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Meetings held at
"Buffalos" - Zebulon Rd.
Every 14 days
11:30AM to 1:00PM



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"Meeting Notes – April 15th at Buffalos"

President Ron Raleigh opened the meeting, welcoming the members and guests – there were "8" members present and "3" guests. Guests included **Robin Crosby, Nancy Pyles, and Brent Pyles. Linda Clark** tendered the invocation – **Curtis Jordan** led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

"Announcements & Coming Attractions"

* We will meet on April 29th at Buffalos on Zebulon. The program for April 29th will be our *ACE Presentation* award for 2021. **June O'Neal** works each year to identify the ACE recipient. This year's recipient is **Alivia Johnson. June O'Neal** will be our guest speaker.

*Also, on April 29th, **Debbie McCreary** will present **Jasmine Martin**, the last of "8" *Youth of the Month* recipients.

* **Walter Arnett** our "Events Chairman" has been working diligently on the raffle for a **Beretta A400 Extreme Plus 12 Gauge Shotgun @ \$15.00 per chance / \$40.00 for "3" chances**. The drawing will be May 23rd. The **Meadows Gun Club Manager, Seth**, has agreed to sponsor the raffle by allowing us to set up a table to sell tickets during "3" major *Sporting Clay Shooting* events 10AM to 1PM - **March 26th - 28th *** April 26th – May 2nd *** May 21st – May 23rd**. **Walter** needs several volunteers to help sell tickets during the events – please contact **Walter** for exact scheduling – also for tickets to sell in your personal sphere of influence.

* **Walter Arnett** has arranged for an *Antique Car Show* scheduled for May 23rd from 11:00Am to 4:00PM at the "**Fish 'N' Pig**". There will be no charge to attend – entrance fee for each car will be \$25.00. The "**Fish 'N' Pig**" will handle concessions for the day and their Tiki-Bar will be open for beverages.

* May 27th will be our "*Youth of the Year*" presentation chaired by **Debbie McCreary**. Thank you for all of your hard work and tough decisions as well as those of of your collaborative team.

* The annual **Walter Arnett Annual Sporting Clay Shooting** event has been rescheduled for September 25th, 2021 at the "**Meadows Gun Club**". Sponsors, SWAG gifts, & volunteers needed to make the event successful.

* June 24th is set for the *Officer and Board Installation Ceremony* for the Club's 2021/2022 Club Year.

“Annual May BBQ – Nuts & Bolts”

The “Annual May BBQ” will be at 6:00 PM on May 13th, 2021. The “Fish ‘N’ Pig” will be our venue for the BBQ. **Macon’s Mayor Lester Miller** will be our guest speaker. The cost per person will be \$15.00. Guests and the ladies of the Macon Exchangettes are welcome. Members, guests, and the ladies of the Macon Exchangettes must register with **Exchange Club Treasurer Rollin Middlebrooks** by May 7th, 2021.



“Friend of Exchange”

Board Chair, Bobby George presented a “Friend of Exchange” award to **Pyles Plumbing & Utility Contractors** for their continued support of our *Annual Lamar Taylor Memorial Golf Tournament*. Owner/CEO **Brent Pyles**, accompanied by his wife **Nancy**, graciously accepted the award.

“Program Notes”

Bobby George arranged our program and introduced our guest speaker, **Robin Crosby Executive Director of Campus Clubs of Macon**. **Robin** presented the top “5” questions asked of her about *Campus Clubs of Macon*:

- 1) Who/What are you? - We are a Community Development Center working with at risk children. We strive to improve children’s lives through enrichment programs and the christian ethic. Programs include Aviation (learning to fly in flight simulators), Visual Arts, Mr. Robot (robotics competition), Chess Club, Computer Lab, and Christian Camps / Curriculum.
- 2) Who do you help? - At risk children from 5-K through High School in the Pleasant Hills Neighborhood. 80% of the community’s children are below poverty.
- 3) Success Stories? - We give any of the glory to God. Our children have increased their vision of life, grades, gone on to higher education, and aspired for greater goals in life as our programs have opened their minds to opportunities and dreams.
- 4) COVID’s impact? - We had to close for a short time but are now moving forward with “100” students with on site opportunities. Hopefully we are lowering stress levels due to the pandemic and “getting back to a level of normalcy”.
- 5) Funding? - Funds come primarily from individual donors. We do receive funds from churches, grants, a golf tournament, and the community.

Relationships are extremely important, volunteers are solicited, and new ideas for programs welcomed. Our web site is CampusClubsMacon.org

“Words of Wisdom”

“Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.” - French Author Marcel Proust



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