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Club meets four Thursdays
a month at Riverside United
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Lunch - 11:30 AM
Meeting - 12:15 PM

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MACON, GA

“Opening Notes”

President Ron Raleigh opened the meeting welcoming members and guests. The “DID YOU KNOW” quote of the day was **“Human potential stops at some point somewhere beyond infinity.”** **Judge Ed Ennis Ret.** gave the invocation, **Reg Smith** led the members and guests in the “Pledge of Allegiance”, and **Curtis Jordan** led the members and guests in a verse of “My Country Tis’ Of Thee”.

Bonnie Johnson was back at the piano with our “dinner music” opening with “The House of the Rising Sun” she commiserated the first day of “sunshine” in several weeks. “Toe-tapping” tunes followed with Elvis’ “Don’t Be Cruel”, and “Bill Bailey – Won’t You Come Home”. **Bonnie** is greatly appreciated as she adds to our luncheon every week. Thank you!

“Announcements”

Julie Rodgers w/Wesley Glen Ministries – will be our speaker March 5th

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



“Member’s Opportunities”

The Club will be holding a raffle for an “A400 Beretta 12 Gauge Shotgun” to raise funds in support of our activities, charities, events, and “Programs of Service”. The tickets will be “\$15.00” each or “3” for “\$40.00”. **Walter Arnett** has planned and is implementing the raffle. He has tickets available for members to sell. The “Meadows Gun Club” has been instrumental in supplying the shotgun at cost and will coordinate several weekends that Club members will be able to “man” a table to sell tickets at the Sporting Clay Shoot events between now and the raffle day of May 2nd.



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“Program Notes”

Bobby George arranged the day’s program and introduced former member and special guest speaker **Bibb County Tax Commissioner, Wade McCord.**

Wade McCord moved to Macon around 1995. **Wade** retired after serving “30” years in the **Georgia National Guard** with the rank of **Command Sergeant Major.** (FYI, the rank of **Command Sergeant Major** is the highest rank a Non-Commissioned Officer can obtain. In addition to several years of “peace time service”, he deployed for several “combat tours” in the Middle East.

In his civilian life, **Wade** was elected by the citizens of Macon-Bibb County as the “**County Tax Commissioner.**” **Wade** stated that “this year’s elections are pivotal and extremely important for local as well as national.” He will be on the “ballot” for 2020. **GO VOTE!**



Wade opened his presentation reporting that the state of the Bibb County Tax Office will continue to do the things that best serve the community with new ideas, improved ways to pay taxes, and continue to seek methods to reduce the level of delinquent tax payers/properties.

In 2019 the Tax office issued over “68,000” tax bills. Of those, some “13,000” were in delinquent – non payment. **Wade** presented a plan to better reduce the delinquent taxes to the Macon-Bibb County Board of Commissioners. The plan was for holding a “**Subsequent Tax Sale**” on the properties with the delinquencies. The plan was approved and the Tax Office held its first “sale”. The turn out of potential buyers was large. The first “sale” was originally comprised of “218” properties - “7” owners paid their tax bills in full removing the “7” from the “sale”. The “211” properties remaining in the sale generated “\$724,000”, an average of over “\$3,400” per property.

The “**Subsequent Tax Sale**” was a resounding success and the Tax Office is preparing another “160” properties for a second “sale”. Dollars generated would be quite often non collectible.

One of the “gains” from the “sales” is the reduction of neighborhood “blight”. The new owners will be paying property taxes - improving the properties.



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“Parting Quotes”

“You can learn new things at any time in your life if you’re willing to be a beginner.”

“Church Signs”

“The ability to lie is a liability.”

“If you don’t go to God’s House, what makes you think He will take you to His”??



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