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The Rotary Club of Macon

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Georgia Ports Authority – Joint Meeting of Macon Rotary Clubs

November 18 will be our last regular meeting of the year, and it's a special one! We'll be joined by Rotarians from the other two Macon clubs, plus Jones County. We expect a total of around 145 but will meet in our usual location at First Presbyterian Church. News media are expected to cover it.

Our speaker will be Lee Beckman,

manager of governmental affairs for the Georgia Ports Authority. Georgia's deepwater ports are the state's gateways to the world. They are the critical conduits through which raw materials and finished products flow to and from destinations around the globe.

As one of the state's largest public employers, the GPA directly employs more than 1,300 trained logistics professionals. The GPA, however, is responsible for generating far more employment throughout the state. GPA operations, together with private sector, port-related operations, account for more than 496,700 jobs throughout the state annually and contribute \$29 billion in income, \$122 billion in revenue and \$3.4 billion in state and local taxes to Georgia's economy. Come here more on November 18!



No Zoom Link

There was no meeting November 11 due to Veterans Day.

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS AND CLUB EVENTS:

November, 2024

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| 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 | Museum of Arts & Sciences, more details soon! |

Members please note: at our November 18 meeting there will be a bucket at the check-in table to collect Christmas present money for our GRSP student, João Vilela. This will not be announced, since he is expected to be present. He will also be speaking at our first meeting of the New Year, on January 6.



Salvation Army Bell Ringing

29 members have signed up so far for a Salvation Army bell-ringing slot, but we need many more! Please check the sheets that will again be available on 11/18 - to either add your name OR to remind yourself of when you have already done so!

The currently open slot priority times are 10-11am and 11-12 Noon on 12/11. Otherwise, one to three slots are available on both 12/10 and 12/11 for all times except for 5-6pm on 12/11.



Sign up easily by texting Past President George Lee at [478-955-3307](tel:478-955-3307) with your best slot choice.



On October 15, our Board voted to donate \$5,000 to support hurricane relief efforts in the Vidalia and Swainsboro area. While this came from our general fund, members were asked to contribute. Thanks to several generous members, we have recouped \$3,700 of that amount. If you want to help, please make your (tax-deductible) check payable to the Community Foundation of Central Georgia, and put for the Rotary Club of Macon Fund.

Annual Holiday Party



It's time again! The Rotary Club of Macon will hold its annual Christmas/Holiday party on Monday, December 2 from 6:30pm.

This year's party will return to the Hay House, the "Palace of the South" at 934 Georgia Avenue. Catering will be provided by Fountain of Juice.

Tickets are the same price as in years past! That's \$40 single or \$80 for a couple. Click here to reserve and pay: [Couple \\$80](#), [Single \\$40](#). If you are unable to click on this, just go to our website at MaconRotary.com and follow link from the front page.

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

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| 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 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 Gene Dunwody 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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