



# Rotary



# The Rotary Club of Macon

## **THROBS**

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### March 10, 2025

*Jim Stiff, Goodwill Middle Georgia & the CRSA*

James K. Stiff is the President of Goodwill Industries of Middle Georgia and the Central Savannah River Area. The territory consists of 31 counties in Georgia and four in South Carolina. You may know Goodwill as a place to donate used items or to find bargains, but it's much more.



Goodwill Industries of Middle Georgia and the CSRA was founded in Macon in 1975 to serve individuals with disabilities and other special needs. Today, the organization operates eight regional career centers, serving residents of 31 counties in Georgia and four in South Carolina.

They are the only Goodwill in the world operating a college and hospitality venues to serve the mission, with Helms College and Helms Career Education companion post-secondary programs and Edgar's Hospitality Group. Edgar's caters the delicious food we enjoy every meeting!

## No Zoom Link

There was no club meeting March 3.

## **FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS AND CLUB EVENTS:**

### **March, 2025**

17	USDA	Nikki Thomas, Acting State Director
18	Board Meeting	
24	Unified Defense/Prince Service & Mfg.	Eric Williams, CEO
31	No Meeting	

## April, 2025

7	Chancellor Perdue	Sonny Perdue
14	Georgia Supreme Court	Justice Verda Colvin
14	Board Meeting	
21	Cherokee Brick	Kate Sams Peavy, President
28	No Meeting	

## May, 2025

5	Spring Picnic – no regular meeting	
12	GRSP Student	João Victor Verçosa Vilela
19	Performances by Morning Music Club’s Maerz Award winners	
20	Board Meeting	
26	No Meeting	

## June, 2025

2	No Meeting	
9	Mercer Medical School	Dean Jean Sumner
16	AI (Artificial Intelligence)	Brandon Haddock
17	Board Meeting	

## Georgia Rotary Student Program Honors Trustees Emeritus

The Winter Business Meeting of the Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) was held in Macon in late January. More than 50 GRSP Trustees, along with the GRSP Foundation Board of Directors met to discuss administrative and financial reports as well as honor members in the GRSP Foundation. Macon member J. Milton Heard, IV, along with Frank E. Bentley, Jr., Rotary Club of Sandy Springs, and M.A. “Doc” Jaleel, Rotary Club of Peachtree City were proclaimed Trustees Emeritus by GRSP Chair Ian Bond.

President Terry Adkins also thanked Bentley for serving as the Foundation’s financial advisor for the past 30 years and presented him with a crystal bowl etched with an outline of the world map and the GRSP logo for his dedication to the program.

Milton Heard was appointed as a Trustee in 2011, and later named as District 6920 Director of GRSP. He is a Ronnie Waller Fellow with the GRSP Foundation, which represents contributions of \$10,000 or more. Milton, along with his wife Laura, has been a host family and documented multiple GRSP Conclaves and events with his passion for photography.



Jaleel served District 6900 as District World Community Service and 3H Grants Chair from 1985-1993 and as an Area District Governor from 1998-2001. He and his wife Christy served three times as a GRSP host family, six years as a GRSP Trustee and several years as an Advisory Trustee.

Bentley, son of Past GRSP Endowment Chairman Frank Bentley, Sr., is a Jim Brim Fellow with the GRSP Foundation, which represents contributions of \$15,000 or more. Bentley, as well as his wife Earlene, has been a counselor, adviser and friend to countless students and other Rotarians. They have each demonstrated through service to Rotary and the Georgia Rotary Student Program continuous commitment and dedication to the ideals of “service above self” and “world peace through understanding.” To view the three Trustee Emeritus resolutions in full for Bentley, Jaleel and Heard, please visit <https://www.grsp.org/history>.

A moment of silence was held in memory of two GRSP Emeritus Trustees - Karl Waechtler, Rotary Club of Rome and Larry “Frog” Frosteg, Rotary Club of Pelham. Both men continued to support GRSP after their respective roles as a Trustee, investing both time and finances. Both died in 2024.

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## Donate 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. These online donations qualify as a tax deduction (but ask your accountant). Follow these easy steps:

**The Rotary Foundation:** Go to <https://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, DISASTER RELIEF FUND, or POLIO PLUS to donate, then just follow easy steps to make payment.

**CART FUND:** <https://mycartfund.org/Login.cfm> follow the online instructions. You will need our **Club number 4202** and **District number 6920**. (This link requires logging in to DACdb. If you have trouble with that, use <https://mycartfund.org/NewUser.cfm> instead.) All donations to CART go to support cutting-edge research on Alzheimer’s.

### Approved Makeups-Family of Rotary Events:

**Reminder - Makeups can only be used two weeks before or after a missed meeting  
(There are no meetings in December)**

Anytime	Rotary Project or Rotary Committee meeting
Anytime	Volunteer at Macon Volunteer Clinic
Anytime	Viewing of Monday meeting recorded on Zoom - See current or past <i>Throbs</i> link.

### 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. **Members are encouraged to maintain an attendance average of 60%.**

Missed meetings must be made up **14 days before or after the meeting you miss.**

See list above of approved makeups. 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. Also, attendance at another Rotary Club is a great option when you are traveling!

When you make up using the **Zoom link** of our meetings listed in meeting summary above or makeup in person at another club please send an email immediately afterwards to the Club Administrator, [steve@eggmedia.com](mailto:steve@eggmedia.com) so your makeup can be recorded. Do not expect the club you visit to report to our club.

## Excused Absences

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.

## *Club Membership Applications*

*Our club continues to grow! To sponsor a prospective candidate to join our membership, contact Membership Chair Gene Dunwody [gdunwodyjr@dunwodybeeland.com](mailto:gdunwodyjr@dunwodybeeland.com) or any member of the Board of Directors to ensure a vocational classification is available for your candidate. Once the Classification Committee approves the classification, invite your new member candidate to a weekly meeting. If the candidate expresses interest in joining our club, then ask the Membership Chair to send the candidate an invitation to apply online. Applications are reviewed by the Board and then announced in Throbs, after which any member can express an objection.*

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