



The Rotary Club of Macon

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Macon Amphitheater and More
Alex Morrison

Our planned program about NewTown Loans had to be postponed. Fortunately, our own Alex Morrison is stepping in with a very informative program about all the action around the old Macon Mall. The new amphitheater is just part of the exciting developments coming soon. And is it true that we will have the world's largest pickleball facility? Come find out for yourself.

No Zoom Recording

There was no meeting July 31.

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors:

August, 2023

- 14 History and Impact of Macon Pride Scott Mitchell
(Note: Aug. 14 meeting will be at Fall Line Brewing Co., [567 Plum Street](#))
- 21 No meeting
- 28 Affordable Housing Panel Mike Austin, Wanzina Jackson, and Everett Verner

September, 2023

- 4 No Meeting
- 11 Artificial Intelligence Jimmy Plunkett
- 18 Future of the Car Industry Marsh Butler
- 25 Central Georgia CASA



We need your help hosting 12 GRSP students for the upcoming Conclave in Macon. Help is needed just for the weekend the event takes place. Here are the details:

When? The nights of August 18 and August 19th and the morning of August 20th.

What is required? Room to host no fewer than two GRSP Students. If you have room for more, that is even better.

Host families will be responsible for picking up their students at First Presbyterian Church on Friday afternoon at 4:30. Transport the students to Fall Line Station for the Dinner and Program at 6:30. Pick them up at 9:30. Saturday Morning, have the students at First Presbyterian at 8:30 for the first session. Please provide them breakfast.

4:00 – Pick students up at First Presbyterian Church

6:00- have students back at FPC for the Dinner and Show. At 9:00, all of the students will move to the coffee shop at Hotel 45 for social time. Rotarians are invited to have social time in Hightales Bar and Hospitality Suites

11:00 Host families Pick up the students at the coffee shop.

Sunday Morning at 9:00 Host Families deliver students for pickup at Hart's Mortuary Parking Lot (765 Cherry Street)

Please email Rebecca Grist at rlgrist@gmail.com as soon as possible to let her know your availability.

If you would like to attend any of the dinners or events with your students, please use this link to register:

Here is the event link: <https://www.dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77666486>

You may also view the event directly from the [GRSP website calendar](#).



If you are new to the club, you may not know of the raffle we used to have but most members have been waiting for it to come back. Basically, it's a two-step challenge to win. First, your ticket number must be called, but then you have to pick the Queen of Hearts from a deck of cards. If the Queen isn't drawn, the drawn card is thrown out and the next week's raffle has one less card in the deck. The first time we tried this, it got down to just three cards remaining, and the pot was over \$10,000! Good news – the raffle returns in August!

50% of the winnings goes to CART to support Alzheimer's research, and the remaining 50% goes to the winner. The odds of winning this are many times better than the state lottery, and it goes to a good cause. Rotary Foundation Director, Jonathan Alderman is in charge and still needs some help. Please let him know if you are willing to help sell tickets and handle drawings.

Here's how it works:

Procedure:

- Tickets sold in person before the beginning of each regular on-site meeting
- Holder of ticket drawn from pot by President, Speaker or designee gets to pull one card from deck of cards.
- Ticket holder must be present to win. Drawing at end of meeting.
- Queen of Hearts is the winner.
- If no winner, the drawn card is destroyed, reducing the number of cards in the deck. Winner splits the pot 50/50.
- The Club's 50% goes to the Cart Fund.
- No refund of ticket purchase price to person who does not draw the Queen. (Change from before.)
- No change made. You get number of tickets your denomination of money paid for, i.e. \$1.00 = 1 ticket, \$5.00 = 5 tickets; \$10.00 = 10 tickets, etc. No change made out of the bucket.

Who is Eligible to purchase:

Macon Rotary Club Members in good standing, member's spouse or child, GRSP student, pianist, receptionist.

Giftng:

Purchaser may gift ticket to another eligible person. IRS 1099 goes to whoever the winner is at the Club Meeting.

Ticket Cost:

- Pots up to \$1999 = Ticket Cost \$1
- Pots between \$2,000 and \$2,999 = Ticket Cost \$2
- Pots between \$3,000 and \$3,999 = Ticket Cost \$3 each or two for \$5
- Pots between \$4,000 and \$4,999 = Ticket cost \$4 each or three for \$10
- Pot over \$5,000 and above = Ticket Cost \$5 each

Auction:

For pots exceeding \$10,000, at the request of the ticket holder and at the discretion of the President, the winning ticket may be auctioned to the high bidder. Of the amount paid by the high bidder, 15% shall go to the Cart Fund and 85% to the original ticket holder. The top bidder can then draw a card.

1099's:

The Club will issue an IRS 1099 to the winner of the pot for 50% of the pot paid.



Do you have a recent accomplishment? Have you 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 EOlson200@msn.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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