



The Rotary Club of Macon

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August 28, 2023 *Affordable Housing Panel*

Our August 28 program addresses the ongoing problem of affordable housing, and possible solutions. Join Mike Austin, CEO of the Macon Housing Authority; Wanzina Jackson, Manager of Economic & Community Development; and Everett Verner, Executive Director of the Macon-Bibb County Land Bank Authority as they discuss the situation in Macon-Bibb.

No Zoom Link

There was no meeting August 21.

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors:

September, 2023

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

October, 2023

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| 2 | NewTown Loans | Lauren Marshall |
| 9 | No Meeting | |
| 16 | Macon Mental Health Matters | Andrea Cooke |
| 23 | No Meeting | |
| 30 | GRSP/Club Assembly | |

November, 2023

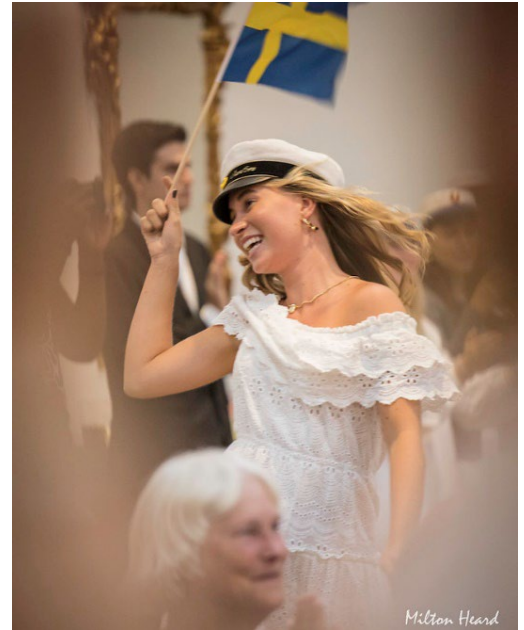
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| 6 | Crimestoppers – No Meeting at church | |
| 13 | District Governor Felix Smith and Asst. District Governor Steve Bell | |
| 20 | No Meeting | |

GRSP Conclave

Our club, along with the Macon North and Downtown Macon clubs hosted the GRSP Conclave the weekend of August 18-20. This year, GRSP (the Georgia Rotary Student Program) has 42 students from all over the world attending a Georgia college for one year. The Macon clubs are hosting Vendela Danfors of Sweden, who is attending Wesleyan (pictured at right and below).

Club members hosted and drove several students to various events at First Presbyterian Church, Fall Line Brewing Company, and Hightales Bar. Thanks to all who volunteered and participated, especially Rebecca Grist and Milton Heard who organized everything on behalf of our club. All enjoyed a fabulous and hilarious night being entertained by the students doing skits which were mostly about their countries

If you missed the evening's entertainment, or just want to see it again, the video is on both [Vimeo](#) and [YouTube](#) (just click on those links).





from the video of the GRSP program

ShelterBox



ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity that provides emergency shelter and other aid items to families around the world who have lost their homes to disaster or conflict. They have partnered with Rotary since their founding in 2000. At their August meeting our Board of Directors voted to sponsor one box for \$1,000. While our intention was for it to go to relief efforts in Maui, ShelterBox determined that their relief box program “is not the right fit for families affected in Maui right now, and there are other organizations, including state and federal agencies, that are better positioned to respond to the immediate displacement needs.” Instead, ShelterBox is making a \$50,000 donation to Hawaii Rotary District 5000’s Maui Fire Relief Fund (<https://rotaryd5000.org/stories/creating-hope-for-maui-rotary-district-5000-launches-maui-fires-relief-fund>) and encourages others to support the efforts of the local Rotary District in providing relief. You can click on the link above to make a donation.



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

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| Anytime Meeting | Rotary Project or Rotary Committee |
| 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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