



# Rotary



## The Rotary Club of Macon

 **THROBS**

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*No Meeting – Labor Day*



Celebrated in the United States since 1894, the first Monday of September is the federal holiday of Labor Day, which also marks the unofficial end of summer. In observance of Labor Day, there will be no meeting Monday, September 2. However, be sure to join us next Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> when journalist (and local legend) Ed Grisamore will visit our club!

Link for Zoom Recording

Click here to view the recording of our August 26 meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/28qfzezy>

## FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS AND CLUB EVENTS:

### September, 2024

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

### October, 2024

7	River Edge	Cass Hatcher, CEO
14	No meeting	
15	<i>Board meeting</i>	
19	<i>Macon Beer Fest, sponsored by Downtown Rotary to promote prostate cancer awareness</i>	
21	Georgia Farm Bureau	
28	Crimestoppers Luncheon at Centreplex, no regular meeting	

## MEETING August 26, 2024

Attendance: 55% - 60 in person, 11 Zoom, plus 7 guests

CART \$75, Raffle \$40

Club Membership: 144

President Danny Gibson rang the bell to start the meeting and called on Past President Jonathan Alderman to lead the singing and pledge. Jonathan chose to test our vocal ranges with *The Star-Spangled Banner*, which is easy for him and maybe two other members. (Editor’s note: ask me about seeing Jonathan perform at Carnegie Hall). Lauren Lanter offered the prayer in which she offered thanks for the students in attendance and reminded us to apply The Four Way Test in our lives.

Danny then welcomed our guests, most of whom were attending to support the RYLA students. He also welcomed our members attending by Zoom, but admonished them to attend in person whenever possible. Four members, plus our almost-member Merrily Burns, celebrate upcoming birthdays. Four members have club anniversaries, including Don Bailey with 18 years.

Sergeant at Arms Cater Thompson then announced that the church has asked us to clear out excess items in the closet. Cookbooks, pens and assorted other items including a framed copy of the Four Way Test, were displayed on a table and offered free to members. There will probably be some left for the next meeting!



It was then time for CART brags, which raise funds for Alzheimer’s research. We had some good ones, and you can watch and hear them all at <https://tinyurl.com/28qfzezy>.

Here are just a few of the brags being delivered:



President Danny remarked that Steve Allen is running the Zoom meeting from Chicago. Rotary was founded in 1905 in Chicago, and he wondered if the founders could have imagined that a Rotary program in Macon could be disseminated worldwide by a person working from there. He then called on Bradley Lenz to give a classification talk.



Bradley holds the classification of Appraisal and Antiquities, and specializes in rare books. He began by saying that nearly 600 years ago, a technological innovation so important that it literally revolutionized the world was undertaken by a goldsmith named Johannes Gutenberg. He used sand casting to invent movable type. That led to an information revolution that allowed book manufacturing to, within a hundred years, produce over a million printed books throughout Europe.

About three weeks ago one leaf, or page of the Gutenberg Bible, which we're all very familiar with, sold for \$130,000 at auction. That's just one page of one book. "And that's where I come in. I'm a personal property appraiser, a member of the ISA, the International Society of Appraisers."

Bradley said he originally planned to be a college professor but met a mentor who encouraged him to become a member of the ISA and become an appraiser. Bradley now supplies reports that are accepted by insurance to assess the value of collections for charitable donations or inheritance purposes.

It was then time for our program featuring the students we sent to RYLA. The four students were introduced by Matt Shoemaker, who headed this program last Rotary year. Matt began by saying that RYLA stands for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, but is a bit misleading since the students don't get a physical prize or award, but an experience. Open to high school juniors and seniors, a total of 42 students from Rotary District 6920 were sent to the College of Coastal Georgia in Brunswick for a four-day program based on relationship and leadership building.

They had an opportunity to share and explore new ideas, enhance communication skills to improve relationships with family, friends and society, collect innovative ideas for key leadership and successful business strategies, network with positive leaders, explore family dynamics, interpersonal



relationships and values, and to better understand themselves and others. They also learned about Rotary's purpose and service to the community, as well as learn techniques for problem solving and conflict management.

First up to speak was Ronald Smith, a junior from Central High School. Ronald said he is an FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) regional officer and a part of GCAT, the Georgia youth advisory council. He also plays football and soccer and hopes to study cyber security at Georgia Tech after graduation. Ronald said his counselor recommended him for RYLA, and had a great experience at the Coastal Georgia campus. He learned to be more comfortable around people he didn't know, and gained confidence to share his opinions.

Next was Sophia Hutchison, a senior at Tattnell Square Academy. Her first college choice is also Georgia Tech and she plans to major in chemical engineering. Sophia said the students she met at RYLA became a community that grew together. She especially enjoyed a project where they made packages of emergency aid to go to various place in need around the world. Sophia said she had been involved in community service projects but never one as impactful as this. She said she is also interested in starting a Rotaract club at Tattnell.

Lola Mealor came next, and is a junior at FPD. She is on the cross-country team and has not picked a college yet. She really enjoys art and is taking AP art this year. She said the RYLA program consisted of lectures but also used games to teach leadership and included a lot of fun activities. She especially enjoyed the silent disco, where everyone dances while wearing headphones. She was also inspired by the speakers, many of whom came from humble beginnings and achieved a lot.

The final student to speak was Zach Dent, who is a junior at ACE Academy. He participates in cross country and swimming. Zach said he first thought of RYLA as something to boost his college applications but it was much more, and provided hands-on experience. The seminars were offered by a very diverse group of people who shared their inspiring stories.



In all, the RYLA program had another successful year. We will be seeking applicants again for 2025, and more information will be given about that later.

The raffle pot was up to \$713. Fred Morgan had the winning ticket but couldn't pull the Queen of Clubs, so we'll have an even bigger pot for the next meeting on September 9. This is getting to be a serious amount!

As always, the meeting concluded with recitation of the Four Way Test.

## 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. These online donations qualify as a tax deduction (but ask your accountant). 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**. (This link requires logging in to DACdb. If you have trouble with that, use <https://mycartfund.org/NewUser.cfm> instead.) All donations to CART go to support cutting-edge research on Alzheimer's.

### 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](mailto: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.

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### *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](mailto: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 the Membership Chair 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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