



Rotary Opens Opportunities



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Hearing Loss the Silent Epidemic Monique Hammond

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors

April

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	

Macon Rotary - Club Project

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 I 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. I don't know what house we have been assigned to yet, but the work is generally cleaning and painting.

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2021 Rotary Speech Contest

The 2021 Rotary Speech Contest was held Saturday. It is sponsored and managed jointly by our club, North Macon Rotary and Downtown Macon Rotary. Thanks to Jim Crisp and his committee for a great job this year.



2nd Place Jonathan Lease - Stratford 3rd Place Leo Zhang – Howard HS 1st place Avery Scott - Tattnall

MEETING March 29, 2021

Attendance Zoom 67.4%

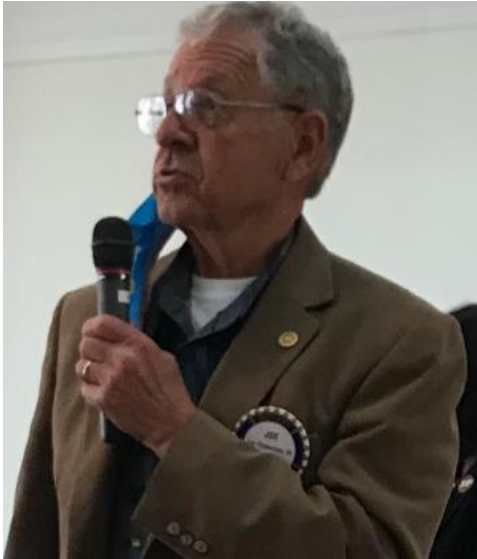
CART Collection \$52

President Jim Manley rang the bell to open the meeting. Albert Reichert offered the Prayer and lead members in Pledge to the flag.

President Jim reviewed member birthdays and anniversaries.



President Jim called for CART Brags. He gave the first brag on Jim Crisp taking the lead this year for the Rotary Speech contest. With limitation due to COVID the contest was still successful and attracted very talented youth. The contest was a joint project with North Macon and Downtown Rotary.



Program Chair and Board member, John O'Shaughnessey, introduced our speaker today. Stacy Watson. Stacy is Director of Economic and Industrial Development for the Georgia Ports Authority. He joined the Ports Authority in 1992 and has been involved in the terrific growth and future expansion of the ports. Stacy is a member of the Richmond Hills Rotary Club.



Stacy told members he is involved working with the state department of economic growth and utilities in Georgia to attract business for the ports and jobs for Georgians. He has seen the port grow to be the third largest gateway for imports and exports in the United States.

Stacy shared his screen for a presentation on the Ports Authority. The Authority board members are appointed to serve by the Governor of Georgia. The Port Authority oversees several ports in Georgia. The Garden City Port at Savannah handles 90% of the cargo and containers, the Port of Brunswick handles mainly automobiles, 650,000 per year. The newest port is in North West Georgia. It is the first and only inland port being a direct rail terminal for Garden

City, handling 30,000 containers per year. There are two more inland rail ports planned to expand cargo into the Midwest section of the country.

Garden City is the third largest port in the United States, and the largest facility in North America at 1345 acres. In 2020, the port grew by 1.8%, handling 4.7 million containers. Top cargo exports are kaolin, pine tree products, and cotton. There is a special refrigerated section for a growing refrigerated cargo market. 34% of the imports come from China. Savannah does more business with the Panama Canal than any other port and handles 22% of the cargo on the east coast.

The Ports Authority works closely with the Georgia Department of Transportation to make sure the highways in and out of the port can handle the volume of truck traffic for fast turnaround trips with containers. There were 3,000,000 gate moves last year with trucks.

All profits from the ports are returned to improving terminals and facilities. They are building a massive train terminal to reach the Midwest and will be able to construct 2-mile trains of containers on site.

Stacy ended a great, informative program telling members the blockage of the Suez Canal will hit Savannah in mid-April, 13% of the cargo entering Savannah comes thru the Suez Canal.



There were great questions for Stacy from members.

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

CART Challenge Matches

We have two terrific, anonymous CART challenges from two members coming up April 12th and May 17th. Please bring dollars or checks on these two dates.

April 12th is a double match up to a maximum of \$1000 and May 17th is a match up to maximum of \$750. On those dates members can bring cash dollars or checks to put in the CART buckets on the tables.

Checks are to be made payable to Macon Rotary Club with CART on memo line. If you wish to mail a check send to Macon Rotary Club P.O. Box 4521 Macon GA 31210. If you wish to make it online with your credit card go to:

<https://www.paypal.com/donate?token=P8OykPqUnek0IzA1gjlqDnyPFMqcZyDs4HKLeZyNUpUwPKa9VZnh0q0J1XSJiX9Y-8g56cRDb8qhdzWS>

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.