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The Rotary Club of Macon

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Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

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FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors:

October

3	Start Up Macon	Andrew Eck
10	No Meeting, Columbus Day	
17	EOS (Entrepreneurial Operating System®)	Rob Betzel
24	The Partnership for Inclusive Innovation	Debra Lam
31	Salvation Army	Sgt. Melissa White & Cheryl Coleman

November

7	No Meeting, but may attend Crimestoppers	Veteran's Day
14	Campus Clubs	(Approval pending)
21	No Meeting	Thanksgiving
28	Current State of Healthcare	Robert Luisana

December

There are no regular Club meetings in December but watch for upcoming information on the Christmas party and Burdell-Hunt event.

Link for Makeup

Please click this link to view the Zoom recording of the September 19 meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/2f8rxdon>

MEETING September 19, 2022

Attendance: 65.4% - 44 in person, 33 Zoom, plus 3 guests

CART \$18.94

Club Membership 147 (including today's inductions)

President Susan Welsh rang the bell to open the meeting. She welcomed the speaker and guests, and said we had two new members to induct. Katy Carr led the members in singing *America the Beautiful* and reciting the pledge, and Dam Sims offered the prayer.

Susan acknowledged the recent death of former long-time member John Wood (see more below). She then recognized birthdays and club anniversaries, including our Treasurer Howard Holleman's 28th year with the club. She bragged on the club for the good impression we made last week on visiting District Governor Heather Kellen.

She said today is the last day to sign up for Rotary Night at the Georgia National Fair, and that the club is purchasing tickets. If you are still interested, contact Club Administrator Steve Allen at steve@eggmedia.com

When it came time for the members to brag, there were, as usual, several good ones. Here's a sampling:



Sherrie Marshall then came up to talk about Read for the Record, which is our annual literacy program with Burdell-Hunt Elementary. Volunteers are needed to read the book, which is *Nigel and the Moon* by Savannah author Antwan Eady. Our club has purchased books for all students at Burdell-Hunt. To sign up for a volunteer spot, [please click here](#).

New Member Inductions: The Rotary Club of Macon inducted its two newest members, Christele Nicolas Parham and Asha Ellen. Christele holds the classification of IT Consultant, but that's just a small part of what she does. Lynn Murphy gave her an effusive introduction and listed too many accomplishments and recognitions to fit here, but you can read about her in the latest edition of *Macon Magazine*, where she's listed as one of Five Under Forty Young Leaders for 2022.

Asha Ellen is the Executive Director of Keep Macon Bibb Beautiful, and holds the classification of Community Beautification. Jean Bragg introduced her, and while Asha is new to her current position she's been active in the area for a long time, serving on many boards and through positions with community organizations. Welcome Christele and Asha!



Albert Reichert then came up to introduce our speaker, Gordon Rogers. Gordon is the Flint Riverkeeper and has deep roots in central and South Georgia. He previously worked with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and was the Satilla Riverkeeper before being Flint Riverkeeper. He's also been a professional fisherman, so is one who appreciates rivers and natural resources.

He said the first organization to use the Riverkeeper name was organized in the mid-1960's to address problems of New York's Hudson River. At the time, the river was dying from pollution and neglect and had been written off. An unlikely alliance of conservative politicians, fishermen and other blue-collar workers, and bluebloods who had estates up the river, came together to stop the river from being dammed. Their continued efforts led to the cleanup and revitalization of the Hudson. The nation became more aware of the urgent need to protect waterways and the Clean Water Act passed in 1962 despite President Nixon's veto.

The Flint Riverkeeper dates to just 2008, when a small group of concerned citizens came together to address the declining state of that river. On June 27, 2008, at the final night of Paddle Georgia 2008, a week-long canoe/kayak camping excursion on the Flint River, it was announced that the Flint Riverkeeper was officially formed and approved. President Jimmy Carter was on hand to address the crowd about his work to keep the Flint River from being dammed in the 1970s. At that time, a board member made a \$10,000 Founding Member donation in honor of Pres. Carter and a kayak donated to the organization was presented, as well.

Today, Gordon spends much of his time at the State Legislature, though he said that's not his favorite part. Most companies and municipalities can be persuaded to mount cleanup efforts with just the suggestion that Flint Riverkeeper may bring a lawsuit, since the organization is known to be serious. A good example of these efforts is the multimillion-dollar effort by the City of Albany to clean up their water system. In all, over \$250 million has been voluntarily invested by various entities in flow improvements to the Flint River.

Gordon said all rivers have flow problems. When they touch more than one state, it can lead to contentious lawsuits, the major example being the Florida-Georgia dispute. You can learn much more at flintriverkeeper.org.



In Memoriam
John Leland Wood
February 15, 1943 ~ September 17, 2022

John was a faithful member of our club from 1997 until 2015. You can [read his complete obituary here](#).



It's not too late to volunteer for the October 22 Macon Beer festival, which was begun by the Downtown Rotary Club and raises money for prostate cancer research. [Sign up here](#) and you'll get a free ticket to the event! (Go to themaconbeerfest.org if the link doesn't work for you.)

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.**

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 Ethiel Garlington egarlington@historicmacon.org 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 Ethiel 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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