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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 – September 16th at Buffalos"

President **Ron Raleigh** opened the meeting, welcoming members – "9" members & "2" guests – **Quentin Charette & Madearis Robertson**. Club Treasurer **Rollin Middlebrooks** tendered the day's invocation – member **Curtis Jordan** led the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Other Club members present included: **Linda Clark; Marie Seay; Walter Arnett; Crawford Lovett; Jeff Amerson; & Ed Ennis**.

"Announcements"

* **September 20th** Exchange Club of Macon Board Meeting. Meeting to be held at **Rollin Middlebrooks'** home at 6:00PM.

* **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** needs "shooters", SWAG Bag items, door prizes, and volunteers.

* **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"

"For every minute you are angry, you lose sixty seconds of happiness." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift from God – which is why we call it the present." - Bill Keane

"If you want to know what a man's like, take a good look at how he treats his inferiors, not his equals." - J.K. Rowling

"On The Lighter Side"

"Anyone who thinks sitting in church can make you a Christian must also think that sitting in a garage can make you car." - Garrison Keillor

“Baby Safety Month”

Last week our guest was **Erica Poulin** with *Caring Solutions*. The club donated “3” Baby Safety Car Seats that were delivered to *Caring Solutions* Monday. The overall program is designed to allow the pending parents to grow and mature in all areas with the goal to becoming a responsible parent through instructional classes, and individual professional counseling, As the pending parents progress through the program, they earn points for successful completion of individual facets of programs of instruction and individual growth.

One of the many facets of the program provided for pending parents has to do with instilling a sense of value, saving, spending – in short, budgeting their personal assets. To give the pending parents practical experience, *Caring Solutions* has created a “store” in which items can be “purchased” with the points the parents earn through participation in *Caring Solutions’* program. The pending parents must make decisions on what to “buy”, the quantities – in short, budgeting their assets to get the best “deals” on the essentials for caring for their, soon to be, new born child. The Baby Safety Car Seats are a prized item for the pending parents.

Club Treasurer Rollin Middlebrooks and Club member Crawford Lovett delivered “3” Baby Safety Car Seats to Caring Solutions.

pictured left to right

Club Treasurer Rollin Middlebrooks with Caring Solution staff members Erica Poulin, Krista Thornton, & Carol Freeman



“Program Notes September 16th”

Dr. Alan Justice was to have been our Guest Speaker but had to cancel due to an influx of “20” new COVID cases through his office. We are trying to reschedule **Dr. Justice** for October 14th. His schedule is extremely busy through the end of the year.

“The Facts”

The COVID Pandemic is not through by any measure of the imagination. The current “up tick” in cases and deaths in Georgia due mainly to the DELTA Variant using July of 2021 as comparison measure:

In Georgia, for July there were “31,421” new cases w/ “245” deaths – for August there were “164,953” new cases w/ “1,122” deaths – to date in September there have been “83,026” new cases w/ “1,220” deaths;

In Bibb County, for July there were “583” new cases w/ “2” deaths – for August there were “3,548” new cases w/ “28” deaths – to date in September, there have been “1,342” new cases w/ “21” deaths.

“The Challenge”

We need to commit and adhere to mask and distancing guidelines as well as getting vaccinated for the good of all Georgians and continue to fight COVID.