



# Rotary



## The Rotary Club of Macon

 **THROBS**

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*Rotary Foundation – Annual “Birthday Tables” Day*

One of the Macon Rotary Club’s traditions is the annual “Birthday Tables Day” or “Foundation Day.” On that day, instead of sitting at what is often their “usual table,” members sit at tables with others who were born in the same month.



The more serious purpose is to raise money for the Rotary Foundation, and there is a friendly rivalry to see which month comes in first. Each table will have a captain who collects donations, so we encourage you to bring your checkbook. Checks should be made payable to “Rotary Foundation,” not the club, and are tax-deductible depending on your situation. If you write “Polio Plus” in the “For” line, your donation will go to fight polio, and will be matched 2:1 by the Gates Foundation. Regardless of how you direct your check, it counts towards Paul Harris status.

Elizabeth Hardin, who is the District International Service Chair and has a lot of experience with the Rotary Foundation, will give more information on how the Foundation is “Doing Good in the World”.

For more information on the Rotary Foundation, see <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation>.

### No Zoom Link

We had no regular meeting October 28 due to the annual Crimestoppers luncheon.

## FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS AND CLUB EVENTS:

### November, 2024

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| 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 | <i>Board meeting</i>  |                      |
| 21 | <i>Stuff the Truck</i>  | Club service project |
| 25 | No meeting – Thanksgiving   |                      |

### December, 2024 (no regular meetings in December)

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| 2 | Christmas/Holiday Party | From 6:00pm at the Hay House |
| 9 | Burdell-Hunt event      | more details soon!           |

# CRIME STOPPERS

## Community Luncheon

**BENEFITING  
MACON REGIONAL  
CRIMESTOPPERS**



**October 28, 2024—11:30 am to 1:00 pm**

**Edgar H. Wilson Convention Center**

Rotary Club of Downtown Macon  
Macon Rotary Club  
Macon North Rotary



Centerville Rotary Club  
Jones County Rotary Club  
Warner Robins Rotary Club

Our club was well-represented at the annual Crimestoppers Luncheon October 28. Macon Regional 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. Since its inception, 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.

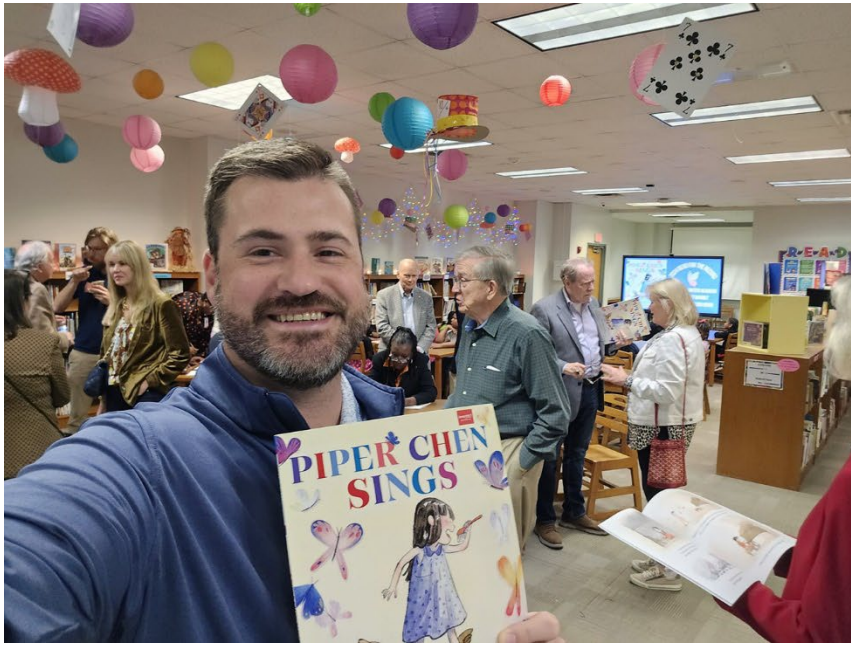
The Macon Rotary Club is a Gold Sponsor, and President Danny Gibson assisted Downtown Rotary Club President Blair Train in presenting a check to Crimestoppers in the amount of \$105,250. This represented all giving.



## Read for the Record

On October 24, our club once again participated in Read for the Record, a nationwide program whereby thousands of organizations, libraries and communities come together to celebrate early literacy by reading the same book to elementary students. This year's selection was *Piper Chen Sings* by Grammy Award-Winning *Hamilton* star Phillipa Soo and Maris Pasquale Doran. Twenty-four Club members volunteered to

read at Burdell-Hunt Elementary School and a great time was had by both our club members and the children! Here are just a few scenes from the event:



# Salvation Army Bell Ringing

It's time again! Every year our club helps raise money for the Salvation Army by staffing their red kettles outside the Kroger on Forsyth Road. This year we'll be volunteering Tuesday, December 10 and Wednesday, December 11. One-hour shifts are available all day from 8:00 until 6:00.

Signup sheets will be available at the next two meetings, and online registration is coming soon. To sign up now, contact George Lee by email at [ghlengineering@gmail.com](mailto:ghlengineering@gmail.com) or text him at 478-955-3307.



## Donate to Rotary Foundation and CART

You don't have to wait for Birthday Tables day! 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

## 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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