



Rotary



The Rotary Club of Macon

THROBS

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No Meeting
December Break

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors:

December

(There are no regular Club meetings in December)

- 6 Christmas Party at Idle Hour – please note it is on Tuesday this year. See below for more information
- 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 |

February, 2023

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| 6 | Navicent Health | Dottie Houser and doctors |
| 13 | Campus Clubs | Robin Crosby |
| 20 | No Meeting – Presidents Day | |
| 27 | Macon Area Tennis Association | Mary Cay McCullough |

Link for Makeup

Click here for the recording of the November 28 meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/2oamvmvg>

MEETING November 28, 2022

Attendance: 58.5% - 54 in person, 22 Zoom, plus 3 guests

CART \$24.00

Club Membership 147

Susan Welsh rang the bell to start the meeting and welcomed our speaker, Robert Luisana, who is a member of the Greensboro, SC Rotary Club. She then offered a remembrance of longtime member and club leader Bob Dickey and the club observed a moment of silence.

Kris Vaughn led the club in singing *God Bless America* and Rev. Chip Miller offered the prayer. Susan then welcomed two guests and noted club anniversaries, which included Andy Nation's 48 years as a member!

Susan called for brags from the club, which support the CART fund. Here are some highlights:



President Susan thanked Kathy McCollum for letting our club be part of the Stuff the Truck event, which was a great success. She reminded the club that the Holiday Party is December 6. Ethiel Garlington then held up a large roll of drink tickets as an inducement to attend.



She then showed some of the thank-you letters and artwork sent by students and teachers of Burdell-Hunt Elementary. They expressed appreciation for our participation in *Read for the Record* and included a special thank-you booklet to "Solicitor Grist." Our holiday event for Burdell-Hunt is December 12 at the Museum of Arts & Sciences (see more below).

A few more bell ringers are needed for Salvation Army kettles on December 13 and 14, and more information on that is below.

President Susan said that our Club Assembly meeting provided a lot of great feedback that the board will use to plan our way forward.

Susan then announced the results of the election of officers for the 2023-2024 Rotary year.

Our President next year will be Stephanie Folsom, and the newly elected leaders are:

President elect: Danny Gibson
Sergeant at arms: Rusty Bradford
Secretary: Julie Wilkerson
Treasurer: Howard Holleman

Board members:
Jonathan Alderman
Ivey Hall
Kathy McCollum
Alex Morrison
Charles Olson
Matt Shoemaker
Gary Wheat



The club then welcomed its newest member, David Thompson. Susan related that Ethiel said David hit the jackpot when he got Jim Crisp to be his introducer. Jim said he first met David 31 years ago at the wedding of a mutual friend and that David was part of a group of “Young Turks” who were destined for great things. David is founder and Principal of Piedmont Construction Group, which has been responsible for many of Macon’s iconic buildings, and the next achievement will be the new amphitheater. However, he joins with the classification of Distiller, which illustrates his varied interests and talents.

President Susan then called on Chris Sims to introduce our speaker, Robert Luisana. Mr. Luisana is from North Carolina and began as a teacher and basketball coach. He has worked as an insurance broker and consultant for the past 37 years, working with corporations and individuals on all aspects of healthcare and insurance. Over the past five years he has been a frequent presenter on healthcare issues, including appearances on NPR and Politico as well as numerous Rotary and other civic clubs.

Robert began his talk by saying he is a Rotarian in Greensboro and welcomes the opportunity to speak to such a respected group of community leaders. He began with a couple of personal stories and then said the big question is how to address our problems with healthcare. The United States spends about twice as much on healthcare as other developed nations, yet ranks below them in terms of life expectancy, infant mortality and other factors. He posed the question of how do we perceive healthcare: as a product, a human right, or as a combination of both. By a show of hands, most of the members said it was a combination of both. However, this has been a contentious issue in American politics. When Medicare was first proposed in 1963, the American Medical Association hired Ronald Reagan the actor to make ads opposing it. After all this time it’s still a big source of debate.

Robert Luisana showed a lot of slides to illustrate his points, and if you were not in attendance you may want to watch his presentation at <https://tinyurl.com/2oamvmvq>





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.

If you haven't yet responded, please [sign up online](#). Tickets are \$40 single or \$80 for a couple.

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.

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.

Burdell-Hunt Party

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.



Bell ringers still needed! Our Club is again participating in the Salvation Army's kettle collections at Kroger on Forsyth Road. Dates are Tuesday, December 13 and Wednesday, December 14.

Just a few slots are left to fill. If you are available, please contact Terry Smith at terry@terrydsmith.com or 478-207-0766.

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!
