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Club meets four Thursdays
a month at Riverside United
Methodist Church
735 Pierce Avenue

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 - **“You teach people how to treat you by what you allow, what you stop, and what you reinforce.”** **Crawford Lovett** gave the invocation, **Ron Raleigh** invited the members and guests to participate in the “Pledge of Allegiance”, and **Ed Ennis** led the members & guests in a verse of “God Bless America”. We had “6” members present and “9” visitors.

Bonnie Johnson was back at the piano with our “dinner music” with her repertoire of “upbeat”, “toe tapping” tunes. **Bonnie** is greatly appreciated as she adds to our luncheon every time she comes. **Thank you!**

“Announcements”

CAP Symposium – CANCELED over concerns corona virus issues.
Called Business Meeting – March 19th at the regular weekly meeting.

Annual Sporting Clay Shoot at Meadows Gun Club – April 11th

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



“Member’s Opportunities”

The Club is at the “quarter way” point for the raffle ticket sales for an “A400 Beretta 12 Gauge Shotgun”. Profits from the sale to be used in support of our activities, charities, events, and “Programs of Service”. The tickets will be “\$15.00” each or “3” for “\$40.00”. See **Walter Arnett** for the raffle tickets 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. The “shotgun has been ordered and will be on display at the “**Meadows Gun Club**”.



EXCHANGE

EXCHANGE CLUB OF MACON, GA

“Program Notes”

Judge (Ret.) Ed Ennis arranged the “*My Day In Court*” annual project of the Club, as well as the program for Thursday recognizing the school and students involved in the project.

“*My Day In Court*” is an annual project by our Club. A group of students from a local school visit the Court Courthouse, are taken on a tour of the building and the offices within the Courthouse, get the opportunity to “chat” with several Judges in various courts housed in the Courthouse, and view a session of Superior Court. On returning to their classroom, the students write an essay on their experiences. The essays are graded and the best “3” students join an Exchange Club meeting to read their essay and receive a small “stipend”, and a plaque in recognition.

ACE (the Academy for Classical Education) and “12” student representatives were involved with the “*My Day In Court*” project. Present at Thursday’s meeting were the “3” students that placed in the essay “contest”, parents, and teachers for a total of “9” guests.

Each student presented their essay to the members and guests. *Kate Thomason* placed 3rd, *Owen Yats* placed 2nd, and 1st Place went to *Jayden Lee*. Each student did an excellent job on the presentation of “*what they learned*” during their “*My Day In Court*” overall experience. It always amazes me the amount of retention ability of today’s youth.



Judge (Ret.) Ed Ennis with the “*My Day In Court*” essay winners: *Kate Thomason* 3rd Place w/ her Mother, *Owen Yats* 2nd Place w/ his father, and *Jayden Lee* 1st Place w/ his Mother.



Ed & students with ACE teachers – Ruth Evans, Rachael Norris, and Seth Berkebile.

Congratulations this year’s winning students, their parents, and the staff & teachers at ACE. The Exchange Club appreciates your participation.

The Board of Directors, at the monthly Board Meeting on March 9th discussed the “Slate of Officers and Board Members” for the 2020/2021 Club Year. After careful considerations, the current members of the Board (Kemberlie Sanderson, Walter Arnett, and Debbi McCreary) as well as the current Officers (Chairman Bobby George, the Club President Ron Raleigh, the Club Treasurer Rollin Middlebrooks, and Club Secretary Christina Ford) have agreed to remain in their positions. Therefore, the Board of Directors approved the following recommendation to be presented to the membership for the Slate of Officers and Board Members: ***“The Board of Directors recommends that the current 2019/2020 Club Year Officers and Board Members be presented as the 2020/2021 Club Year Slate of Officers and Board Members”***

As the membership considers the recommendation of the Board for the leadership members for the 2020/2021 Club Year, the Board of Directors requests that any member wishing to join the Board or challenge one of the officer positions please nominate from the floor during the called business meeting for the explicit purpose of electing the Club’s 2020/2021 Officers and Board Members.

The 2020/2021 Club Year will be a pivotal year for our Club. Membership is at a critical level, funding remains a critical issue impacting the Club’s activities (projects, charitable contributions, and “Programs of Service”), and leadership (the Club’s Officers) has been in place since 2017.

From a more optimistic point of view—we are working on the Club’s “Social Footprint” to better reach people and to tell our story – as a Club, we still are accomplishing all of our “Programs of Service” - have continued our charitable giving at \$30,000 to \$35,000 annually – managing several “projects” annually to include: the Annual Lamar Taylor Memorial Golf Tournament for our support of Back Pack Ministries and the Annual Child Abuse Prevention Symposium, the Annual Sport Clay Shoot event, the annual May BBQ at Fish’N’Pig, the Annual Exchangette/Exchangite Banquet, and several raffles (in support of our Club activities).


Membership involvement is the ***most critical need*** in sustaining the Club and in continuance of our impact on the community. As stated – the 2020/2021 will be ***the critical year*** for our Club.

“Parting Quote”

With all of the politicians, the “pundits”, the news “spins”, and “false” news – take to heart & mind}

“Once in a while it really hits people that they don’t have to experience the world in the way they have been told.”

“FYI”



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Programs of Service

Youth of the month / year
 Education
 Freedom of Shrines
 Give a kid a Flag to wave
 Youth Speech Contest
 Quick Think-a -Thon
 My day in court
 Ace Award
 Fireman of the Year
 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
 Macon / Bibb
 Child Abuse Symposium
 One Nation Under God

“And Remember”

