



# EXCHANGE

EXCHANGE CLUB OF ROME, GA

## Business Meeting Minutes February 2, 2018

In the absence of President Long, Immediate Past President Mike Elliott rang the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M.

**Invocation:** Presented Alex Robles.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Bill King

February birthdays were announced. Those having February birthdays are:

### Correspondence

The secretary reported current correspondence as President Long receiving a thank you note from Mr. Herb Smith, Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier thanking the members of the Exchange Club of Rome for their donation to the Society. He also reported receipt of the contract for the Christmas Dinner at the Palladium for December 2017. There were no other items of correspondence to the club.

### Approval of the Minutes:

On a motion by Jackie Moreland and a second by Bill King the minutes of the previous Business Meeting were approved as circulated.

### Treasurers Report:

The treasurer reported the Exchange Club balance in the Operating Account to be \$10,839.88 and the Program and Activities Account Balance to be \$27,311.08. At present there is a balance of \$2,000.34 in the Flag Account.

Immediate Past President Elliott advised the membership that a Task Force for the collection of delinquent dues had been formed and was working hard with members to correct the issue. He reassured the general membership that the Task Force is listening and making every effort to not only collect the dues but to drop delinquent members as required.

### Member Induction:

Immediate Past President, Mike Elliott called upon Stephen Patton, sponsor of Kathie Marable to introduce her for induction into the Exchange Club of Rome. Following the introduction and comments Immediate Past President Elliott inducted Kathie and welcomed her to the club.

Mike Elliott also read the names of the following prospective members as approved by the board of directors: Dr. Michael S. Jackson, MD, William "Bill" Kerlin and John W. Massey for comment by the club membership. If there are no written objections to come before the board their names will be added to the Exchange Club of Rome roster at the local, district and national levels on February 9, 2018, and will be designated as "Active" upon completion of the new member orientation scheduled for February 20, 2018.

**Committee Reports:**

**Americanism Committee** chairman, John Fortune, reported numerous upcoming activities such as Proudly We Hail, A Call to Honor Schedule for Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and Memorial Day with keynote speaker Maj. General Doug Carver (Ret.). Chief of Chaplin's for the United States Army. General Carver is one of Rome's native sons and a 1969 graduate of East Rome High School where he was a classmate of Fred Dent and Ronnie Farmer.

**Public Relations** The directory with member's names and telephone numbers were not available for distribution.

**Awards** chairman, Steve White was absent and there was no report given.

**Community Service** chairman, George Fricks, reported on the National Day of Service activities in the process of being planned and implemented on March 3, 2018.

**Child Abuse** Family Resource Center will conduct its annual Night at the Movies on February 27, 2018. The movie tickets are presently on sale and available through members of the F.R.C. staff and members of the Exchange Club. The movies will continue to be shown at Rome Cinemas as they have been for the past several years.

**Toys for Tots** chairperson, Linda Hatcher, reports she has used over \$1,000.00 for toys purchase and secured a storage space of 6,000 square feet to safely store the toys until they are distributed in December 2018.

**Programs** chairman, Charles Norris, was not present and no report was given. The speaker at the luncheon meeting on February 9, 2018 will be Dr. Emir Caner, President of Truett McConnell University.

**Social Committee** chairman, Michael Elliott reports there will be a Valentine Party on February 16, 2018 beginning at 6:30 P.M. in the Palladium. Entertainment will be arranged by Bill King. Reservation details will follow.

**Coosa Valley Fair** president, Barbara Carter, reported the upcoming Fair will be October 2-6, 2018. President Carter also announced that the Flying Wallenda's, one of America's best known highwire and daredevil stunt performers will be a part of the Fair program as will a unique display of dinosaurs.

**Meeting Adjourned at 1:00 P.M.**

*Giles Chapman*  
*Secretary*

