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



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### **"Meeting Notes – June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Buffalos"**

President **Ron Raleigh** opened the meeting, welcoming the members – there were "8" members present. Member **Linda Clark** tendered the day's invocation – member **Curtis Jordan** led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

### **"Announcements & Coming Attractions"**

\* The annual **Walter Arnett Annual Sporting Clay Shooting** event has been scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the "**Meadows Gun Club**". **Walter** currently has "8" Sponsors, however, we can always use more sponsors as well as SWAG gifts, and volunteers to make this year's event successful. The registration is from 8:30AM to 9:00PM – the event will culminate with a luncheon for "shooters", volunteers, and guests.

\* **President Ron Raleigh** explained that NEC will waive membership dues on new or reinstated members from the individual Exchange Clubs for "3" months – our Club has been and will continue to waive the application dues for new and reinstated members.

### **"Ponder & Remember – Famous Folks"**

**"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands - one for helping yourself, the other for helping others."** - **Audrey Hepburn**

**"Step through new doors. The majority of the time there's something fantastic on the other side."** - **Oprah Winfrey**

**"Though no one can go back and make a brand-new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand-new ending."** - **Car Bard**

# **JULY 13<sup>th</sup>**

## **Exchange Club of Macon Celebrates "98" Years Serving Middle Georgia**

## “ Program Notes - ‘Pledge of Allegiance’ – ‘What it Means’ ”



**“If some day you’re not feeling well, you should remember some little thing I have said or done and if it brings a smile to your face or a chuckle to your heart then my purpose as a clown has been fulfilled.” - Red Skelton**

**In one of his many “skits” & numerous Characters Red’s “School Principal” character is concerned that the children have come to reciting the “Pledge of Allegiance” as a chore with out any enthusiasm. The Principal then begins to explain the significance of the “Pledge of Allegiance”.**



**I --- Me;** an individual; a committee of one

**P LEDGE ---** Dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

**ALLEGIANCE ---** My love and devotion.

**TO THE FLAG ---** Our standard; Old Glory; a symbol of freedom; wherever she waves there is respect, because your loyalty has given her dignity that shouts – freedom is everybody’s job.

**UNITED ---** That means we have all come together.

**STATES ---** Individual communities that have united into forty-eight (Now “50”) great states. Forty - eight states (Now“50”) individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose. All divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and love for country.

**AND TO THE REPUBLIC ---** Republic – a state in which sovereign power is invested in individual Representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people; and it’s from the people to the leaders, NOT from the leaders to the people.

**FOR WHICH IT STANDS**

**ONE NATION ---** One Nation so blessed by God.

[“**UNDER GOD**” was added in 1954 – *tested to be removed and ruled to ‘stand’ by SCOTUS in 2004*]

**INDIVISIBLE ---** Incapable of being divided.

**WITH LIBERTY ---** Which is Freedom; the right of power to live one’s own life, without threats, fear, or some sort of retaliation.

**AND JUSTICE ---** The principle, or qualities, of dealing fairly with others.

**FOR ALL ---** For all, which means, boys and girls, it’s as much your country as it is mine.



**President Ron Raleigh** continued the program by stating “I believe that 95% of the American people, regardless of their political alliance, ethnicity, or any other divisible cliché are good, caring, and love our country. There are those that would deny the symbol of America, our American Flag, as racist, a symbol of hate, etc and would have it changed. The 95%’ers must continue to uphold our country and our Flag.

#### “Flag Trivia”

- \* The current “50” Star Flag has been in active use longer than any other American National Flag – “61” years July 5<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- \* Fourteen Presidents have served under the “50” Star Flag.
- \* The American Flag has “flown” over battlefields around the world and on US soil since 1777.
- \* Betsy Ross sewed the first American Flag and many others followed. All past American Flags can be flown legally.
- \* The same flag that flew over Pearl Harbor December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941 flew again over the White House on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 1945 – the day the Japanese signed the terms of surrender.
- \* President **George W. Bush** signed into law the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 – included in the Act was a change in Flag etiquette allowing veterans to salute the American Flag whether in uniform or not.



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