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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 was “**The sun is a daily reminder that we too can rise again from the darkness, that we too can shine our own light.**” *Kemberlie Sanderson* gave the invocation, *Jeff Amerson* called the members and guests to “*attention on deck, face the colors, hand salute*” in leading the “*Pledge of Allegiance*”, and *Curtis Jordan* led the members & guests in a verse of “*America The Beautiful*”. We had “10” members present and “2” visitors.

Jackie Riley was back at the piano with our “*dinner music*” with tunes celebrating the coming of “*Spring*” with tunes like “*Red, Red Robin*”, “*How You Going To Keep Them Down On The Farm*”, “*Please Don’t Take My sunshine Away*”, “*Country Roads*”, and “*Don’t Sit Under The Apple Tree With Anyone Else But Me*”. *Jackie* is greatly appreciated as she adds to our luncheon every time she comes. **Thank you!**

“Announcements”

Monthly Board Meeting at Wesley Glen, 5:30 PM – March 9th
CAP Symposium – April 8th

Annual Sporting Clay Shoot at Meadows Gun Club – April 11th
“My Day In Court” Youth Program – March 12th

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

March Birthdays – *Bobby George, Linda Clark, & Jesse Griffin*



“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.

“Program Notes”

Bobby George arranged the day’s program and introduced **Julie Rogers, Director of Development** at Wesley Glen Ministries.

Julie was born & raised in Warner Robins, attended high school at Monroe Academy, and graduated from Wesleyan College with a BA in Advertising and Marketing Communications. She and her husband, **Alan**, live in Forsyth with their “4” legged “kid” **Mini**. **Julie** joined the “team” at Wesley Glen in 2018.



Julie Rogers
Director of Development

Wesley Glen Ministries / Macon, is a residential “type” program that houses, when at capacity, “40” impaired/challenged people with special needs, “24” hours a day year round. The people are housed on campus in “home” settings, with supervision by “house parent care givers”.

Wesley Glen Ministries / Macon also has a “drop in” program for people with special needs through out the Middle Georgia area. Funded, in part by United Methodist Churches, there are “11” homes in Georgia.

Through the curriculum of day-to-day activities, Wesley Glen strives to give special needs people a better life involving greater independence, growth in socialization skills in a positive safe environment, and life skills – a chance to learn new things. Activities and opportunities are structured to aid in attaining the individual goals for the special needs people under the care of Wesley Glen. The activities and opportunities include:

Twin Lakes Summer Camp that is structured so that the special needs can best be met and the people can “play” and learn as children and young adults.

The Cornerstone Choir offers the opportunity for the special needs people to express themselves through song.

Service Program gives them the opportunity to “serve” others in community projects, etc.

Gardening – the people plant “3” gardens annually (Spring, Summer, & Fall) learning the skills, watching things grow, and enjoying the “fruits” of their labor.

Chapel Service every Tuesday allows for spiritual growth, and, at times are “peer” led.

The Library, in addition to books, has games, puzzles, crafts, and technology to better expand the opportunity for the special needs people to interact with others and the “outside” world.

Through the holistic curriculum of Wesley Glen Ministries see “**Miracles happen every day**”.

Get more in depth information at the Wesley Glen web site: wesleyglenministries.com

“Church Signs”

In time for the political arena: “**When you throw mud at someone, you loose ground.**”

“**People are like tea bags – you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are.**”

“**The Rapture – the separation of Church and State.**”

“Friend of Exchange”



Bobby George presenting the “Friend of Exchange” Award to Julie Rogers representing Wesley Glen Ministries

“Spring Forward”

Pick up an “extra” hour of sleep as you set your clocks forward by “1” hour Saturday night.

“Parting Quote”

“**Give every day the chance to become the most beautiful day of your life.**”