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Meetings held at
"Buffalos" - Zebulon Rd.
twice monthly.
11:30AM to 1:00PM

"Exchange Club Meeting Notes September 10th"

* The Board has arranged for the Club Meeting on **September 24th**, at 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at "**Buffalos**", Zebulon Road. We will be celebrating with a "**Friend of Exchange**" on **September 24th**. Our guest speaker will be former Club member and Exchange supporter, **Mark Stevens**.

ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!

Be prepared to practice "**social distancing**" and bring your **masks**. The meeting agenda will include welcoming of members, opening prayer, and the "**Pledge of Allegiance**" – we will not be singing. The luncheon meal will be ordered individually from "**Buffalos**" menu.

* At the **September 10th** meeting, next Thursday, we celebrated "**Proudly We Hail**" with our **2020 Recipient**. Annually the Exchange Club of Macon selects an individual, an organization, a company, or other entity that properly displays the American Flag in accordance to National guidelines. The recipient is presented with an Award Plaque at a regularly scheduled Club meeting. **George Codone, Sr., Director of Operations for the Zebulon Road & Eisenhower Parkway Restaurants** was on hand to receive the Award for the **Zebulon Road Chic-fil-A** location.

*Exchange Club of Macon,
President Ron Raleigh
with George Codone, Sr.,
Director of Operations
Chic-fil-A.*



"Attention"

Bobby George & Rollin Middlebrooks say **GET READY** for the "**23rd Annual Macon Exchange Club Lamar Taylor Memorial Golf Tournament**" !!! Sponsors, "SWAG Bag" gifts, golfers, and volunteers needed. The event to benefit the **Crescent House** and the exchange Club's efforts in the fight for the **Prevention of Child Abuse**. The tournament is scheduled for **October 6th**, at **Healy Point**. **Bobby George** reported that he has already received **\$10,000** in sponsors to date with "**15**" Teams registered. New this year box lunches will be distributed prior to the "**Shotgun Start**".

“October Meetings Celebrating Crime & Fire Prevention Month”

* **October 8th** we will meet at the Sheriff Department’s “Downtown Annex” (old Sears building on Walnut). We will be celebrating the Sheriff’s Department’s candidate for **“Law Enforcement Officer of the Year”**. Lunch will be provided by the Club for all in attendance. The Club will need members to let **Rollin Middlebrooks** know if you will attend so we can get a “head count” for the lunch order. Meeting from 11:30AM to 1:00PM.

* **October 22** we will meet at the Fire Department’s “Station #3”, 4036 Napier Avenue. We will be celebrating the Fire Department’s candidate for **“Fire Fighter of the Year”**. Again, lunch will be provided by the Club for all in attendance. The Club will need members to let **Rollin Middlebrooks** know if you will attend so we can get a “head count” for the lunch order. Meeting from 11:30AM to 1:00PM.

“September 10th Meeting Notes”

President Ron Raleigh called the meeting to order at 12:15 AM, and welcomed the members and guests. The invocation was tendered by **Rollin Middlebrooks – Bobby George** led the “Pledge of Allegiance. **President Ron Raleigh** made several announcements - those reported above and **Rollin Middlebrooks & Crawford Lovett** delivered a “Baby Safety Car Seat” to “Caring Solutions” in celebration of “National Baby Safety Month”. We had “8” members and “1” guest present.

George Codone, Sr gave a brief history of Chic-fil-A mentioning that there are over “2,500” privately owned restaurants with “hired” Operators running the individual locations. The founder’s family maintains ownership of all locations. The COVID pandemic has placed restrictions and challenges on operations, and staff. To best serve the customers and keep safety in the forefront, Chic-fil-A has had to resort to “drive through” only, limited hours of operation, limited menus, and keep in alignment (all the while going beyond minimum requirements) with governmental edicts & guidelines. Still maintaining a “98.2%” accuracy on all meal orders, the Zebulon Road & Eisenhower Parkway locations are serving 4,000 to 6,500 meals per day, moving an average of “160” cars through the drive through per hour. Sales were down at the beginning of the pandemic but have increased over last year for the months of May, June, & July. Due to the supply demand, face masks have been difficult to attain, and gloves have increased from \$5.00/100 to \$15.00 per 100. The locations are having to balance speed and accuracy with safety and service.

“Parting Quote”

With politics high on everyone’s mind, politicians “ranting and promising”, the Presidential Election” at stake in November, I ran across this quote from former **President George Washington** (more statesman than politician) -

“I had rather be on my farm than the Emperor of the World.”



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