

CLUB NEWS

KIWANIS CLUB OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY CHARTERED IN 1952

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KIWANIS WEEK 21

GERALD BAYS DEN, looking out at the greatest number of people to attend one of our meetings in a long time, brought the meeting to order, and called upon *CHET HELT* to lead us in singing *America* and in reciting our *Pledge of Allegiance*. *CHET* then delivered a meaningful invocation. *GASTON GAGE* served as our Greeter. Attendance numbered 23, which included five guests and our speaker. Guests included *FANNIE FLONA* (Charlotte Observer), *KATY EVERETT* (Presbyterian Hospital), *BETSY LOCKE* (ex president of the Duke Endowment) and Kiwanis club presidents, *JOE LITTLE* and *BOB WARD*.

THIS WEEK

MERYLE LEONARD, Director of Youth Development for the Central Carolina YWCA was our speaker this week.

MERYLE is chairman of the Y's Literacy program that our club will be involved with in a big way. The five week campaign begins late next month and continues to April 23, and is designed to get children excited about reading. *MERYLE* told us that a child who enjoys reading is generally a better student than one who doesn't like to read.

President *GERALD* has already lined up zillions of Charlotte celebrities to help celebrate the undertaking by reading to the kids, and helping to draw attention to the important effort.

According to *MERYL*, the disadvantaged children who will be read to are divided into three age groups: 0-5, 6-7 and middle schoolers. Scheduled events during the five week program are: (1) Celebration to reading, (2) Field trip to a place that has been read about, (3) Turn off the TV for a week, (4) Diverse cultures, (5) Come to the library week.

It is hoped that there will be many club members who will volunteer to read to the children. E-MAIL *MERYLE @WWW. mleonard@ ywcacentralcarolinas.org* for more info.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 21. and a representative of our new NBA Bobcats basketball team will be on hand to talk about the team, and maybe even undertake to explain the sky-high ticket pricing for the coming season.

BOARD ACTION

....Voted unanimously to help defray membership costs for members of the Circle K Club at Queens University. We will ante up \$20 per member. They pay remaining \$13 toward \$33 membership cost. Treasurer *BOB SWANSON* has switched club funds to Wachovia Bank, where transactions can be handled online....

TABLE TALK

GERALD, FRANK AND BOB SWANSON represented the club at the Mid-Year Conference held at the Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach February 4-5. Now, onto Hawaii for the Kiwanis International Convention, July 2-6...Club history

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now online at club website. Lt. Gov. *FRANK SHEPHERDSON* reports that only our club in District 6 made uninterrupted contributions to Kiwanis Foundation from 2000 to 2005. You might want to visit Carolinas District website at www.carolinakiwanis.org. Two Feb. birthdays: *JOHN JONES, JR 2/23, MAGNUM SLOAN 2/15*