



Rotary



The Rotary Club of Macon

 **THROBS**

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December 9, 2024
Annual Burdell-Hunt Event

Once again, our club will sponsor a special field trip for the 5th grade students from Burdell-Hunt Magnet School. This year's date is Monday, December 9th at the Museum of Arts & Sciences.

The students will have educational programming with the museum's education team from 10am to noon. At noon, Rotarians are invited to join and we'll have lunch catered by Nu-Way (the students' favorite). After lunch, the kids will deliver a special holiday program for our members.

Rotary members should plan to arrive at the museum (4182 Forsyth Road) at noon for lunch with the students and plan to stay for their presentation (which is typically over by 1:45). We'll send each student off with a holiday gift bag of surprises.



2025-26 Officers and Board

Dell Bunker will be our club President for the 2026-27 Rotary year. The 2025-26 year begins July 1, 2025, and the following board members will serve with President Rebecca Grist, who was elected last year:

Sergeant at Arms: Cater Thompson
Secretary: Jim Crisp
Treasurer: Howard Holleman

Cameron Bishop
Katy Carr
Sarah Harris
Chris Howard
George Jackson
Kaitlynn Kressin
Andy Mealor

New Member Approval

The Board has approved the membership application of Frances “Frannie” Fickling, who is Director of Consumer Insights & Research for Warby Parker. She is also the wife of member Billy Fickling. Frannie would hold the classification of Eyeglass Manufacturing.

Members have 10 days to make comments in writing to President Danny Gibson.

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS AND CLUB EVENTS:

December, 2024 (No regular Monday meetings in December)

9	Burdell-Hunt event	Museum of Arts & Sciences
10,11	Salvation Army bell ringing	Kroger, 4650 Forsyth Road

January, 2025

6	Georgia Rotary Student Program	GRSP student João Vilela
13	Aviation Program at MGA State University	Adon Clark
20	No Meeting – MLK Jr. Holiday	
21	Board Meeting	
27	Lessons in Leadership	Dr. Kirby Godsey

February, 2025

3	Rotary District Governor	Todd Freesman
10	Mercer Updates	President Bill Underwood
17	No Meeting – Presidents’ Day	
18	Board Meeting	
24	50 Years of GNTV	Rev. David Wood

March, 2025

3	No Meeting	
10	Goodwill	Jim Stiff (President, Goodwill Middle GA and Central Savannah River)
17	USDA	Nikki Thomas, Acting State Director
18	Board Meeting	
24	United Defense/Price Service & Mfg.	Eric Williams, CEO
31	No Meeting	

Rotary Raffle: The raffle pot is up to almost \$1,000, and there are only 18 cards remaining in the deck! That means you have a very good chance of winning, so be sure to buy tickets when we return to regular meetings January 6. Ticket prices will go to \$5 each for 2025.





June 3, 1937 – Nov. 28, 2024

In memory of Jim Wilcox: James “Jim” Wilcox was an active member of our club from 1977 until 2021 and a leader in the insurance business. He passed away Thursday, November 28, and services will be held Wednesday, December 4 from 11:00am at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. His [full obituary can be read here](#).

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Last chance to sign up! This is a fun and rewarding activity, as all who have participated can attest.

We are ringing bells and handling donation kettles at the Kroger on Forsyth Road on Tuesday, December 10 and Wednesday, December 11, from 10am until 5-6pm.

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



Annual Holiday Party was a Great Success

Our Christmas/Holiday party was held Monday, December 2 at the Hay House and was enjoyed by all. Pictures will be in next week’s *Throbs*.

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
(There are no meetings in December)**

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 *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. **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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