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The Rotary Club of Macon

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Chancellor Sonny Perdue, Joint Meeting with Area Clubs

Dr. Sonny Perdue serves as the 14th chancellor of the University System of Georgia, taking office April 1, 2022. As chancellor, he oversees 26 public colleges and universities with a more than \$11.5 billion annual budget, 51,000 faculty and staff and more than 364,000 students. The Georgia Public Library Service and the Georgia Archives are also part of USG.

Of course, former Governor Perdue is well-known in Georgia. He was Governor from 2003 until 2011, and was a member of the Georgia Senate from 1991 to 2001, where he chaired the Senate Higher Education Committee and eventually became Senate President Pro Tem. Prior to becoming chancellor, Perdue was the 31st Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) from 2017 to 2021.



As Agriculture Secretary, Perdue managed a workforce of 110,000 employees with the stated objective of being the most efficient, effective and customer-friendly agency in federal government. This included stabilizing the food supply chain during the COVID-19 pandemic and launching the Farmers to Families Food Box program to ensure the most vulnerable Americans were fed.

For this special program, we'll have a joint meeting with members of the Downtown Macon, North Macon, and Jones County Rotary Clubs. We meet in our usual place, so come early to secure a good seat!

No Zoom Link for Zoom Recording

There was no club meeting March 31

FUTURE MONDAY PROGRAMS AND CLUB EVENTS:

April, 2025

14	Georgia Supreme Court	Justice Verda Colvin
15	Board Meeting	
21	Cherokee Brick	Kate Sams Peavy, President
28	No Meeting	

May, 2025

5	Spring Picnic at Otis Redding Center for the Arts – 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	

New Member Approval

Your Board has approved the membership application of Asunta “Sue” Marzano, who would hold the classification of Defense Contracting. She is with Unified Defense and Prince Service & Manufacturing, and is the mother of Eric Williams who was our speaker March 24.

Members have 10 days to make comments in writing to President Danny Gibson.



The three Macon Rotary clubs are sponsoring a Habitat home in honor and memory of Josh Rogers. While the club has committed funds, we still need member support. If you haven’t given already, please consider donating through Community Foundation. We need to have all monies in by April 4.

There are several ways that this can be accomplished:

- a. Instruct the Community Foundation to transfer funds if you have a donor-advised fund at the CFCGA.
- b. Make a contribution with stock(s).*
- c. If you are at least 70.5 in age, you can make a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA.*
- d. Mail a check to the CFCGA.\$ In the memo line write, Habitat Home in honor of Josh Rogers.
- e. Contribute online using the following link:

https://cfcg.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=1531

* Contact Julia Wood at the Community Foundation- 478-750-9338.

\$ Community Foundation of Central Georgia 577 Mulberry St., Suite 1600 Macon, GA 31201

Step 2.

It's almost time to begin signing up to work. We will have a detailed schedule as soon as possible. In the meantime, the estimated start date is the later part of May with the completion around the first week of October. Individuals can sign up for full day or half-day work details. Up to 15 people per group can work at the same time.

We will begin to put out a schedule of work activities along with a sign-up sheet in late April and early May, so stay tuned.

We now have a physical address for the home, and it's 1975 Feb Avenue, which is off Holt Avenue near Central High School. The new owner will be Anthony Hearvey and his son. Anthony works for the sanitation department, and they are both very excited.

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 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 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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