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Meetings held at
"Buffalos" - Zebulon Rd.
4 Thursdays per month
11:30AM to 1:00PM



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"Meeting Notes – August 26th at the Buffalos"

President Ron Raleigh opened the meeting, with a welcome for the guests and members – there was "1" guest and "10" members present. Member Linda Clark tendered the day's invocation – member Crawford Lovett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

"Announcements"

* **September 2nd** Dr. Alan Justice will be our guest addressing the current COVID Delta Strain and Pandemic.

* **September 9th** the Club will be celebrating National Baby Safety Month with Christina Middleton Director of Caring Solutions with a donation of "3" baby car seats for distribution to Caring Solution clients.

* **September 20th** Exchange Club of Macon Board Meeting.

* **September 23rd** former Exchange Club Past President, Wade McCord, Macon-Bibb County Tax Commissioner, will be our guest speaker.

* **September 25th** will be the 6th Annual Walter Arnett Sporting Clay Shooting event at the "Meadows Gun Club". Walter has brochures and window placards available for distribution – help "get the word out" - hand out the brochures to possible sponsors & shooters - place placards in the businesses you frequent The event will culminate with a luncheon for "shooters", & volunteers to be catered by Tommy's Bakery & Cafe.

* **October 5th** the Club will hold the 24th Annual Lamar Taylor Memorial Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held at Healy Point Country Club – 1:00PM "Shotgun Start". Proceeds from the tournament to benefit Prevention of Child Abuse, Crescent House, and Exchange Club's Charity Programs of Service. The brochures for the 24th Annual Lamar Taylor Memorial Golf Tournament are ready – get multiple copies from Rollin Middlebrooks or Bobby George for distribution.

* **October** is National Crime and Fire Prevention Month. On **October 7th** we will celebrate with Sheriff David Davis as he presents the Exchange Club's Law Enforcement Office of the Year Award – **October 21st** we will celebrate with the Interim Fire Chief Shane Edwards as he presents the Exchange Club's Fireman of the Year Award.

"Ponder Point Quotes from Audrey Hepburn"

"No matter where you run, you end up running from yourself."

"Good things aren't supposed to just fall into your lap. God is very generous, but He expects you to do your part first."

"The best thing to hold onto in life is each other."

“Program Notes August 26th”

The program for August 26th was arranged by **Chairman Bobby George**. **Bobby** introduced **John Regan, Gang Resource Prosecutor** with PAC (Prosecuting Attorney’s Council). **John** is a graduate of Wakeforest, earned his law degree from Mercer’s Walter F. George School of Law. He was an Assistant DA for **“18”** years before joining Georgia’s Major Crimes Unit. Working with PAC, he is a Gang Prosecutor, and trains others statewide as well as traveling the state in a supporting role to local Prosecuting Attorneys, and law enforcement. On the “fun” side, John is a husband, father, active in his church, and part owner in the “Macon Mahem”.

John shared PAC has some **“50”** offices through out the state, made up of **“12”** specialized Attorneys, and is a function of the Georgia State Executive Branch. PAC’s function is to investigate, and prosecute gang related activities in Georgia which includes gang violence, drug activity (includes the production, transportation, sales, etc.), sex trafficking, racketeering, etc. PAC also is involved in prosecuting domestic violence activities, child abuse & violence, and DUI collisions. PAC also offers assistance, and training statewide. The DA’s Council made up of the elected attorneys & solicitors appoints the Executive Director of PAC. The Executive Director is responsible for hiring PAC attorneys. Funding comes through the Executive Branch of the Georgia Legislature.

John shared the following “statistics”, etc.:

- * there are **“7”** major “Drug Cartels” operating in Georgia;
- * the “Drug Cartels” curtailed marijuana farms and have switched to heroin;
- * synthetic drugs are produced in China and shipped through Mexico;
- * “Super Labs” in Mexico produce synthetic drugs and drug derivatives – mixing drugs;
- * most drugs are currently coming through Mexico and the Southern Boarder;
- * gang members number upwards to **“100,000”** with only **“55,000”** law enforcement officers in the state;
- * the largest gang operating in Georgia is the “Gangster Disciples”;
- * the most violent gang in Georgia is the “Ghost Base Gangsters”;
- * Atlanta is known as the “LA of the East”;
- * funding, sales, transfers, etc. are accomplished through Cyber currencies, Crpto currencies, Bitcoin, etc. - there is no regulation on these which makes the movement of funds, etc., non detectable;
- * the gangs, “Drug Cartels”, etc. are well versed in modern technology for communication, etc.;
- * the gangs and “Drug Cartels” have a wide net of counter intelligence comparable to law enforcement
- * the gangs and “Drug Cartels” are well armed with the Drug Cartels even having their own attack helicopters, ships, etc.



John Regan