



THE BULLETIN

FLORENCE EXCHANGE CLUB
THE OLDEST SERVING SERVICE CLUB IN THE SHOALS BEGINNING JUNE 1921



Ms. Elizabeth Moore, Executive Director of One Place, Lauderdale County's centralized location of multiple partner agencies that deal with "victims of domestic violence, rape & sexual assault, child physical & sexual abuse & elder abuse," according to their informational flyer that was passed out to Florence Exchange Club members. Ms. Moore is a UNA graduate with 33 years' prior non-profit experience in the Shoals, who was writing grants for One Place before joining the organization as an employee in January of this year. Partner agencies housed under one roof, in the former Lauderdale County Health Department Building (and then Tennessee Valley Hospice) at the corner of Tennessee & Pine streets, are: Legal Services (full-time attorney onsite), Safeplace (court advocate & housing stability advocate), Cramer's Children Center, Shoals Crisis Center (formerly Rape Response--victim advocate & SANE nurse), law enforcement (2 Lauderdale County Sheriff's Dept. investigators, a Florence PD & a UNA PD investigator, and a representative from the DA's office).

There are case workers who accompany clients/victims to the Courthouse for safety, support & guidance. No longer do victims, who are already traumatized, have to be shuffled from one agency location to another, only to sometimes fall between the proverbial system cracks, become intimidated, scared, or tired of misdirection, miscommunication & confusion, and are often without means (\$), stamina, and/or transportation for the sadistic sport. All pertinent services are at the one stop! Joe Patterson, Esq., chimed in attesting to the vast differences in the quality of victim services before & after One Place was founded.

Ms. Moore stated that in her experience since January, victims have ranged in age from 10 months to 77 years. She told the story of Holly Newberry, who was shot with a shotgun by her ex-husband, just as he had threatened her. Because she had moved between municipalities in Lauderdale County, charges were not properly tracked and the victim paid the ultimate price for the bureaucracies' lack of coordination. Her death spurred action by Angie Hamilton, Esq., of the DA's office and others who never wanted another fatal "dropped stitch" to happen if they could help it. Thus, was born One Place. It works at having a welcoming environment for all ages & types of victims, even sporting a playroom for kids.

<u>2015-16</u>	<u>DIRECTORS</u>
OFFICERS	<u>One Year</u>
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 26
Fran Nunnely

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April 30

FOOD RUN

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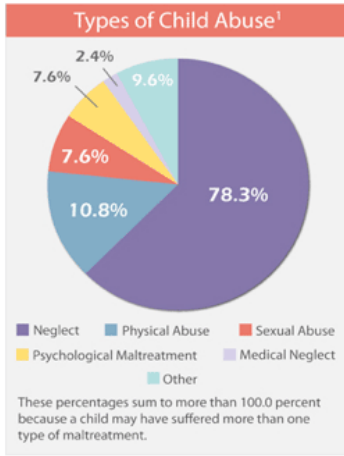
May 3
Peggy O'Steen

May 9
Board Meeting

Fran Nunnely has invited Jim Green of the Northwest Alabama Reading Aides as the FEC speaker April 26.

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The election of 2016-17 officers and board members is due this month.



Asked about the funding of One Place, Ms. Elizabeth said that each organization involved funds its own representative, which is a tremendous plus. There are only 2 staffers for the agency, Ms. Moore & and part-time UNA student; these are funded by a grant, as are the utilities. The building was purchased for the organization by a benefactor, which the organization wishes to repay. All funding is local support. No state or federal funds are involved. One Place is also designated a Family Justice Center, the second in the whole State of Alabama; the other being in Montgomery.

Future plans/dreams include a risky behavior prevention program designed for juveniles as well as a full-fledged program to educate victims on healthy finance practices.



“ If you want to enjoy the greatest luxury in this life, the luxury of having enough time – time to rest, time to think things through, time to get things done and know you have them done to the best of your ability – remember there is only one way. Take enough time to think and plan things in the order of their importance. Let all things have their places, let each part of your business have its time.”

Benjamin Franklin, American inventor, statesman and publisher



See Teresa for tickets or provide a check. Volunteer on April 30 at Food Land on Cox Creek and Cloverdale Road.

See Teresa for

Congratulations to all with April birthdays!

- Jim McLean 4/6
- Norm Ross 4/11
- Adin Batson 4/14
- Pete Henry 4/15
- B. W. Gibbons 4/16
- Jimmy Hall 4/24
- Jenny Mitchell 4/26



The FEC has been invited to set up an educational booth at the YMCA next May 18 (Wednesday). Time will be 8 AM to noon. Table and chairs will be available. More info will be given later.

The PICNIC Committee has announce the date of May 24 as a tentative date for the Annual Picnic. It will be held at the McFarland Park along the river. All are invited so plan to bring family and friends.



OUR FUTURE IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY

This is the statement that Past National President Gus Parker wrote about in Exchange Today magazine.

Please note that he did not say it was **my** responsibility, nor did he say it was **your** responsibility. It is **our** responsibility, collectively. We are all in the same boat, and we will all be paddling together in the same direction for positive growth. Together, we will move Exchange forward. That's our responsibility--make no mistake about it.

A trip back to the basics from time to time is important. When things aren't going as well as expected, it's especially essential to go back to the basics and remember where you came from.

One basic principle is a **positive mental attitude**, one of the cornerstones of success. For 15 years, we as an organization have let ourselves develop a negative attitude toward positive growth. If you suppress the negative influences and replace them with positive thoughts and ideas, you will unleash a powerful force that will enable you to achieve any goal you set. We must change our mindset to positive thinking.

Many of our fellow citizens would surely love to be a part of the Exchange--they just have to be asked. It's up to us to think positively and invite them to join.

Another basic principle of success is **initiative**, which often manifests itself in leadership. Initiative is the trait that tells us, "Let's get going; let's do something..." Make your own opportunities; be serious about doing your job better. Be willing to stand up and be counted--to make decisions and take risks.

Enthusiasm is another basic ingredient of success. Enthusiasm can inspire and arouse a person to action. It is contagious and affects not only the enthused, but everyone else as well. Some people are naturally enthusiastic; others simply have to develop it. But remember, for enthusiasm to work, it must be genuine. When you speak from a heart that is bursting with a message, the fire of your enthusiasm will ignite the hearts of others.

Finally, applied faith helps you to harness the power within you, to work in harmony with the laws of God and nature. In simplest terms, applied faith means action. The more worthwhile your goal, the easier it is to follow all the principles of success in achieving it--to transform your plans into positive results.

Editor Note: The current member status is 39 Active, 5 At Large, totaling 44. FEC started July 1, 2015 with 48.

List of prospects:

Eric Foster; Billy Hammock; Steve Chenault; Jimmy Williams; Bryant Pruitt; Anita Marks; Joel Quillian; Eddie Buckley; Chris Chamblis; Jeff Butler; Chad Pickett; Stephanie Pinckard; Barry Griffin; Brice Curtis and J. R. Sharp.

23 Ways to Retain Members

Leadership training at club level.

Concentration on quality members through proper screening.

Impressive and meaningful induction ceremonies.

Education or orientation of new members.

Involvement of all members (new and old).

Family involvement. Spouse should be included in the new member's induction and orientation.

Sponsors should carry out their responsibilities toward the new members.

Members must feel needed and wanted.

More emphasis on service and quality fundraising projects.

Meetings should start on time and close on time.

Meetings with free, creative spirit; tolerance and flexible moral sense; abundant good will and quick wits.

Improved attendance through good and interesting programs.

Better planning and establishment of objectives and goals.

Proper recognition.

Reorientation and motivation of old members.

Improvement on communications between officers and members.

More teamwork.

Cost of meals and social events should be low to keep dues reasonable.

Transfers should be followed up.

Members should be encouraged to attend district and international affairs.

Prestige and image of the organization should be maintained through good public relations.

Advice and counsel from the district cabinet members should be sought to solve individual problems as soon as they arise.

A year-round membership growth and development program should be consistently applied and monitored as a priority.