



# Rotary



## The Rotary Club of Macon

 **THROBS**

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*Jeff Harvey, Georgia Farm Bureau*

Georgia Farm Bureau is Georgia's largest and strongest voluntary agricultural organization with over 200,000 member families. It is an independent, non-governmental organization, composed of farm families in rural communities and of people who want Georgia to be agriculturally successful, progressive and prosperous. They are perhaps best known as an insurance provider and lobbyist for agricultural issues.

Formed in 1937, Georgia Farm Bureau has a presence in 158 counties but is headquartered here in Macon. Learn more from our guest speaker, Jeff Harvey!



### No Zoom Link

There was no meeting October 14.

### **FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS AND CLUB EVENTS:**

#### **October, 2024**

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| 21 | Georgia Farm Bureau  | Jeffery Harvey, CAO        |
| 24 | <i>Read for the Record</i>                                       | Burdell-Hunt Magnet School |
| 28 | <i>Crimestoppers Luncheon at Centreplex</i> , no regular meeting |                            |

## November, 2024

- 2 *Pickleball Tournament* sponsored by Downtown Macon Rotary Club
  - 4 Rotary Foundation – Birthday Tables Day Elizabeth Harden
  - 11 No meeting, Veterans Day
  - 18 Georgia Ports Authority, joint meeting with other two Macon clubs
  - 19 *Board meeting*
  - 21 *Stuff the Truck* Club service project
  - 25 No meeting – Thanksgiving
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Our weekly raffle is a fun way to support CART and Alzheimer’s research. At our last meeting, the raffle pot stood at \$816, so it will soon surpass \$1,000! Tickets are just \$1 until the pot reaches \$2,000 when they go to \$2 each. When the raffle first started a few years ago, the pot reached over \$10,000!

As a reminder, the holder whose ticket number is drawn must choose the Queen of Clubs from the card deck in order to win the pot. If a different card is picked, it is discarded, so the odds of winning increase as time goes on. Half of the pot goes to the CART fund and the other half is given to the lucky member. Only club members are eligible to buy tickets.



Macon Regional Crimestoppers has one clear mission – to assist law enforcement in apprehending criminals. Crimestoppers partners with media organizations, police departments, and other law enforcement agencies in eight Middle Georgia counties to provide anonymous rewards for tips that lead to criminal arrests. For many years, our club has been a sponsor of Crimestoppers.

Since the inception of the Macon Regional Crimestoppers program, tips provided through the hotline have resulted in over 6,758 arrests. During the same period, Crimestoppers tips have led to over \$805,502 in recovered property and over \$436,938 in confiscated drugs. The total rewards paid through September 2024 are \$1,157,278.

A highlight is the annual Crimestoppers luncheon, which will be held this year on Monday, October 28 from 11:30am at the Macon Centreplex. We won’t have a regular club meeting that day but members may attend the luncheon free of charge and it does count as a meeting makeup if needed.



## Read for the Record

Read for The Record is coming soon, on Thursday, October 24. Once again, we will be reading at Burdell-Hunt Elementary School. This is always a fun event where we read to school children, and many Rotarians are needed for this. This year's book is *Piper Chen Sings* by Grammy Award-Winning Hamilton star Phillipa Soo and Maris Pasquale Doran.

Exact times are still being decided, but please sign up now at <https://www.ismyrotaryclub.org/RSVP/Index.cfm?EventID=77785181>.

**World Polio Day** is a time for Rotary members, public health advocates, and all who want a world free from polio to come together, recognize our progress in the fight to end polio, and talk about the actions we need to take in order to end polio for good.

All donations are matched 2:1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, tripling your impact!

You can donate online at <https://my.rotary.org/en/polioplus-fund> but be sure to sign in so you and our club get credit! Also, at any meeting you can leave a check made to Rotary Foundation and designated Polio Plus.



## 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. 24	Read for the Record
Oct. 28	Crimestoppers luncheon

### 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!*