



Rotary



The Rotary Club of Macon

THROBS

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No Meeting
Thanksgiving



FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors:

November

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| 28 | Current State of Healthcare | Robert Luisana |
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December

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| | (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. See below for more information! | |

January, 2023

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| 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

Click here for the recording of the November 14 meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/2aq3w37v>

MEETING November 14, 2022

Attendance: 53.5% - 52 in person, 17 Zoom, plus 1 guest

CART \$27.00

Club Membership 148



We were back in our regular room for the annual Club Assembly and Birthday Tables meeting. Susan Welsh rang the bell to start the meeting and said November is Rotary Foundation Month, the main focus of today's meeting. Past President George Lee came up to introduce our Club Receptionist, Merrily Burns. Merrily then recited a wonderful explanation of the Pledge of Allegiance which was broadcast on January 14, 1969 by Red Skelton, who was better known as a slapstick comedian. Skelton's words have twice been read into the Congressional Record, and comprise a word-by-word explanation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Red Skelton attributed it to a school teacher who saw that his class was reciting the Pledge every day by rote but wasn't really comprehending its meaning. If you missed today's meeting you may wish to see and listen to the recording given in the link above.

George Lee then led us in singing *God Bless America*, and Marcus Tripp led the prayer.

President Susan welcomed a guest, Laurie Sears Deppa of the Annapolis, MD Rotary Club. She then congratulated Bob Hatcher on his birthday tomorrow, and three others with birthdays coming up. Club anniversaries included Tripp Yarbrough's twentieth.

Susan thanked those members who attended the Crimestoppers Luncheon last Monday, and also the three-club tailgate at Mercer. She then reminded members that Rusty Bradford is sending out emails with voting instructions for next year's officers and board.

District Governor Heather Kellen has organized a Zoom meeting this coming Thursday on "Transforming Club Culture." Full details are below, and all members are encouraged to attend.

Stuff the Truck is coming up Wednesday, November 16 and members are encouraged to help out. Kathy McCollum of the Middle Georgia Community Food Bank then came up to explain further. 13WMAZ and 190 partner agencies are helping the Food Bank to feed families in our community throughout the holiday season, and donations are being accepted at the Walmart on Zebulon Road all day, from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm. Kathy showed a short video about the event and then explained how Rotarians can help with encouraging donations and helping to sort them in the truck.

We had a lot of good brags to contribute to the CART fund. Even our visiting Rotarian made a contribution. Here's a sample:





Rebecca Grist then came up to talk about today's birthday tables program. Once a year, we sit at tables according to our birth months, and a friendly competition takes place to raise funds for the Rotary Foundation. She said a table captain is assigned for each month, and she apologized to the lone occupant of the May table!

Paul Harris Fellows will be recognized on November 29 at 6:00 pm at the District's "virtual cocktail party" to celebrate Rotary Foundation Month. Past District Governor Hamsa Thota is emailing members the Zoom link.

As a reminder, members may donate online anytime at <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>. If you bring a check to a meeting, be sure to make it payable to "The Rotary Foundation," not to the Club.

The remainder of the meeting was reserved for discussions at tables. President Susan had distributed sheets entitled "Membership and Engagement Assembly 2022" which contained three discussion topics. They were, "What Defines Our Club," "Dues & Financial Commitments," and "Club Size and Demographics." Board members were dispersed around the room and will talk about the feedback at their meeting meet Tuesday night.

The meeting concluded with the recitation of the Four Way Test.





Our District will be hosting a Zoom Meeting this coming Thursday Nov 17th on "Transforming Club Culture." Rotary International President Nominee, Stephanie Urchick will be our special guest. **DON'T MISS THIS!** This will be an incredible opportunity for club members to obtain some great information and ask questions on building membership and improving club culture directly from an incoming Rotary International President.

DATE: Thursday, November 17, 2022

- TIME: 5:30 PM EST

- FORMAT: Virtual Webinar/Zoom Meeting

- LINK: <https://rotary-org.zoom.us/j/97925720842...>

- MEETING ID: 979 2572 0842

- PASSCODE: 295848



On Monday, December 12th, Rotary Club of Macon will sponsor its annual Holiday Party for the 5th Grade students of Burdell-Hunt Elementary. Hosted by the Museum of Arts and Sciences, the day will include special educational programming from 10AM to noon, lunch on the pavilion catered by Nu-Way, followed by a student leadership presentation in the auditorium (during which the students enjoy presenting their career aspirations for our club members). Thanks to our Rotary Club, the students have an extra special field trip experience that includes a raptor show, owl pellet dissection activity, science film in the planetarium, and more! Rotarians are invited to join the students for lunch at noon and then stay for the students' presentation.



The Rotary Club of Macon will hold its annual Holiday party on Tuesday, December 6 at the Idle Hour Country Club. Cocktails (cash bar) begin at 6:30pm.

As with the last two years, this is a casual (business attire) affair featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres and good Rotary fellowship. A DJ will be spinning a variety of favorites.

Tickets are \$40 single or \$80 for a couple. You may make reservations by bringing a check to any Club meeting or [pay online](#). Please make your reservation by November 22.

Babysitting is available but limited and must be reserved in advance. Please contact Ethiel Garlington at 706-372-3383 or egarlington@historicmacon.org to make reservations for babysitting.



Be a bell ringer! Once again, our Club will be participating in the Salvation Army's kettle collections at Kroger on Forsyth Road. Dates are Tuesday, December 13 and Wednesday, December 14. Be on the lookout for an email with all the time slots, but basically the one-hour shifts begin at 10:00am and go to 6:00 pm. Thanks again to Terry Smith for coordinating this. If you are available, please contact Terry at terry@terrydsmith.com or 478-207-0766. We need at least one Rotarian per kettle for each time slot (we have two kettles).

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, 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 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!
