



Rotary



# The Rotary Club of Macon

## THROBS

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Macon Film Commission  
Aaron Buzza

**FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors:**

**August**

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

**November**

7	No Meeting	Veteran's Day
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**Link for Makeup**

Please click this link to view the Zoom recording of the July 25 meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/27quaepo>

**MEETING August 1, 2022**

Attendance: 65.4% - 49 in person, 34 Zoom, plus 4 in-person and 2 Zoom guests  
CART \$35.50  
Club Membership 143

President Susan Welsh rang the bell to open the meeting. Dianne Brannen tested our vocal range with the National Anthem then led members in the song and Pledge. Andy Mealor offered the prayer. President Susan then welcomed our guests, including Michelle Carter of the Knight Foundation who joined by Zoom from Miami. There were no member birthdays this week, but several club anniversaries, including three members with over 30 years of service!

As usual, we had a good number of brags to help raise money for CART. Here's a sample:



Assistant District Governor Amy Maley then came to the podium to briefly talk about District Governor Heather Kellen's strategic plan and goals for the district. Amy noted that Rotary International has its first-ever female President, Jennifer Jones. Amy then explained this year's Rotary International theme, "Imagine Rotary" and the significance of the logo. Amy also brought along a "digging stick" used in many third-world countries. That stick is the green horizontal line in the center of the logo. DG Heather Kellen's theme for the district is "Dream Big, Serve Big," with membership growth a major goal. New "innovative clubs" are being created for people who can't devote an hour each week to a traditional meeting. Amy complimented the club on its Rotary Foundation giving.

Susan then brought up our speakers, Karla Redding-Andrews and Justin Andrews who are both members of our club and represent the Otis Redding Foundation.

In 2007 it was decided that more should be done to honor the late Otis Redding, the legendary performer from Macon who was Karla's father, and it should be something other than just an exhibit. In 1967, Otis Redding had been quoted in *Blues and Soul* magazine that "I'd like to establish a summer camp for underprivileged youth...(and) teach young children economic and social responsibilities." That was the beginning of the Otis Music Camp, which has grown greatly over the years. The Otis Redding Foundation was then founded in 2008, which expanded to offer other camps such as Camp Dream and many other programs. Space was first borrowed from Mercer, and Mt. DeSales before finding a downtown location.







The plan now is to build the Otis Redding Center for the Arts, which will be at 436 Cotton Avenue and have over 11,000 square feet of space. It will serve children of all ages and abilities.

The Knight Foundation spearheaded the effort and the current goal is to raise \$10 million. A major feature will be a multi-purpose amphitheater. Karla showed several slides showing designs of the center. If you missed the program, or want to see it again, just go to <https://tinyurl.com/27quaepo> for the Zoom recording of the entire meeting.



Members asked many questions, and the meeting concluded with recitation of the Four Way Test.

### 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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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