

Rotary Opens Opportunities



THE ROTARY CLUB OF MACON THROBS

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FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors

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	

June

7	Night Sounds: Monitoring Nocturnal Migration of Birds	Jim Ferrarri
14	Mayor Lester Miller	
21	TBD	
28	Changing of Guard – Manley to McQueen	

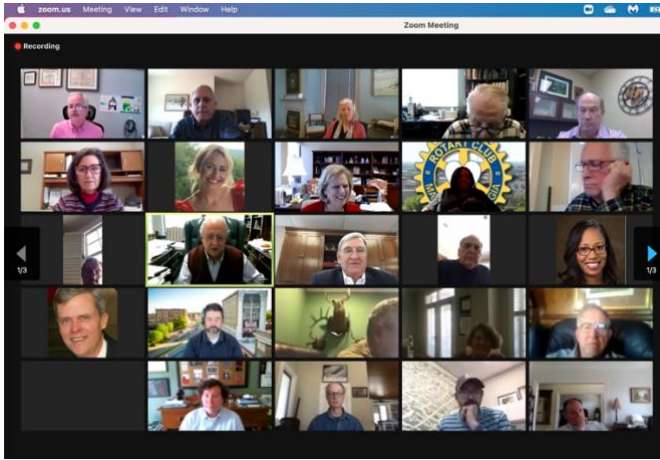
July

5	No Meeting July 4 th Holiday	
12	TBD	

MEETING March 22, 2021

Attendance Zoom 56%

CART Collection \$0



Past President Kathryn Dennis opened the meeting. President Jim Manley was on Spring Break. PP Kathryn welcomed Assistant District Governor Tom Woodbery as the only guest today. PP Kathryn called on Keisha Callins to lead the Pledge and offer the Prayer. PP Kathryn reviewed members birthdays and club anniversaries.

PP Kathryn reminded members of the opportunities to volunteer at the Warming Center and Backpack Buddies, both will count as make ups. She told members to be listening for more information on our club project Rebuilding Macon scheduled for April 24.

CART collections for our club have received an anonymous match from one of our members for April 12th so collect your dollars and come prepared to brag on April 12th.

PP Kathryn called on President Elect Elbert McQueen to introduce our speakers for today. Nancy White and Katherine McLeod, both Rotarians, play an important role in providing healthcare for the un and under insured in Macon-Bibb. Katherine McLeod is CEO of First Choice Primary Healthcare and Nancy White is Executive Director of Macon Volunteer Clinic.

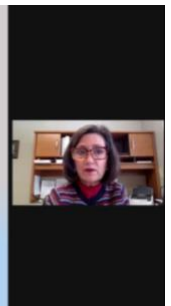


Nancy began the program. The Macon Volunteer Clinic (MVC) opened in 2003 to provide healthcare options for the uninsured working adults. 18% of all adults are uninsured, some fall in the gap of working but not qualifying for Medicaid and not enough salary for ACA premium assistance.

The backbone of MVC is volunteers. It is 100% a philanthropical organization which receives no state or federal funding. The clinic is located at the corner of Ingleside and Rogers Avenue and now owns the building due to generous donations.

100% Philanthropically Funded

- Grants, donations
- Volunteer staffing – physicians, nurses, scribes, medical assistants, administrative helpers
- Building – \$1/year lease; now owned
- Skeletal staff to maintain infrastructure
- No taxpayer/government funding
- Services are without cost to those who qualify!



In 202 the COVID pandemic caused it to shut down from March to June and opened up telemedicine for their patients. Mercer School of Medicine students called all patients during this time assisting them with questions on the pandemic and giving advice on precautions with the virus. The patients

MVC 2019 Stats – Pre-Pandemic

- 6615 patient encounters
- 6,017 volunteer hours
- 379 cancer screenings
- 587 dental services
- 1,195 labs
- 253 new patients
- \$1,326,489 non-narcotic Rx assistance



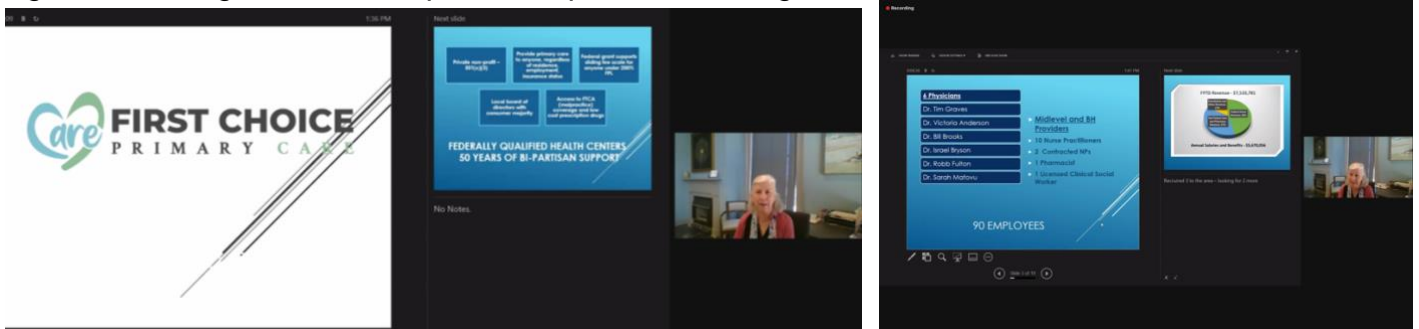
MVC Patient Requirements

- Actively employed.
- Bibb County resident.
- Between 18-64 years of age.
- Uninsured (no Medicaid or Medicare, no VA, no commercial insurance)
- Valid social security number.
- Current year tax return for you and spouse.
- Earn at or below 200% of the 2021 federal income guidelines:
 - 1-person household \$25,760
 - 2-person \$34,840
 - 3-person \$43,920
 - 4-person \$53,000
 - 5-person \$62,080
 - 6-person \$71,160
 - 8-person \$89,320
 - For families with more than 8, add \$9,080 for each additional person

came back in person appointment in June but not all volunteers were able to return. The clinic changed their policy during the pandemic and did not drop any patients that lost their jobs, which meant they could continue their care. Macon Volunteer Clinic donations and information:

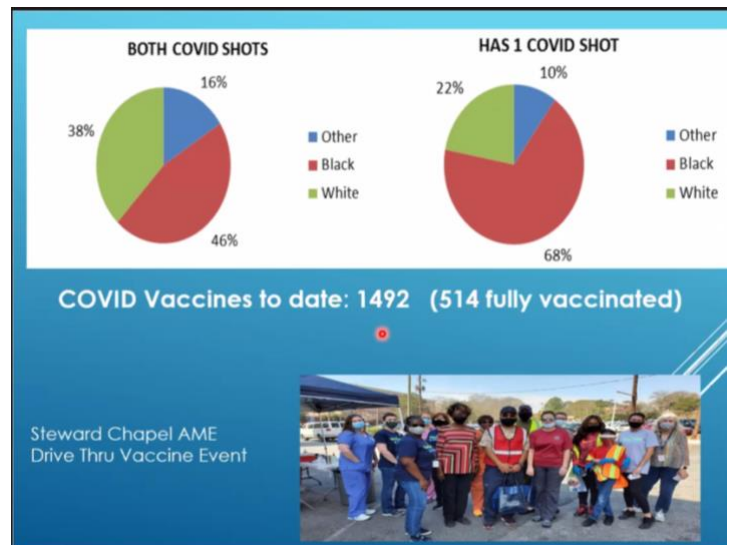
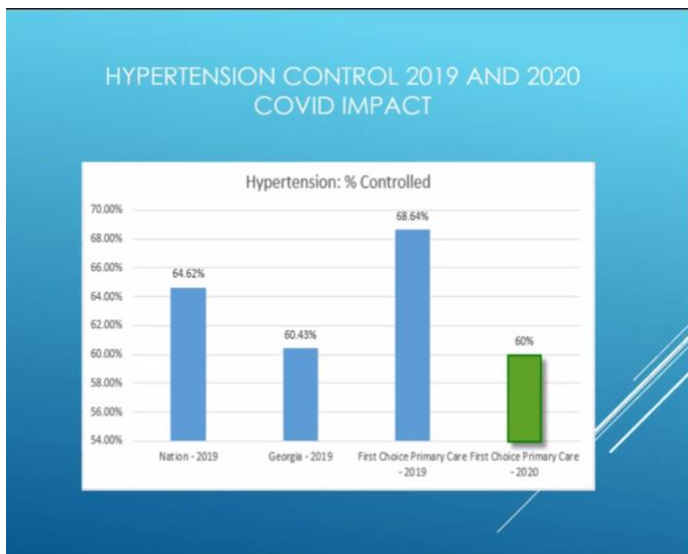
<https://maconvolunteerclinic.org/donors/>

Katherine McLeod explained the huge need for access to Primary Care in central Georgia. Their organization began in 2005 in partnership with MVC to get the most impact upon their opening.



They are a federally qualified healthcare provider and are a private nonprofit organization. They receive federal grants to discount their fees. To the patients. Our members Jonathan Alderman and Elbert McQueen serve on their board of directors.

First Choice Primary Care is available to anyone regardless of where they live or their employment. Many of their patients have insurance but cannot afford the copay. Fees are on a sliding scale for the patients. First choice has 90 employees and saw 11,505 patients in 2020. Hypertension is the most common illness. 31206 is the most common Zip Code of patients.



The First Choice Primary Care operates 6 facilities, recently adding the building on the corner of Poplar and MLK which includes a pharmacy.

They are now giving COVID vaccines, concentrating on getting the shots to the most in need.

Anyone wishing to donate can mail check or go online and click donate:

First Choice Primary Care
PO Box 4363
Macon, GA 31208
<http://www.fcpcga.org/>

Past President Kathryn closed the meeting with members reciting the 4 Way Test.

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

April

20 Board Meeting 6pm Idle Hour Club
24 Club Project Rebuilding Macon

Approved Makeups-Family of Rotary Events

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

When requested	Viewing of Monday meeting recorded on Zoom	Request from Jim Manley or Steve Allen
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/](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.