



Rotary



The Rotary Club of Macon

THROBS

Published Weekly Since 1914

November 7, 2022

No Meeting

Veterans Day

(Members are welcome to attend the Crimestoppers Luncheon from 11:30 at the Centreplex)

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors:

November

14	Club Assembly and Birthday Tables	Rotary Foundation and Club Goals
21	No Meeting	Thanksgiving
28	Current State of Healthcare	Robert Luisana

December

(There are no regular Club meetings in December)

6	Christmas Party at Idle Hour – please note it is on Tuesday this year
12	Burdell-Hunt event. Stay tuned for more information!

January, 2023

2	No Meeting – New Year’s	
9	The Future of the Car Industry	Marsh Butler
16	No Meeting – MLK Day	
23	The Partnership for Inclusive Innovation	Debra Lam
30	Center for Collaborative Journalism	Debbie Blankenship

Link for Makeup

Due to the absence of the church AV system, Zoom was recorded with a phone. Click here for the recording of the October 31 meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/2xpanpul>

MEETING October 31, 2022

Attendance: 62.8% - 48 in person, 33 Zoom, plus 3 guests

CART \$13.90

Club Membership 148

Once again, the club met in the “Gathering Place” downstairs. President Susan rang the bell to start the meeting and welcomed our speakers, Sgt. Melissa White and Cheryl Coleman of the Salvation Army. Albert Reichert then came up to lead the singing. Noting that today is Halloween, also known as the day before All Saints’ Day, he led us in a rousing rendition of *When the Saints Come Marching In* followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeffery Monroe then offered the prayer.

President Susan then noted birthdays and club anniversaries this week and next, noting that today is David Aiello’s birthday as well as Halloween. Five Rotarians also celebrate soon. She noted four Club anniversaries, including Lanier Anderson’s 28th and Buddy Marshall’s 30th.

As usual, we had a good many brags to support CART. Here’s a sampling:



Susan thanked Sherrie Marshall for organizing “Read for the Record”. This was a great day of fun and service, and here are some pictures from the event at Burdell-Hunt Elementary:



Kathy McCollum then went over our “Stuff the Truck” service project to support the Middle Georgia Community Food Bank. Our efforts this year will focus on food collection instead of food distribution. Trucks will be loaded from 6:00 am until 9:00 pm at the Walmarts on Zebulon Road and in Warner Robins. Rotarians are encouraged to come out any time that day to help with the effort.

President Susan noted that we will not meet next week, November 7, but members are encouraged to attend the Crimestoppers luncheon that takes place from 11:00 am at the Macon Centreplex.

The
Rotary
Foundation



Doing Good in the World

We will meet back in our regular room November 14 for the annual Club Assembly. This is the meeting where we sit at tables according to our birth months, and a friendly competition takes place to raise funds for the Rotary Foundation. Rebecca Grist came up to explain further. She said November is Rotary Foundation Month and she has also contacted members to be table captains. Members may donate online anytime at <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate> or bring checks to the meeting. Checks should be made payable to “The Rotary Foundation,” not to the Club. We encourage all members to come November 14 and hear about the challenges and opportunities facing the Club, and also to learn more about the Rotary Foundation and its work.

Also, November 29 at 6:00 pm, the District will hold a “virtual cocktail party” to celebrate Rotary Foundation Month. Past District Governor Hamsa Thota is emailing members the Zoom link.



Katherine McLeod then came up for a classification talk. She has been CEO of First Choice Primary Care for 15 years. Growing up in Charlotte, her parents were both doctors and she imagined she would be one, too. However, after serving as a VISTA volunteer at a family planning clinic in eastern Washington State, she became concerned about health policy and access to healthcare.

She then received a Masters in Public Health from UNC Chapel Hill. After getting married, she moved to Washington, DC and worked for seven years in government relations policy and analysis. After moving to Macon she spent some time as a stay-at-home mom but decided she needed to go back to work. Jonathan Alderman was among the people working to start a community health center that is now First Choice. About a third of their patients have no insurance, and all were medically underserved before finding help there. Katherine’s passion for her work was evident.

President Susan said that Rusty Bradford will be emailing instructions today about the upcoming Club elections. She then called on Terry Smith to introduce our speakers, and noted that Terry is once again organizing our club's Salvation Army bell ringing, which will take place at the Forsyth Road Kroger from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm December 13 and 14.

Terry noted that Sgt. White is an experienced pastor who holds a B.S. from Mountain State University in West Virginia and a Masters in Divinity from United Theological Seminary. Her service with the Salvation Army dates to 1998 when she was called to serve as an officer in Dalton, Georgia. She left for a while and served as a Methodist minister for 16 years before returning to the Salvation Army in 2021 here in Macon.

Sgt. Melissa White's enthusiasm for her work was immediately evident when she began her talk. She said she grew up poor in West Virginia and her mother never held a job. When she was six years old, her family was the recipient of the Salvation Army Angel Tree program. Members of the Salvation Army took her to school and made her feel that she mattered, which was something she never experienced before. This led to her lifelong commitment to the organization.

She was ordained in the Salvation Army in 1998 but served because of her husband's role since women could not serve independently. She was heartbroken when her husband decided to leave that post, and she then served as a Methodist minister. However, in 2021 she became the first woman in the United States to serve independently in the Salvation Army and now heads up Macon's operations, which offer food, safe lodging, employment assistance and other services to the homeless of Bibb County.

Cheryl Coleman then came up to offer some statistics and to talk about the Red Kettle Challenge. This expands the traditional Christmas-time red kettle collections to a virtual program with a campaign goal of \$150,000. You can learn more about it at SalvationArmyMacon.org.

You can view the entire presentation at <https://tinyurl.com/2xpanpul>



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

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!

www.maconrotary.com