



The Rotary Club of Macon

 **THROBS**

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No Meeting – Burdell-Hunt Holiday Party



While there are no regular Monday meetings in December, the club still has several events and service projects. On Monday, December 11th, our club 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 NuWay, followed by a student leadership presentation in the auditorium (during which the students enjoy presenting their career aspirations for our club members). Thanks to the Rotary Club, the students have an extra special field trip experience! Rotarians are invited to join the students for lunch at noon and then stay for the students' presentations. This is always inspiring and we urge all members to attend.

No Zoom Link: There was no meeting December 4.

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS AND CLUB EVENTS:

December, 2023

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

- 11 Burdell Hunt Holiday event at the Museum of Arts and Sciences, noon
- 12 Salvation Army Bell Ringing – see article below for signup information

January, 2024

- 1 No Meeting – New Year's Day
- 8 Roberts Academy at Mercer Univ. Thomas Kaballa and Joy Wood
- 15 No Meeting - MLK

Scenes from the Holiday Party

Our club held its annual Holiday Party Monday, December 4 at the Hay House, which was beautifully decorated for the season. Here are just a few moments from the evening:







Thank-you Notes from Burdell-Hunt

Thanks again to all the members who participated in "Read for the Record" at Burdell-Hunt Magnet School on October 26. Here is just a small sample of the notes we received:

Thank you for
reading us a
story about
lots of love.
That book was
good what a
cool book.
I love that book.
awesome book
Wow! so cool
that book
was so cool
awesome!



Mrs. Lane's
Kindergarten
Class

Mrs. Campos



Do you have a recent accomplishment? Have you 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 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!*