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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ONE YEAR
Louise Snyder
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Linda Hayes
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MONTHLY PROGRAMS CHAIR: George Barnhill

July - Mike Thrift	Jan. - Jake Strickland
Aug. - Roger Collins	Feb. - Carl James
Sept. - Linda Hayes	Mar. - Mary Barnes
Oct. - Danny Bartlett	April - Ginger Peagler
Nov. -	May - John McDermott
Dec. - Kirby McSwain	Jun- TBD

WAYCROSS EXCHANGE CLUB PROJECT COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2023-2024

One Nation Under God	Larry Paulk
Monthly Programs	David Johnson
Freedom Shrine	Daniel Warren
Milestones of Freedom	Danny Bartlett
Proudly We Hail	Jonathan Daniel/Mary Barnes
Book of Golden Deeds	George Barnhill
Family Day Fellowship	John McDermott
Youth of the Month/Year	Danny Bartlett
Young Citizenship	Daniel Warren
MEMBERSHIP	2022/23 Marilyn Bennett, Roger Collins
Finance & Budget	William Deason/Larry Paulk
Child Abuse Prevention	Virginia Peagler/Mary Fogle

Public Safety	Carl James
Project Awards	Virginia Peagler
Publications	Virginia Peagler
Chaplains	Ken Carroll/Jake Strickland

Health of Members
A C E Awards (next year?)
Give A Kid A Flag to Wave Jim Strickland/Mary Barnes/
David Johnson/Louise Snyder/Sondra Crews

Sunshine Special	Louise Synder/Bob Miller
Nominating	George Barnhill
Directory	Virginia Peagler
Badges	William Deason
Salvation Army	Dr. Craig Kubik/Louise Synder
Christmas Banquet	Virginia Peagler/Linda Hayes/ Michelle Porter/Ken Bennett

Installation Banquet	Ken Carroll
Farmer's Market	Jimmy White
Parliamentarian/	LegalVince Settle
Photography	Danny Bartlett/Billy Dowling/Jimmy White
Exchange Orientation/Ed.	William Deason
House Keeping	David Johnson, Mary Barnes/Sondra Crews
Fair Association	Roger Collins
Okefenokee Fair Manager	Jonathan Daniell

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EXCHANGE COVENANT OF SERVICE

Accepting the divine privilege of single and collective responsibility as life's noblest gift, I covenant with my fellow Exchangites: To consecrate my best energies to the uplifting of Social, Religious, Political and Business ideals; To discharge the debt I owe to those of high and low estate who have served and sacrificed that the heritage of the American citizenship might be mine; To honor and respect law, to serve my fellowman, and to uphold the ideals and institutions of my Country; To implant the life-giving, society-building spirit of Service and comradeship in my social and business relationships. To serve in Unity with those seeking better conditions, better understandings, and greater opportunities for all.

Home Club of National Exchange Club Past President
William E. Deason
Best Large Club Bulletin Awards Georgia District:
'97, '99, '02, '04, '06, '10 & '15 Wayne Kilmark
Best National Exchange Club Bulletin:
2015 Wayne Kilmark
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Ray Pope & Ellie Royal and Roland Lynn (deceased)
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CLUB MEETS THURSDAY 12:00 P.M.
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HOW TO ENCOURAGE NEW MEMBERS:

1. **Introduce guests/member prospects** to as many members as you can when they attend meetings or club projects – especially early in their membership.
2. **Make prospects feel welcome.** A warm welcome and positive environment will feel inviting to new members.
3. **Encourage prospects to “jump right in”** and become a key member of the club. As new members attend more meetings and work on more projects, the more comfortable they will become.
4. If new members miss a project or meeting, **check in with them** and make sure they know they were missed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✓ Prayers and condolences were expressed by the club members for the family of fallen Hero, Kennedy Ladon Sanders who was tragically killed serving her country.
- ✓ The January Blood Drive had 108 donors and yielded 97 units.
- ✓ **REMEMBER:** the next **Blood Drive is February 26, 2024, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm.**
- ✓ Nominations for 2024-2025 officers and board members are due by April 15th. If you are interested in serving, see President-elect David Johnson.

JANUARY YOUTH OF THE MONTH LINDY JOE PENLAND

The January Youth of the Month is Lindy Jo Penland. Lindy is the daughter of Greg and Sarah Penland. She is currently ranked 4th out of 350 Ware County High School Seniors.

Lindy's Activities/Honor's at WCHS include:

- All "A" honor roll throughout high school
- Served as Vice President for the Class of 2024 and on the committee over School Spirit for the Student Council
- Served as Vice-President of Communications for the DECA Club
- Member of the BETA Club
- Inducted into the National Honor Society
- Received the Presbyterian College Fellows Award
- Received the Georgia Certificate of Merit
- Science Award for highest GPA in Dual Enrollment Biology
- Recognized as a Platinum Senior, Seniors who have maintained a 95 or above GPA, no behavior or attendance issues
- Served on the Senior Advisory Council
- Named the Varsity Cheer Scholar Athlete for being the cheerleader with the highest GPA
- Named the Varsity Soccer Scholar Athlete

- Serves as Vice Chairman of the Waycross Bank and Trust Junior Board of Directors
- Member of the Hospice Satilla Junior Board of Directors
- Member of the Hospice Satilla Senior Ambassador Program
- PEO Scholarship State and International Representative
- Voted Most Memorable and Best Looking Senior Superlatives by her classmates
- Homecoming Representative 9th through 12th grade
- President's List for South Georgia State College

Lindy has been involved in several community service activities such as making goody bags for Hospice Satilla and gathering food donations for the food pantry at the High School. She hid eggs for the student council's event for special needs students, cheered and volunteered as a buddy for the Miracle League.

She served as a Special Olympics volunteer, gathered donations for needy families at Christmas, supplies for Hospice Satilla, items for the Magnolia House, books for the book drive at Ruskin Elementary, and hygiene supplies for the middle school. She also made Valentines for local nursing homes. Lindy served on the Junior Board of Hospice Satilla and assisted with Cowboys for Kids.

She assisted with the band banquet and senior honors night and was a student council Career Day speaker about being a leader.

Lindy assisted with concessions at baseball and soccer games as well as graduation.

After graduation from Ware County High School, Lindy plans to attend the University of Georgia or Georgia Southern in the Honors College and pursue a biology degree. She then plans to attend medical school to become a pediatrician.


SOUTHERN HISTORY

Program Chair Jake Strickland introduced Pastor John Weaver. He spoke on Southern History, telling the audience that no Confederate Flag ever flew over a slave ship. He said the Confederacy had many different flags, none of which were ever flown over a slave ship. He cited the Confederate Constitution which he says outlawed the slave trade. Weaver Described many different iterations of the Confederate Flag throughout the history of the war. He concluded with the statement that the real cause of the war was the Morrill Tariff that levied such high tariffs that the southern planters could not afford to sell their products to the north, which then used the proceeds to build their industrial complex.



▲ L-R: YOM Chairman **Danny Bartlett**, Lindy Joe Penland, President **George Barnhill**

PUT SOMEONE YOU LOVE IN JAIL FOR THE GOOD OF WARE COUNTY!!



March 13th.

For just \$20, you can have your boss, spouse, friend, co-worker, sibling or pastor picked up by a sheriff's deputy and put in 'jail' downtown! There they will have to raise their 'bail'. The Ware County Bicentennial committee is raising money for our county's 200th birthday celebration to culminate in December of 2024!

**To secure a "warrant" or for any other information please contact Roy @ 912-550-3082 or Dawn @ 912-670-1603



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WARE COUNTY BICENTENNIAL

Program Chair **Carl James** introduced Marla Howell and Roy Rhodes with the Ware County Bicentennial Committee. They are working on plans to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Ware County. Ware County was established on December 15, 1824. The grand finale is to take place on Sunday, December 15, 2024 with many activities, exhibits and entertainment. There will be activities planned throughout the city and county on Friday and Saturday December 13th and 14th. The committee was established by Roy Rhodes, Marla Howell and Ambi Bess to plan and implement a yearlong celebration of community events. It is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that will depend on donations for the cost of the planned entertainment and activities. Volunteers are needed. The committee is hoping to partner with the Waycross Exchange Club for entertainment and historic exhibits at the fairgrounds in the month of December. The Committee meets the second Monday of each month at the Okefenokee Heritage Center. They are hoping to highlight local talent in many different venues throughout the year.

For more information you may reach Roy Rhodes at 912-550-3082 or Marla Howell at 912-674-0702.

WELCOME GUESTS

- Heather Landrum introduced her daughter, Paige, as her guest.
- We welcomed Marie Champaign and Samuel Wilson from Goodwill.

HEALTH CONCERNS

Our prayers are with all of our sick and grieving members, families and friends.

- Welcome back to Denton Dial. Denton gave Sandy, his wife of 45 years, credit for helping him in his recovery.
- Billy Dowling was at the hospital for some tests.
- Danny Bartlett was with his wife at Mayo Clinic. Danny reported that she is now doing much better.

UPCOMING WEEKLY PROGRAMS

February 2024 Program Chair – Carl James

- Thursday, February 8th - Judge Tommy Hatfield, Ware County State Court.
 - Thursday, February 15th - Area Agency on Aging – Christy Joiner
 - Thursday, February 22nd - Georgia State Patrol – Brandon Smith
 - Monday, February 26th - **Al Jacobson Memorial Red Cross Blood Drive 10 am - 6 pm.**
 - Thursday, February 29th - **Public Safety Banquet @ 7:00 pm**
- March 2024 Program Chair – Mary Barnes**