



# Rotary



## The Rotary Club of Macon

### THROBS

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Advanced Technology Development Center (ATDC)  
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#### **FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors:**

##### **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
31	Salvation Army or TKE Elevator (TBD)	

##### **November**

7	No Meeting, but may attend Crimestoppers	Veteran's Day
14	Read for the Record Book Author	Antwan Eady
21	No Meeting	Thanksgiving
28	Current State of Healthcare	Robert Luisana

Link for Makeup

Please click this link to view the Zoom recording of the August 22 meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/2mg79n2v>

#### **New Member Approval**

At their meeting of August 16, the Board approved the membership application of Asha Ellen, Executive Director of Keep Macon Bibb Beautiful, who will hold the classification of Community Beautification. The Board has also approved the return of Debra Rollins who keeps the classification of Housing Renovation. Members have 10 days to make comments in writing to President Susan Welsh.

## MEETING August 22, 2022

Attendance: 68.8% - 43 in person, 38 Zoom, plus 2 guests

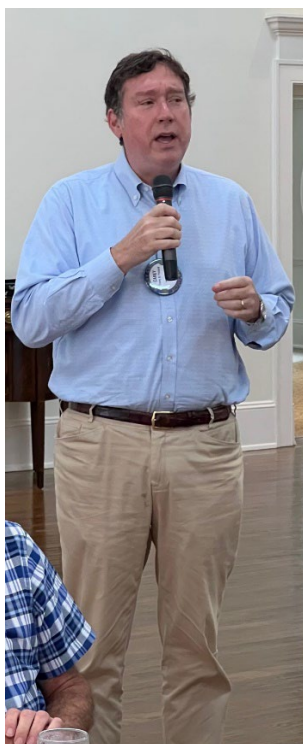
CART \$36.00

Club Membership 145

President Susan Welsh rang the bell to open the meeting. George Lee led us in singing *My Country 'Tis of Thee*, and Bowen Shoemaker offered the prayer.

Susan then congratulated Julie Wilkerson on her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday today, but Julie was celebrating elsewhere. Curt Brewer's birthday is tomorrow, and Don Bailey celebrates 16 years as a Rotarian.

We had many good brags to support the CART fund (for Alzheimer's research. Elbert McQueen introduced Fred Reese, who is a prospective member and also the reason Carlyle Place installed a pickleball court. Here are some of our brags:





Alex Morrison then introduced our speaker, Paul Midkiff, who is founder and President of the Macon Pickleball Association as well as South Georgia Director for the Georgia Pickleball Association. Paul has a 35 year-long tenure with Mount de Sales Academy, having served as a principal, counselor, coach, and teacher of math and science. But the first time he played pickleball, he was hooked. He now spends just one hour a day at Mount de Sales and the remainder surrounded by pickleball.



Paul presented a video about the origins of pickleball, which began in 1965 as a backyard sport invented by some families from Bainbridge Island, near Seattle, Washington. Three dads – Joel Pritchard, Bill Bell, and Barney McCallum — whose kids were bored with their usual summertime activities, are credited with creating game. Pickleball has evolved from original handmade equipment and simple rules into a popular sport throughout the US and Canada and is attracting international attention.

Pickleball has an avid following in Macon, which has some good courts. A notable development will be taking place at the site of the old Belk department store in Macon Mall. 32 indoor pickleball courts are planned, and that would make Macon home of the world's largest pickleball facility. The hope is to attract national tournaments to Macon.

In what is probably a first, Paul Midkiff had set up a regulation-sized court for a live demonstration. Paul, joined by Alex, Marcus Tripp, and Fred Reese, played a short game.

This was well-received by the members, as evidenced by their many questions. You can see the entire program (and the pickleball action) at <https://tinyurl.com/2mg79n2v>.



President Susan said the membership will be receiving a survey soon, and encouraged everyone to respond. 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
Oct. 22, 2022	Volunteer at Macon Beer Festival



## 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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