



Rotary Opens Opportunities



THE ROTARY CLUB OF MACON THROBS

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Update from NewTown Macon
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FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors

April

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 April 12, 2021

Attendance In Person and Zoom 67.4%

CART Collection on 4-12-2021 \$855 we have until 4-16-2021 to receive checks by mail

President Jim Manley rang the bell to open the meeting.



Danny Gibson led members in Pledge to the flag and offered the Prayer.

President Jim reviewed member birthdays and anniversaries.

CART Brags this week were great and collections were bountiful.





President Jim called on Ethiel Garlington to give members update on schedule for our club project with **Rebuilding Macon**.

Use the RSVP link that was emailed to members to register to assist with this project. You can come anytime during the morning to help this needy family.

Please save the date for **Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 8am** for the Rebuilding Macon workday. Rebuilding Macon is assigning a house specifically to Rotary, and we need your help to get it finished. Many hands make light work, so the more folks we have the faster and easier it will be. There will be tasks for every physical ability and skill. You will just need to show up in work clothes. We will have all the tools and equipment needed. The location is 959 Ross Street (by the Bears Den). The work is generally cleaning and painting.





President Jim introduced today's speaker, Doug Lang with the Guardian Center of Georgia. The Guardian Center located in Perry is a little-known gem in Middle Georgia. It is known worldwide for disaster and emergency training. Doug is the, VP of Business Development. Prior to his position with the Guardian Center, he was employed 33 years in fire and rescue management and served 31 years in the Air Force and National Guard.



Doug presented some opening remarks about serving as a fire fighter right out of high school, moving into disaster management learning how to prepare for disasters. He shared his screen with a power point presentation. The Guardian Center was originally a Northrup plant and when operations were moved elsewhere the vacant plant was purchased by founder of the Guardian Center, Geoffrey Burkart. In 2012 the first infrastructure was built and converted from the plant to a training space. The facility is large enough to bring complete teams together to train. It is purposely built to provide realistic training sites for fire and rescue. There is nothing of this scale in the country. Their mission is to make better prepared and trained rescue teams.

The facility covers 15 city blocks with 1-3 story buildings, rail stations, subway rails, flooded villages, aircraft crash sites and a hurricane alley. Federal agencies, FEMA, Department of Defense, National Guard, Armed Services, Department of Energy, local government response teams and international teams are trained at the facility. For more information visit: <https://guardiancenters.com/>



President Jim closed 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/> 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.