



ROTARY THROBS

MONDAY, September 16, 2019

Wesleyan College Update
Dr. Vivia Fowler

If you would like to know more about our programs, go to the DACdb club calendar on either your phone or desktop. The Club Program Chair, Ivey Hall, has added a brief description of upcoming programs.

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS approved by the Board of Directors

September

23	Central Georgia Technical College Update	Dr. Ivan Allen
30	Ocmulgee National Park and Preserve	Brian Adams

October

7	District Governor Mike Muldowney	
14	No Meeting	Columbus Day Holiday
21	Middle Georgia State University	Dr. Christopher Blake
28	Georgia Farm Bureau Hurricane Recovery	David Jolley CFO

November

4	Birthday Tables Foundation Meeting	Anthony Holloman/George Lee
11	Crimestoppers	Macon Centreplex
18	Subject TBD	Pat Mitchell
25	No Meeting	Thanksgiving Holiday

Past Presidents Dinner-September 17th

All Past Presidents of our club and any member that has been a Past President of any Rotary Club is invited to our Annual Past Presidents Dinner. This is the time when all past presidents share their experiences and wisdom to benefit President Fred. There will be a brief board meeting for our board at 6pm prior to the dinner at 7pm. All current board members are expected to attend the dinner. It will be held September 17th at Idle Hour Country Club. Rusty Bradford is coordinating RSVP – watch for his email or you can email him at <mailto:rusty@maconjanitor.com> to confirm your attendance.

President Fred Announces New Club Project

The Macon Rotary Club chosen to support to support a Leadership Macon Class of 2019 project to build an outdoor amphitheater/classroom at the newly designated Ocmulgee Mounds National Historic Park. Additional project plans include rebuilding the popular Woodland House attraction and also creating ready STEAM lesson 'Trunks' to help open up the imaginations of visiting schoolchildren to the realms of Science, Technology, Engineering, The Arts, and Math.

Macon Rotary is happy to be a part of this worthwhile undertaking as our community is takes steps to create a welcoming, impressive environment for visitors from all over our country and from around the world. We have committed financial support of \$2500 and are challenging our members to join together to meet that amount to achieve a total club contribution of \$5000+. Our hope is to meet this challenge before our upcoming meeting on Sept. 30th, when the program is centered on our country's newest national park.

Please consider making your tax deductible contribution check payable to: Ocmulgee National Monument Association
(memo line: Rotary Match for LM project)

Checks may be turned in to Cecil Coke at the member check in table or mailed to:
Macon Rotary Club
P.O. Box 4521
Macon, GA 31208





Meeting Report September 9, 2019

Coins for Alzheimer Research Collections **\$21.75**

Attendance 63.6%

President Fred rang the bell to open the meeting. Gene Dunwody Sr led the song and Pledge, Ivey Hall gave the prayer and Tanzy Kilcrease introduced the guest.

President Fred called on Program Chair Ivey Hall to introduce the speaker, Craig Ross, President and CEO of the Macon Transit Authority. Craig has served on the board of the Macon-Bibb Transit Authority since 1996. He was named Vice Chair in 2006 and Chair in 2010. The Authority named him President and CEO in 2017.



Craig gave members a brief overview of the history of public transportation and how the Authority was formed in the 1980's to be an independent operator of Macon's transit system. It is funded by local and federal funds. Macon-Bibb contributes to the annual budget to keep the buses rolling.

Buses carry citizens to work, doctor appointments, school, and recreation. The largest route is the Eisenhower route. They cover Macon-Bibb as funding allows. In October ticket sales will be online so passengers can purchase tickets in advance online.

The Authority applied for and was awarded a \$1.75 million dollar federal grant this year which will be used to improve buses and operations. It was the only federal grant for transits awarded in Georgia this year.

Mercer is a big partner with buses providing students nighttime rides back to their dorms after hours on the weekends.

Craig stressed to members "safety is not an issue" riding their buses. Empty buses are not unusual, they have gotten to the end of their route and are making the return trip picking up new passenger. In 2018 the buses carried 705,549 in 281 days.

Raffle: Raffle is "on hold" for a couple of months.

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 Sam Hollis

Dates to Remember

September 17 Board Meeting + Past Presidents Dinner Idle Hour Country Club

Approved Makeups-Family of Rotary Events

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

August 24, 25, 29, 30,31,Sept 1 Theatre Macon 12th Night William Shakespeare 8:00 2:30 7:30
8:00 2:30 Check with box office to attend

September 11 Author Judge Richard Gergel "Unexampled Courage" Pierce Chapel Wesleyan College 7pm

September 13 Habitat's Home court Tennis & Pickleball Tournament Tattnall Square Tennis Center Register at maconhabitat.org/homecourt

Anytime Rotary Project or Rotary Committee Meeting

Anytime Volunteer at Volunteer Clinic

Anytime Live stream of Macon Rotary Club meeting on FaceBook when available
<https://www.facebook.com/TheMaconRotaryClub/>

Club Membership Applications

Our club is using a new membership application. It can be found on maconrotary.com or contact Cindy Gibson, Membership Chair, any board member or officer or the Club Administrator and 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.