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735 Pierce Avenue

Lunch - 11:30 AM
Meeting - 12:15 PM

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“Opening Notes”

President Ron Raleigh opened the meeting welcoming members and guests. The “DID YOU KNOW” quote of the day was “*No matter how high the hill – it levels out as you near the top.*” **Chairman Bobby George** gave the invocation, **Debbi McCreary** led the members and guests in the “*Pledge of Allegiance*”, and **Curtis Jordan** led the members and guests in a verse of “*God Bless America*”. **Bonnie Johnson** was back at the piano with our “*dinner music*”.

“Recognition”

Chairman Bobby George presented the “*Exchangitte of The Year*” award to member **Debbi McCreary**.

Debbi is the owner and CEO of the Summit OG Group. **Walter Arnett** sponsored **Debbi** and she joined the Macon Exchange Club in February of 2017. Since joining the Club: she was elected to the Exchange Club Board of Directors; accepted the job and responsibilities of the Club’s Youth Programs to include the ACE Award, Youth of the Month, and Youth of the Year; she has supported all of the Club’s events with her time, expertise, and monetarily; and, she assumed the monumental task of working within the social media realm to promote and report on the Macon Exchange Club’s events, mission, projects, etc.



Congratulations **Debbi** – and many thanks for all of your hard work and support.

“Announcements”

Tax Commissioner Wade McCord – will be our speaker February 27th

CAP Symposium – April 8th

Annual Sporting Clay Shoot – April 11th

“My Day In Court” Youth Program – March 12th

Annual May BBQ at the Fish ‘N’ Pig – May 14th

“Program Notes”

Bobby George arranged the day’s program and introduced member and special guest speaker **Sheriff David Davis**.

Sheriff Davis grew up in Macon, graduated from Central High, and continued his formal education at Macon State College, Georgia State University, and attended the University of Virginia. He is also a graduate of the 121th Session of the FBI National Academy. He was elected *Sheriff of Bibb County* in November of 2012 – re-elected in November of 2016. He will be on the “ballot” for 2020. **GO VOTE!**



In his presentation, **Sheriff Davis** reported that “crime” is the main focus of the Sheriff’s Department. Since Consolidation, the “crime” rate has dropped by some “2,000” incidents. He credited the drop to community involvement – from reporting suspicious activity to

working with the Deputies and Crime Stoppers providing them with valuable information in incidents leading to the solving of criminal activity and the arrest of the criminal.

Sheriff Davis reiterated what we have learned from many sources – the Department is “short staffed”. His pledge to the Bibb County citizens is that “**we will do what is necessary to serve and protect the citizens of Bibb County. I will never use the shortage of deputies as a reason or excuse for not doing our duty.**”

Sheriff Davis shared with the membership that “Community Involvement” was another high priority of the Sheriff’s Dept. To enhance and better serve that priority, the Sheriff’s Dept. has acquired the Rescue Mission’s property behind the LEC. All of the community outreach efforts will be housed at the central location for better control and to enhance the programs. Current outreach programs include some “25” separate commitments to the community. Inclusive are Youth Outreach & Intervention: The Police Athletic/Activities League; Explorers Program; & Consider the Consequences.

Youth Education: C.H.A.M.P.S; the Defensive Driving Course; Eddie Eagle Gun Safe Program; & McGruff, the Crime Dog.

Adult Education: Project Safe Child; the Citizens Firearms Class; the Citizens on Patrol; & Citizen’s Academy.

Community Education/Safety: Gang Awareness; Church Safety

and security; Active Shooter Training; & Child Safety Seat Check Program.

Community Outreach &

Partnerships:

Bondable Pups Program; the Macon Regional Crimestoppers; Santa in the Park; Shop with a Deputy; Halloween Carnival; Back-To-School Bookbag Give-away; Summer Camps; Book ‘Em; Business Watch; National Night Out & Night Unite; TRIAD/SALT; Neighborhood Watch; & the PRIDE Initiative.

There is more “behind the badge” than people think. The possibilities may be explored more and in depth at the Bibb County Sheriff’s Office and by going “Online”:

[facebook.com
/BibbCountySheriffsOffice/](https://www.facebook.com/BibbCountySheriffsOffice/)

[instagram.com
/bibbcountysheriffsoffice/](https://www.instagram.com/bibbcountysheriffsoffice/)

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“Parting Quotes”

“I’m saving that rocker for the day when I feel as old as I really am.”

- Dwight Eisenhower

“Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family; whoever you are, you need one.”