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

Lamar Taylor Memorial Golf Tournament "Proceeds Distribution Day"

It was a great day for Exchange in Macon as the Club disbursed the net proceeds from the "23rd Macon Exchange Club Annual Lamar Taylor Memorial Golf Tournament". Rollin Middlebrooks and Bobby George worked tirelessly in planning and executing the Tournament event. A number of the Club's members strongly supported the effort, generating a total of \$11,025 in net proceeds.

The main goal of the Tournament is for **Child Abuse Prevention** so the bulk of the proceeds went to programs for involved in staving off child abuse. Funding included "Back Pack Ministries", Caring Solutions (working with young unwed pregnant mothers and fathers, that accept their responsibility, preparing them for parenthood), "Crescent House" (working daily in **Child Abuse Prevention**), the "CAP Foundation, and the Club's "Charity Fund".

Kemberlie Sanderson, Director/Manager of "Crescent House" accepted the Club's "seed money funding" of \$5,000 for a new to Macon program designed to address **Child Abuse Prevention** before abuse occurs by identifying possible abuse situations, educating the communities served about **Child Abuse Prevention**, and working in the communities served with leaders community leaders, individual at risk children and families. The new program will develop a *Prevention Council* for the program to be titled "**Prevent Child Abuse Macon**". The concept is modeled after **Prevent Child Abuse National**, and **Prevent Child Abuse Georgia**. **Kemberlie** and her staff will be able to draw on the national and state experiences as they implement the program in Macon and surrounding counties served by the *Crescent House*.

**Director/Manager
of Crescent House
Kemberlie Sanderson**





Chairman Bobby George, center, pictured with organizational recipient representatives of Exchange Club of Macon's Golf Tournament "net" proceeds. Pictured from left to right – **Stephanie Garrison & Holly Scott** (First Presbyterian Day School Back Pack Ministry), **Mary Catherine Leight** (Vineville UMC Back Pack Ministry), **Latitia Clark** (Riverside UMC Back Pack Ministry), **Brenda Lambert** (Forest Hills UMC Back Pack Ministry), and **Kemberlie Sanderson** (Director/Manager of the Crescent House). Not pictured **Christina Middleton** (the Director of Caring Solutions – Baby Safety Car Seats were delivered to Caring Solutions).

Brenda Lambert started the first Back Pack Ministry in Macon/Bibb County in 2009 in a symbiotic partnership with the Middle Georgia Community Food Bank. COVID has challenged the Back Pack Ministries through out Middle Georgia. **Brenda** reported that 1) kids are hungry, 2) w/COVID our numbers have dropped to "875" kids served weekly from some "3,000", 3) with school starting back with "in classroom" classes, we will be adding "3" schools and several high schools for a total of "29" schools served in Bibb, Monroe, and Twiggs counties, and 4) we will not be able to have any interaction with the students but can only drop off the Back Pack food parcels at the schools for school staff distribution. The other Back Pack Ministries in Middle Georgia face similar challenges.

"Meeting Notes - November 5th at Buffalos"

President Ron Raleigh opened the meeting, welcoming the members and guests. Having "grown up" in our Club, our very special guest was **Alicia Ford**, Freshman at Wesleyan College under a Soccer scholarship, daughter of **Club Secretary Christina Ford**. There were a total of "12" members present and "6" guests. **Rollin Middlebrooks** tendered the invocation, our newest member **Dawn Simpson** led the audience in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. **President Ron Raleigh** made several announcements – 1) we will the meeting at *Buffalos* on November 19th, December 3rd, and December 17th for our regular scheduled meetings; 2) the *Annual Exchange Club / Exchangette Club's Valentines Banquet* on February 4th 2021 at Idle Hour Country Club; 3) the 6th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot is scheduled for April 10th 2021 at Meadows Gun Club; we will be selling Boston Butts for Thanksgiving and Christmas – contact **Walter Arnett** for forms, etc.; and 5) we are in the planning stages for a "Classic Car Show" to be held at the Fish 'N ' Pig some time in early Spring. Our fund raisers are extremely important ion our attempts to "balance" the club's Annual Operating Budget (and for the first time in years, we currently have a balanced budget through the first "6" months of the Club Year.

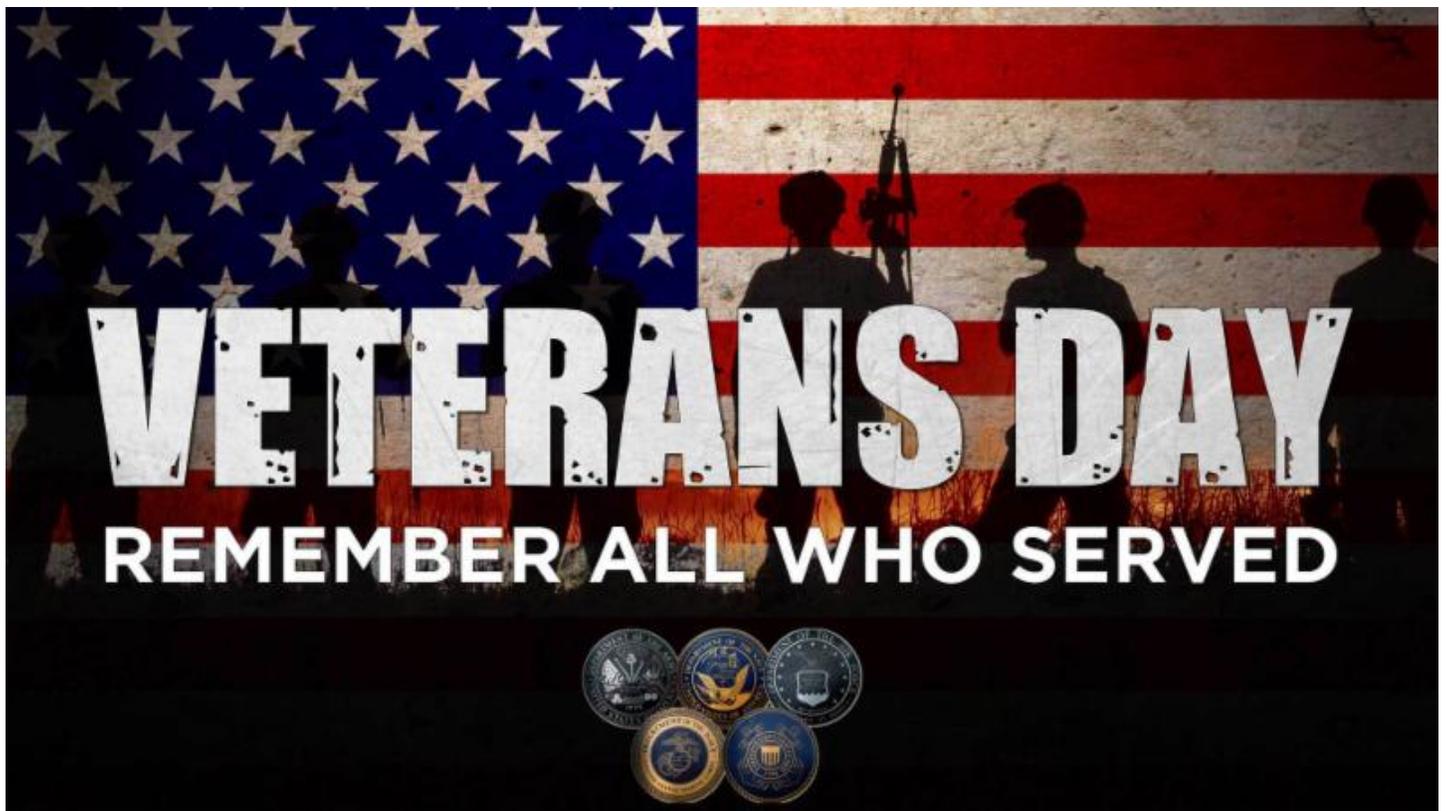
"Words of Wisdom for TODAY"

"You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." ----- Christopher Robin to Winnie the Pooh.



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This *Veteran's Day* the *National Exchange Club* in partnership with *Veteran's Matter* will present a virtual *Honor Wall* to recognize the many U.S. Military Veterans among the Exchange membership. To be included in the event, send a digital photo and your information (name, branch of service, rank, and Exchange Club name) to the NEC at the following email address – commun@NationalExchangeClub.org