



MACON, GA

# SWAPS

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## “Meeting Notes – August 5<sup>h</sup> at the Buffalos”

*President Ron Raleigh* opened the meeting, welcoming the guests and members – there was “1” guest (*Pat Chastain, CEO of the Macon Rescue Mission*) and “8” members present. Member *Crawford Lovett* tendered the day’s invocation – member *Jeff Amerson* led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

## “Announcements”

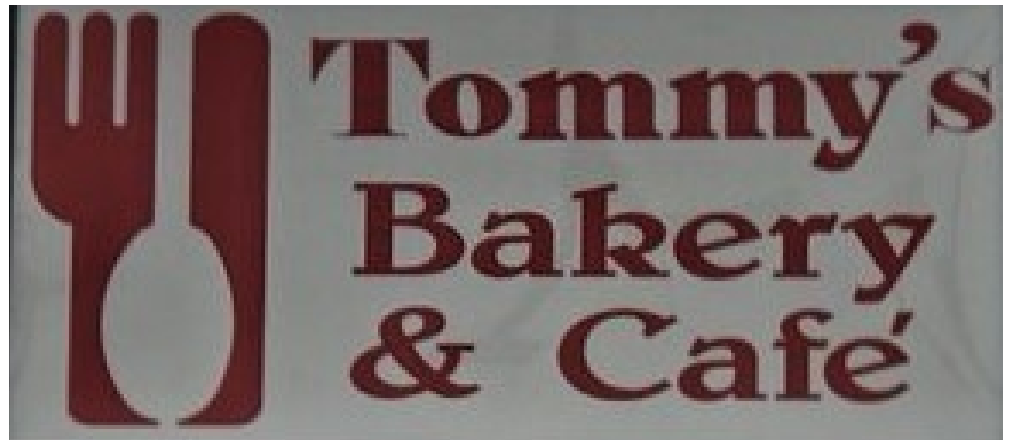
\* **August 12<sup>th</sup>** we will have *Dale Washburn* with a presentation updating us on the Georgia Legislature to date.

\* **August 16<sup>th</sup>** the Board will hold the monthly Board meeting – 6:00PM at *Bobby George’s* home.

\* **August 19<sup>th</sup>** we will tentatively present our Annual *Proudly We Hail* award.

\* **August 26<sup>th</sup>** our guest *John Regan* will bring us an update on local, statewide, & national gang violence.

\* **September 25<sup>th</sup>** will be the *Annual Walter Arnett Annual Sporting Clay Shooting* event at the “*Meadows Gun Club*”. *Walter* currently has “10” 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 catered by *Tommy’s Bakery & Cafe*.



\* **October 5<sup>th</sup>** the Club will hold the *24<sup>th</sup> 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 the Annual Child Abuse Prevention Symposium held by the Crescent House, and several other charitable programs/projects around Middle Georgia. The brochures for the *24<sup>th</sup> Annual Lamar Taylor Memorial Golf Tournament* are ready – get multiple copies from *Rollin Middlebrooks* or *Bobby George* for distribution.

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



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## **“Program Notes”**

Our Guest speaker was arranged and introduced by **Chairman Bobby George**. **Pat Chastain** is the *CEO of the Macon Rescue Mission*.

**Pat** shared that he has traveled the path that many of the clients that come to the Mission. He feels that he can identify and empathize with those in addiction and the need for faith to overcome their personal issues of addiction, etc. The *Life Recovery Program* of the Mission is designed to work with individual needs and life issues. The individual must be willing to commit to the one year program. The Mission currently works with “60” men and “29” women & children. The *Life Recovery Program* came as an evolution of what was the Dove Center for Women & Children. Through the *Life Recovery Program* counselors and trained professionals work with each individual. The Mission believes that Christ and the Christian element must be an integral part of the healing process of the *Life Recovery Program*.

The Mission relies on donations, their *5 Star Celebrity Golf Tournament*, and grants to maintain the Mission’s campus, and programs. The individuals that choose to commit to the *Life Recovery Program* are never charged to be admitted to the program and services. The cost of the program per individual per year is around **\$23,000**.

**Rock Spring** Church leases one of the buildings on the campus and is there to help guide the spiritual needs of the Mission’s clients.

The **Barns Center** is set up as a retail thrift store spread out in “3” buildings. Turn into the campus off Zebulon Road and follow the signage to the **Barns Center** to shop or make donations.



*Pat Chastain, CEO Macon Rescue Mission*

## **“Ponder Points”**

**“And so .... the greatest journey has always been – chasing paths where your heart beats and finding moments that leaves you breathless.” - Mystqx Skye (Author)**

**“it is the useless things that make life worth living and make life dangerous too: wine, love, art, beauty. Without them life is safe, but not worth bothering with.” - Stephen Fry (English actor, comedian, director, & writer)**