



The Rotary Club of Macon

 **THROBS**

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Visit from District Governor Felix Smith

Once a year, the District Governor pays an “official” visit to our club. Please come November 13 to meet Dr. Felix Smith. A member of the Perry Rotary Club, Dr. Smith holds a BS in Animal Science and a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from the University of Georgia. He owned and operated his veterinary clinic and practiced in Perry for 40 years before retiring in 2021. The District Governor will be accompanied by Assistant District Governor Steve Bell. This is always a special meeting and we hope to have as many members in attendance as possible!



No Zoom Link

There was no meeting November 6 due to the Crimestoppers luncheon.

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors:

November, 2023

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| 13 | District Governor Felix Smith and Asst. District Governor Steve Bell |
| 20 | No Meeting |
| 27 | Theatre Macon Holiday Show with Richard Frazier and cast |

December, 2023

There are no regular club meetings in December, but we have the following events:

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| 4 | Annual Christmas/Holiday Party, from 6:30pm at the Hay House. For more information, and to make a reservation, click here . |
| 11 | Burdell Hunt Holiday event at the Museum of Arts and Sciences, noon |
| 12 | Salvation Army Bell Ringing – see article below for signup information |

Scenes from Read for the Record

Thanks to everyone who came to Burdell-Hunt Elementary School October 26 and read the book *With Lots of Love* to various classes. We were impressed with the students, teachers and staff and had a lot of fun.





Rotary Holiday Party

Monday, December 4th is our annual Holiday Party. It will be extra special this year since it takes place at the Hay House. Please come from 6:30. Includes drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres from FOJ. You may RSVP on the website (see [this link](#)).



One of our club's major service projects this year is "Stuff the Truck," the annual food drive of the Middle Georgia Community Food Bank. Volunteers are needed for one-hour slots Thursday, November 16 at the Walmart on Zebulon Road. Shifts begin at 6:00am and continue until 7:00pm. To sign up, [just click here](#) and be sure to put "Macon Rotary Club in the comments box. For questions, contact Kathy McCollum at kmccollum@mgcfb.org or [478-257-6426](tel:478-257-6426) (office).



Salvation Army Bell Ringing

December 12th (Tuesday) and 13th (Wednesday) are this year's dates for our annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing. Thanks to Past President George Lee for chairing the event this year. We have one-hour slots from 10am to 6pm and four volunteers are needed for each hour. This event is held at the Kroger Shopping Center on Forsyth Road. There will be a sign-up sheet at each meeting through November. You can also contact George Lee via email (ghlengineering@gmail.com) or text (478-955-3307) to reserve your spot.

Feed 100

Since 2005, the Rotary Club of Downtown Macon (the "Wednesday" club) has sponsored Thanksgiving meal boxes or more than 100 families. Local schools and nonprofits identify families who will benefit from the Thanksgiving meal. Rotarians shop for food items to round out a delicious Thanksgiving meal.

They are asking our help in shopping for items, or you may make a monetary donation. For a list of items, or for donation information, please contact Blair Train at midgettrain@gmail.com



Do you have a recent accomplishment? Have your or your organization won an award or otherwise been recognized? We want to know, and to recognize your achievement at a meeting. Please email Gary Wheat, our Vocational Service Chair, at gwheat@visitmacon.org

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. 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**.

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 Gary Wheat, gwheat@visitmacon.org

Approved Makeups-Family of Rotary Events:

Reminder - Makeups can only be used two weeks before or after a missed meeting

Anytime Rotary Project (such as Stuff the Truck!) or Rotary Committee meeting
Anytime Volunteer at Macon Volunteer Clinic
Viewing of Monday meeting recorded on Zoom - See current or past *Throbs* 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. Our attendance is reported each month to the district and is required to be reported before the 15th of the following month. **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 Charles Olson EOlson200@msn.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 Membership Chair Charles 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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