



Rotary



The Rotary Club of Macon

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No Meeting
Labor Day



FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors:

September

12	District Governor Heather Kellen
19	Flint Riverkeeper
26	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Gordon Rogers
Dr. Ansley A. Booker

October

3	Start Up Macon
10	No Meeting, Columbus Day
17	EOS (Entrepreneurial Operating System®)
24	The Partnership for Inclusion Innovation
31	Salvation Army

Andrew Eck
Rob Betzel
Debra Lam
Sgt. Melissa White & Cheryl Coleman

November

7	No Meeting, but may attend Crimestoppers
14	Read for the Record Book Author
21	No Meeting
28	Current State of Healthcare

Veteran's Day
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Thanksgiving
Robert Luisana

Link for Makeup

Please click this link to view the Zoom recording of the August 22 meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/2godq6qv>

MEETING August 29, 2022

Attendance: 64.6% - 56 in person, 26 Zoom, plus 3 guests

CART \$24.00

Club Membership 145

President Susan Welsh rang the bell to open the meeting. Cindy Gibson led us in singing the old familiar *God Bless America*, and Katherine Walden offered the prayer.

Susan welcomed our guests, which included a visiting Rotarian from South DeKalb and our GRSP student Pasindu Mahagamage. She then acknowledged the three Rotarians with birthdays this week, and noted a couple of Club anniversaries.

We had just three brags, which is less than usual. We don't meet next Monday, but our District Governor will be at the September 12 meeting and we will need lots of brags and contributions to CART. You have two weeks to build up milestones and accomplishments to share!



President Susan said on Monday, October 10 the District has organized Rotary Night at the Georgia National Fair. The Club is purchasing tickets and you can sign up to attend at any of the next meetings through October 10. She also reminded members about the Macon Beer Festival, which was organized by the Downtown Rotary Club. Volunteers are still needed for this October 22 fundraiser.

Rob Betzel then introduced our speaker, Robert Grant, an entrepreneur who came to speak about the Advanced Technology Development Center (ATDC) operated by Georgia Tech.

Robert said he was born in Macon, where he graduated from Mount de Sales before earning an IT degree at Armstrong State University. However, his employment experience was less than ideal, having been laid off from eight jobs in six years despite a good work record. After the last layoff, he decided to strike out on his own and launched seven successful brands as a serial entrepreneur. His latest and current venture, launched with his wife who is a medical lab scientist, is called Revealaroo. This is a non-invasive prenatal genetic screening that can be done by mail.

While he was successful, Robert realized that the path to entrepreneurship can be difficult because it's hard to find the resources and information needed to launch and maintain a successful business. He now gives back to the community as executive director of business incubator SparkMacon. He also seeks out entrepreneurs in the Macon area to be part of ATDC's statewide portfolio of companies.

Robert showed how both SparkMacon and ATDC operate. Designed to be a collaborative workspace for a wide range of creatives, SparkMacon meets every stage of entrepreneurship, from ideation to prototyping to manufacturing. ATDC serves more than 160 companies in their incubator portfolio program at any given time.

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The presentation was well-received and members had many questions. You can see the entire program at <https://tinyurl.com/2godq6qv>.

Before concluding, President Susan invited Curtis Winston, a Rotarian visiting from South DeKalb, to say a few words. The meeting finished 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.

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 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**, 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 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 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 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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