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

## "Meeting Notes – December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Buffalos"

**President Ron Raleigh** opened the meeting, welcoming the members and guests. There were a total of "13" members present and "3" guests – **Dr. Benita Muth, Kelli Pierson, and Stephanie Pierson** (2020 "Youth of the Year"). **Crawford Lovett** tendered the invocation, and **Judge Ed Ennis** led the audience in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. **President Ron Raleigh** made several announcements – 1) we will the meeting at *Buffalos* on December 17<sup>th</sup>, our regular scheduled meeting; 2) the *Annual Exchange Club / Exchangette Club's Valentines Banquet* on February 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 at Idle Hour Country Club with the cost of member's meal to be paid by the Club – guest's meal cost will be \$35.00; 3) brief called Board meeting immediately following our luncheon meeting today; 4) the meetings in January are scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup> with a TBA speaker from Mercer University arranged by **Walter Arnett** and January 21<sup>st</sup> with **Rep. Mallory Jones** arranged by **Bobby George**; and 5) Board meeting the third week of January – January 18<sup>th</sup>, meeting venue TBA.

**Walter Arnett** reminded the members that we will be selling Boston Butts, extended for Christmas – contact **Walter** for tickets, etc. Sales to date have exceeded \$2,000. The Club's fund raisers are extremely important in our continuous efforts to "balance" the club's Annual Operating Budget (and for the first time in years, we currently have balanced budget through the first "6" months of the Club Year) – please participate through selling and/or purchasing Boston Butts.

## "Program for Thursday's Meeting"

The program for Thursday's meeting was arranged by **Debbie McCreary** and introduced by **Bobby George** and **Debbie McCreary**. The program was twofold – to formally recognize the Club's 2020 "Youth of the Year" and to make a special presentation of a "Friend of Exchange" award. The program's agenda included: the formal presentation of the "Youth of the Year" award to **Stephanie Pierson**; **Stephanie's** sharing of her "winning" essay; the presentation of the "Friend of Exchange" award; and remarks by the recipient, **Dr. Benita Muth**.

Special appreciation for all of the work involved in the "Youth of the Year" project, planned and implemented by **Debbie McCreary** and to the teams that voluntarily read, score, discuss, and select the winning essay for the project. Also, special appreciation for **Walter Arnett (et.al)** in the selection of our monthly "Friend of Exchange" awards, and for all of his work on behalf of the Club on "fund raising events", and speakers for multiple meetings throughout the year.

The Club chose and recognized **Stephanie Pierson** as the 2020 “**Youth of the Year**” in April but, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we canceled meetings and were not able to formally make the presentation. Notification and the \$500 scholarship award was done via mail. Thursday we were able to meet in person in order to make the formal presentation.

**Chairman Bobby George** presenting the “**Youth of the Year**” award to **Stephanie Pierson**.



**Stephanie** presented her essay, “**Responsible Leadership**” In her remarks, she explained that the scholarship funds were very timely and were used towards the purchase of her books for the school semester.



**Board Member Debbie McCreary** introducing the guest speaker, **Dr. Benita Muth**.

**Dr. Muth** shared her involvement in Club’s process of the our annual “**Youth of the Year**” presentation. She has been an integral part of the process for over “**10**” years. She has volunteered her time to arrange a team of professors from Middle Georgia State University to assist her in reading the recipients of the Club’s “**Youth of the Month**” essays for the competition for the “**Youth of the Year**”. The teams process is to read each essay in light of content, the essay’s context in terms of meeting the criteria specifics, how well the essay was written, the cohesiveness of the essay, and the effectiveness of the essay. The team assigns a score to each individual essay, discusses the individual essays as a group, and reports the results to the Club’s committee chaired by **Debbie McCreary**. The committee, after careful review, selects the Club’s “**Youth of the Year**” recipient.

## “**Annual Exchangette/Exchangite Valentines Banquet**”

The Banquet us scheduled for February 4th 2021. NOTATE your calendars. The event will be held at Idle Hour Country Club, the entertainment has been arranged, social distancing will be maintained, but we can still have a great time of renewal and fellowship. Please plan to attend. This year, the membership of the Exchange Club will only have to pay for their guests at 35.00 per guest. The Club Treasury will pay for the member. Each member will have to register with **Club Treasurer Rollin Middlebrooks**.





**Chairman Bobby George** presenting December's "**Friend of Exchange**" award to **Dr. Benita Muth** in recognition for her dedicated service to the Club and our annual process around the selection of the Club's "**Youth of the Year**". She has been involved in the process for over "**10**" years building teams of professors from Middle Georgia State University to read the "**Youth of the Month**" student recipients' essays for competition. Her service is invaluable.

### "Words of Wisdom"

**Tis' the Season!** - "You can be childlike without being childish. A child always wants to have fun - ASK YOURSELF - 'Am I having fun?'" - Christopher Meloni {aka Elliot Sadler from the hit crime series Law & Order}



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