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The Rotary Club of Macon

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Ed Grisamore: Journalism, Humor, and Macon Melody

Most Maconites know local journalist Ed Grisamore. If you've lived here long enough, he has probably written about you or someone very close to you. He was a columnist for *The Telegraph* from 1996 until 2015 and still contributes occasionally, but is now a vital part of Macon's newest news outlet, *The Macon Melody*.

"Gris" is a sports writer, humorist, author of nine books and recipient of the 2010 Will Rogers Humanitarian Award, which is presented by the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. We are pleased to welcome Ed to this week's meeting!



The Macon Melody

No Zoom Link

There was no meeting September 2 due to the Labor Day Holiday

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	



Volunteers Needed – Free Beer Included

This year’s Macon Beer Fest takes place Saturday, October 19 in downtown Macon. Recognized as one of the Top Ten Georgia craft beer events, most people may not realize it’s a “health fair disguised as a beer fest.” It began in 2010 as “Pints for Prostates” and is the brainchild of our Rotary Assistant Governor Steve Bell, in response to his personal experience with prostate cancer. The festival is organized by the Downtown Macon Rotary Club but our club has six volunteer positions assigned (out of a total of 168 volunteers needed).

In addition to offering over 100 varieties of craft beer and wine to sample, the festival offers free prostate cancer screenings. While you should volunteer in the spirit of “Service Above Self,” you will also enjoy access to free beer and pizza as an incentive.

Volunteers are needed to work from 1:15 until 7:15, but if we can get more than six members we may be able to split this into smaller time slots. We do need at least six! To sign up, go to <https://tinyurl.com/28ntj5gx> and choose the box marked “Macon (Monday) Rotary.” Oh, and it can also count as a meeting makeup if you missed a meeting within two weeks of the event.

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
Anytime	Viewing of Monday meeting recorded on Zoom - See current or past <i>Throbs</i> link
Oct. 19	Macon Beer Fest

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 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 Gene Dunwody 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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