



Hurricane Maria was regarded as the worst natural disaster on record in Dominica and caused catastrophic damage and a major humanitarian crisis in Puerto Rico, as well as being the tenth-most intense Atlantic hurricane on record. Maria caused catastrophic damage across the Northeastern Caribbean, compounding recovery efforts in the already struck areas of the Leeward Islands, who were still recovering from Hurricane Irma just two weeks prior. **September 16 - October 3, 2017**

As stated in **Arthur Brooks'** speech, **Americans** - in large numbers - **are generous givers/donors!** Whether supporting hurricane relief efforts, earthquake victims in Mexico and wildfire regions in California. Regardless of the "need" - especially after the terrible and very public tragedy such as the mass shooting in Las Vegas, people want to help in any way possible, and that often means contributing to fundraisers to help the survivors and the families of the victims. Sadly, scammers often take advantage of these moments of vulnerability to deceive donors. In addition, there are often campaigns set up by well-meaning individuals who may or may not be directly connected to the tragedy.

The **Better Business Bureau (BBB) Wise Giving Alliance (WGA)** urges donors to give thoughtfully and avoid those seeking to take advantage of the generosity of others. Here are BBB/WGA's (summary) tips for trusted giving:

- **Thoughtful Giving:** Take the time to check out the charity to avoid wasting your generosity by donating to a questionable or poorly managed effort.
- **Crowdfunding:** Keep in mind that some crowdfunding sites do very little vetting of individuals who decide to post for assistance after a tragedy or a disaster, and it is often difficult for donors to verify the trustworthiness of crowdfunding requests for support.
- **Respect For Victims And Their Families:** Organizations raising funds should get permission from the families to use either the names of the victims and/or any photographs of them.
- **State Government Registration:** About 40 of the 50 states require charities to register with a state government agency (usually a division of the State Attorney General's office) before they solicit for charitable gifts. If the charity is not registered, that may be a significant red flag.

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***** Officers/Board Of Directors Meeting @ 9:15 a.m. *****
 * Everyone - Please Bring This Newsletter With You To Our Meeting And Bring/Invite A Friend! *

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Meeting Dates/Time: **Wednesday, October 25th** (10:00 a.m.) and **Monday, November 20th** (10:00 a.m.)
 Location: Wellston Center - 155 Maple Street | Warner Robins, GA 31093

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Birthdays For October

Carol Davis 16th Sherry Nichols 30th

Birthdays For November

James Erdmanczyk 2nd Tommy Stalnaker 4th David Morton 18th Hildred Chesley 25th

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For each new morning with its light, For rest and shelter of the night, For health and food, For love and friends, For everything Thy goodness sends. Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882). "Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4 NKJV

Sick/Shut-Ins: Suzanne Burgess, Ivis Bedrick, Ruth Davis, Trudy Deep, Maureen Echols, Jeanine Frey and Mary Lappano. We wish health/wellness to all past/current members, family members and friends. **ggd** ☺

Highlights From The September 2017 Meeting: Ken Smith | Certified Pharmacy Technician/District Manager (Central Georgia) **Walgreens Corporation** along with several Walgreens Store Managers shared corporate and local company initiatives centered around making communities healthier and happier.

Beyond the walls of its stores, customers get omnichannel access to Walgreens service, both online and through one of the most popular and sophisticated mobile apps in retail shopping. At the corporate level, **AARP** and **Walgreens' Balance® Rewards** loyalty program allows members to earn points not just by shopping but for healthy activities such as exercising and immunizations. Walgreens also offers a Medicare Savings Guide in its stores and online, and Walgreens pharmacists are available in all stores to help beneficiaries understand their copay obligations under their current plan before filling a prescription. Walgreens is **"at the corner of happy and healthy!"ggd** ☺



Councilman **Chuck Shaheen** (left) and Mayor **Randy Toms** shared their respective platforms (5 minutes) for the upcoming **Warner Robins** mayoral race. Candidate **Joe Musselwhite** was also invited but did not attend. Happy **BELATED, BELATED, BELATED** Birthday to **Trudy Deep (7/5)** - our "newest/baby" **nonagenarian (90 years young)!** ☺



Activities (**October 5, 2017**) included reading to our "Adopted School" - **C.B. Watson Primary School!** Thank You (Volunteer) Readers: **James Erdmunczyk, Nancy Hardin and Greg Davis!** Future reading opportunities are: **Thursday/Friday (November 2nd/3rd)** and **Friday, December 1st**. Please contact me to add **your name** as a volunteer reader! **ggd** ☺

***** Business Meeting - Third Monday | 11/20/2017 *****

Wednesday - October 25, 2017 | 10:00 a.m. - Noon
Debbie Stephens | Executive Director/Cherished Children Education Centers (Warner Robins, GA)



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Thank You ... Thank You ... Thank You!

ALL: As Chapter President and Editor I'm open to suggestions for our newsletter!

So please, keep your membership status/information current and get your newsworthy information and/or photographs to me as soon as possible!

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NOTE: With the exception of **November, December** and "special events," our (monthly) meetings are held on the **fourth (4th) Wednesday**. As such, the newsletter is (usually) printed/mailed the third (3rd) Tuesday or Wednesday. We're **ALWAYS** "early" for the following month's special days/celebrations and SOMETIMES we're "early" for the current month's special days/celebrations as well. **2017 Meetings/Events:**

1/25/17 - Rebuilding Together Warner Robins ... [CHECK]

2/22/17 - The Otis Redding Foundation ... [CHECK]

3/22/17 - Wesleyan College/Confucius Institute ... [CHECK]

4/26/17 - SPRING-O-O-O At Antebellum Grove [CHECK]

5/24/17 - Ortho Georgia (Change) ... [CHECK]

6/28/17 - Summer Picnic/Membership Drive | Easter Seals of Middle Georgia [CHECK]

7/26/17 - Habitat For Humanity (Houston County) [CHECK]

8/23/17 - BBB Central Georgia [CHECK]

9/20/17 (Third Wednesday) | Walgreens [CHECK]

10/25/17 - Cherished Children (Warner Robins)

11/20/17 (Third Monday) | Business Meeting

12/18/17 (Third Monday) | Christmas Lunch

Why Giving Matters | By Arthur C. Brooks

[Exerpts From Speech At Brigham Young University - February 24, 2009]

"Acts Of Charity — giving money, serving others, even donating blood — create a remarkable return, lifting us spiritually and financially.

Giving In America - Americans give a lot. In 2006 they gave about \$300 billion to charity. To put that into perspective, \$300 billion is more than the entire national income of Sweden. Seventy-five percent of America's families give every year. **Fifty percent volunteer their time**, and Americans give in myriad other ways that are not captured in data.

Researchers at Harvard University collected data on 30,000 American families from 41 communities coast to coast in a comprehensive look at people's service behavior and charitable giving. My conclusion was, sure enough, that when people get richer, they tend to give more money away. But I also came up with the following counterintuitive finding — that when people give more money away, they tend to prosper.

I ran the numbers again and looked at volunteering. I found the same thing: People who volunteer do better financially. I ran the numbers on blood donations. Think about that — giving blood. You're not



going to get richer if you give blood, are you? Well, yes, you are!

The Happy Result Of Giving - The more I ran the numbers, the more I kept getting this crazy result. But still I refused to believe it. In desperation I finally went to a colleague who specialized in the psychology of charitable giving. 'I'm getting this result I can't understand,' I told him. 'It doesn't make sense.'

[Colleague] 'We've known this for 30 years in the psychology profession. You economists — you worry about money all the time, and money is boring. We worry about something that people really care about — the currency by which we really spend our days — and that's happiness. We've known for 30 years that people who give get happier as a result.

People who give to charity are 43 percent more likely than people who don't give to say they're very happy people. People who give blood are twice as likely to say they're very happy people as people who don't. People who volunteer are happier. You simply can't find any kind of service that won't make you happier. Studies show that when people give, it lowers their levels of stress.

People who do their jobs with less stress tend to be more productive and successful. Throughout our lives, if we can find ways to relax, we will profit from it.

Many other studies show that givers have better health, that givers are better citizens — it goes on and on. The bottom line is this: Givers are healthier, happier and richer in this country — and probably around the world. Giving creates stronger communities and a more prosperous nation.'

Give The Gift Of Giving - You will hear in the coming days and weeks and months that if our country were doing what it should be doing for people in need, then we wouldn't need private giving, that the government would be taking care of people who need it, and that we would not need you to step in to provide for others. I am here to tell you, having looked at the data, that the day the government takes over for you in your private charity is the day we get poorer, unhappier and unhealthier. We must demand to take our place as givers and support the communities and people who need the services we can provide."

Arthur C. Brooks is the President of the **American Enterprise Institute**, a public policy think tank in Washington, D.C.

Help People Affected by Hurricane Harvey. Donate Now.

Hurricane Harvey was an extremely destructive Atlantic hurricane which became the first major hurricane to make landfall in the United States since Wilma in 2005, ending a record 12-year span in which no hurricanes made landfall at such an intensity in the country.

In a four-day period, many areas received more than 40 inches of rain as the system slowly meandered over eastern Texas and adjacent waters, causing catastrophic flooding. With peak accumulations of 64.58 inches, Harvey is the wettest tropical cyclone on record in the United States. The resulting floods inundated hundreds of thousands of homes, displaced more than 30,000 people, and prompted more than 17,000 rescues. **August 17 - September 3, 2017**



Hurricane Irma was an extremely powerful and catastrophic Cape Verde-type hurricane, the strongest observed in the Atlantic since Wilma in 2005 in terms of maximum sustained winds. It was the first Category 5 hurricane to strike the Leeward Islands on record, followed by Hurricane Maria only two weeks later.

It was also the most intense Atlantic hurricane to strike the United States since Katrina in 2005, and the first major hurricane to make landfall in Florida since Wilma in 2005. Irma caused widespread and catastrophic damage throughout its long lifetime, particularly in parts of the northeastern Caribbean and the Florida Keys. **August 30 - September 16, 2017**

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