



Rotary Opens Opportunities



THE ROTARY CLUB OF MACON THROBS

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Macon's New Ball Field Jeff Battcher

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors

March

22	Macon Volunteer Clinic	ZOOM ONLY- NO IN PERSON	Nancy White
29	Georgia Ports Authority		Lee Beckmann

April

5	Hearing Loss the Silent Epidemic		Monique Hammond
12	Guardian Centers of Georgia (Perry)		Doug Lang
19	Update from NewTown Macon		Josh Rogers
26	Blue Bird		Felix Lin

May

3	Macon Music Club Performance		
10	US Energy Policy and National Security		David Gattie
17	GA Tech Smart Cities		Debra Lam
24	US Congressman Austin Scott		Austin Scott
31	No Meeting Memorial Day Holiday		

MEETING March 8, 2021

Attendance In Person and Zoom 71.2%
CART Collection \$48.00

President Jim Manley rang the bell to open the meeting, calling on Jim Netherton to lead the Pledge and offer the Prayer. President Jim introduced our guests and reviewed members birthdays and club anniversaries.

A big thank you was given to Milton Heard for providing pictures for Throbs today.



CART Brags were good this week.

President Jim announced our club project Rebuilding Macon has been set for April 24th. More details later from Josh Rogers and Tanzy Kilcrease.

March 9, 2020 was the beginning of the club in person meeting lockdown for the beginning of COVID. President Jim praised members for their support and dedication to our club attending the Zoom only meetings and the hybrid in person – Zoom throughout the year. Our club attendance has returned and held steady. He commented it was good to see some members in person that have not been since last March.

President Jim called on Board member and Foundation Chair, Cathy Cox, to open the celebration of members achieving Paul Harris status and awards. He praised club members for their generosity and our club's legacy of leadership.

President Jim called on Past District Governor and District Foundation Chair, Hamsa Thota, to give members an overview of the important works done by Rotary using members contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Hamsa joined us on Zoom.

President Jim welcomed attending in person, District Governor Steve Barnes and Assistant District Governor Tom Woodberry. They were here to share in the overwhelming success of our November Rotary Foundation Birthday Tables.

Cathy Cox, Board Member and Foundation Chair, came to the podium to preside over the ceremony of presented Paul Harris Fellow awards to 25 members.

Cathy thanked all members for their generosity in November and the overall generosity of our members. Since The Rotary Foundation's beginning in 1917 with \$26.50 our club has contributed in all time giving, \$822,365. Our club has 103 Paul Harris Fellows, 5 Bequest members, and 5 Major Donors.



Albert and Bebe Reichert were presented very special crystal and pins for achieving the **Major Donor Level 3** giving to The Rotary Foundation.



Paul Harris Fellow Awards presented Monday were the following:

Paul Harris Fellow

- Chris Sims
- Katherine McLeod
- Karen Lambert
- Robert Bowen III

Paul Harris Fellow +1

- Rob Betzel
- Kathy McCollum
- John O'Shaughnessey III

- Bob Moon
- Lee Laughter

Paul Harris Fellow +2

- Dr John O'Shaughnessey Jr
- Cindy Gibson
- Jack Poole
- John Page

Paul Harris Fellow +3

- Mark Dehler

Paul Harris Fellow +7

- Rusty Bradford

Paul Harris Fellow +8

- Bill Simmons

After the presentations President Jim called on Past President Don Cornett to present a Vocational Talk. Don is retired from Procter and Gamble. Many of our members do not know about the careers of our older members and Vocational Talks by retired members give members a chance to learn about the dynamic careers of our senior members.

Don gave some history of Procter and Gamble and the multitude of products they produce. He was at Procter and Gamble for 37 years, starting in distribution and sales. A Macon native; he advanced in the company, managing the industrial positions in Latin America and moving to the IT department management for global company operations. Don then shared some humorous stories about his global travels for the company. He ended his presentation saying he could continue with the stories in the future.



President Jim closed the meeting with members reciting the 4 Way Test.



After the meeting closed District Governor Steve Barnes and Assistant District Governor presented Cathy, Jim, and Cecil with Governor Awards of Excellence for their work in achieving record funds raised at our Club's November Birthday Tables.

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 <http://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 or POLIO PLUS to donate, then just follow easy steps to make payment.

CART FUND: First you will need your club member database sign in for <http://dacdb.com/>, if you do not have this Cecil Coke can send to you. Your username and password are the same for DACdb or CART. Go to <https://mycartfund.org/Login.cfm> use your DACdb log in as a CURRENT USER. Menu on left MAKE CONTRIBUTION and follow steps.

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 Mike Austin.

Dates to Remember

March

16

Board Meeting 6pm Idle Hour Club

Approved Makeups-Family of Rotary Events

Reminder - Makeups can only be used 2 weeks before or after a missed meeting

Anytime Rotary Project or Rotary Committee Meeting
Anytime Volunteer at Volunteer Clinic
Warming Center
Backpack Buddies

Club Membership Applications

Our club is using a new online (no paper) membership application. Contact Membership Chair Lynn Murphey <mailto:murphey@kf.org> or any board member or officer or the Club Administrator. All we need is the potential members name and email address to send an application to them for the potential member to complete and submit online.

All members of our club need to think about who would make good Rotarians. There are many classifications that could be filled. If you know of someone check with Kathryn Dennis, Classification Chair first to make sure there are no conflicts with other members. The process is easy and rewarding to bring in new members.

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Excused Absence

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 as indicated below.

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**, it is in our club's Constitution!

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.

When you make up at another club please send an email immediately afterwards to the Club Administrator, cecilcoke210@gmail.com so your makeup can be recorded. Do not expect the club where you make up to report to our club.