an essential part of MGA's strategic plan, which is to lead innovation and economic opportunity.



Middle Georgia
State University

This transformative initiative was made possible by a generous \$1.2 million grant from the Peyton Anderson Foundation, alongside a generous gift from the estate of Carolyn Smalley. Dr. Kristie Roberts-Lewis, most recently senior program manager at the United Negro College Fund Institute for Capacity Building, has joined MGA as the first executive director of the Center for Middle Georgia Studies. We are pleased to welcome her to our August 5 meeting and to learn more about this resource.

No Zoom Link

There was no club meeting July 29.

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS AND CLUB EVENTS:

August, 2024

5	Center for Middle GA Studies at MGS	Dr. Kristie Roberts-Lewis
12	Macon-Bibb Mayor	Lester Miller
19	No Meeting – Tu B'av (Jewish holiday of love)	
20	Board meeting	
26	RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)	

September, 2024

2	No meeting	
9	Journalism, Humor, and <i>Macon Melody</i>	Ed Grisamore
16	“Trouble in God’s Country” (economics)	Charles Hayslett
17	Board Meeting	
23	First Tee of Middle Georgia	Elliott Ruus, Exec. Director
30	No meeting	

Your CART Donations at Work

The top 2024 grant recipient of CART (Coins for Alzheimer’s Research Trust) is Dr. Ana Griciuc, who heads the Griciuc Lab at Massachusetts General Hospital. She and her lab received \$300,000 for their groundbreaking work on a new way to tackle Alzheimer’s disease.

Dr. Griciuc investigates neuroinflammation, with an emphasis on two microglial receptors: CD33 and TREM2. Microglia clear amyloid beta and dead or infected cells and prune excess synapses. However, in Alzheimer’s disease, microglia can become activated and pro-inflammatory. CD33 is the

“on” switch for neuroinflammation, while TREM2 acts like an “off” switch. The two receptors are being investigated for their potential as targets for therapeutics to prevent or treat Alzheimer’s disease.

Based in South Carolina, The CART Fund is a 501(c)(3) organization governed by an Executive Committee and a Board of Directors composed of representatives from qualified Rotary districts that support the program.

There are three ways to donate, and the most visible is by putting cash in the blue bucket on each table (just remember that brags cost \$2 each!) You may also write a check payable to the Rotary Club of Macon and put “CART Fund” on the check. Thirdly, you can donate online at <https://mycartfund.org/login.cfm>. For online donations you will need to enter our Club number 4202 and District number 6920. This requires logging in to DACdb, if you have trouble please contact Steve Allen or use [this alternate link](#). Online donations qualify as tax-deductible (but ask your accountant!)



Donate to Rotary Foundation

Club members can make donations to The Rotary Foundation 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:

Online payments: 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.

In-person payments: Checks should be payable to The Rotary Foundation (not the club!) and dropped off at any meeting or mailed to Rotary Club of Macon, P.O. Box 4521, Macon, GA 31208.

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. **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

We are purpose-driven leaders of influence and action. 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 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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