



# SWAPS

The Exchange Club of Macon

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## *Commissioner Joe Allen*

Last Thursday

This past Thursday, our speaker had close ties to our Club: he's Jimmy Allen's brother, Joe Allen! Joe, Macon-Bibb Commissioner for District 6, spoke in place of scheduled Mallory Jones, Macon-Bibb Commissioner for District 4. During Commissioner elections this past summer, Joe beat out Ed DeFore. A Telegraph article from July 2016 offered "For Allen, the victory was bittersweet, since it came against a man he said he admires." Speaking of politics, Joe offered these words of advice to Club members: "Hold your elected officials accountable. Call 'em!"



Joe is the founder of the nonprofit Kids Yule Love, which according to the website, is "a non-profit organization founded in 1986 and our mission is to provide Christmas presents and a message of hope to the less fortunate children in the Middle Georgia area. We partner with businesses in the Middle Georgia area who either want to become a sponsor or a Kids Yule Love drop point. Kids Yule Love also serves people throughout the year with God Yule Love, Baskets of Joy at Easter, Kids School Tools during the school year & the Smoke Detector Program." Visit [kidsyulelove.com](http://kidsyulelove.com) for more details.



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## *This Week's Program*

Please join us March 23rd as Danny Thompson introduces this year's Youth of the Year, and hosts our ACE program! See everyone Thursday!!!

Please keep Dee Parker in your thoughts and prayers as she mends from her falls.

A bit of history from the Exchange Club of Macon...

- 13 July 1923: Exchange Club of Macon is presented with its charter at a gala banquet at Idle Hour Country Club. Macon's other Civic clubs were present for the ceremony.
- In 1935, Initiation fees were \$10, Monthly dues were \$4, and Meal costs were \$0.50!!!

### *A bit more history...*

**Did you know.....According to "A History of the Exchange Club of Macon"...** In 1937, the "outstanding event of the year was our first "Heartwarmers" project in which we divided the town into 20 routes and on 5 nights, December 12-16 we covered four routes each night with a large Georgia Highway Express truck, going door to door gathering old clothes, toys, food and money. The loot was taken to the Bibb County Central Index office and they distributed it to needy Macon families. At weeks end we had literally rooms full of usable items and with the money we bought groceries wholesale and added to the supply."

**With such a rich history of community service, we should ALL be proud to be an Exchangite!!!**

**\* \* \* *Upcoming Events---Mark your Calendars!!!* \* \* \***

- ***April 1<sup>st</sup> (Saturday) is the Club's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sport Clay Shoot at Meadows Gun Club. (Please see Walter for more information on sponsorships and event details!)***
- ***May 18<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) is the Club's Annual BBQ. It will be held at 6pm in the fellowship hall of Riverside UMC. Tickets are \$10 per person. Please see Rollin for details.***

Please take a moment to visit:

[georgiaexchange.org](http://georgiaexchange.org)

There are pictures, news, and updates about our fellow Exchangites around the state. You may even run into our Club!

## *Cherry Blossom Raffle Ticket Time*

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Make sure you pick up a book of raffle tickets from Walter Arnett!

Ticket prices are:

1 for \$5 OR

3 for \$10

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***1<sup>st</sup> prize= \$300  
Kroger gift card***

***2<sup>nd</sup> prize= \$150  
Kroger gift card***

***3<sup>rd</sup> prize= \$50  
Kroger gift card***

Club members are needed during the Cherry Blossom Festival (24March- 2April) to sell raffle tickets at the Exchange Club booth. See Rollin to volunteer for a shift! It takes ALL of our efforts for success!!!