

CLUB NEWS

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KIWANIS WEEK 25

GERALD BAYSDED rang the bell and our second meeting for the month of March was under way. *CHET HELT* led us in singing *America* and reciting the *Pledge of Allegiance*. He then gave the invocation. *JOHN JONES, JR* was affable in his role as our *Greeter* before the start of the meeting. There were 19 who attended, including *BOB WARD* of the University Kiwanis Club; *JIM DUFFY*, and our newest members, *RICK SANDERS* and *ROD SMITH*.

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THIS WEEK

RON LAW, Director of the Carolinas Concert Association, was our speaker this week. He told us that this year is the 75th Anniversary of the group, and that six productions, rather than the normal five will be produced during the season.

The final production of the 2004-2005 season will be a mixed media performance featuring the music of Tuscany, Italy.

The 2005-2006 season will begin October 9 with a performance by the Zurich Chamber Orchestra. On November 7, the Munich Symphony Orchestra will perform. These will be followed up in 2006, with performances by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra on January 17, pianist Olga Kern on February 7, and the Russian National Ballet on March 13.

The group is particularly interested in fostering an interest in classical music among youth. It regularly allots 200 tickets for performances to children who otherwise would not be able to attend. In addition, each year they purchase around \$10,000 worth of musical instruments for music students in area schools. The Association is currently trying to raise \$5,000 to help the Albemarle high school band which recently lost 75% of its musical instruments in a fire. The group is an associate member of the Charlotte Arts & Science Council, but does not receive funds from the council.

“WHY I LIKE TO READ” BEGINS

President *GERALD* announced that the above program begins next Tuesday at Founders Hall. Our new member, *ROD SMITH* will be the first reader, followed by *PETER RIDDER*, of the *Charlotte Observer* and *MAUREEN BROYLE* and *JOHN CARTER* of WBT-TV.

RICK SANDERS INDUCTED IN CLUB

RICK SANDERS, recently promoted from Major to Commander of the Mecklenburg Sheriffs Department, was inducted into the Club by *MATT HAGLER*, *FRANK SHEPHERDSON* and *GERALD BAYSDEN*.

TABLE TALK

GERALD was holding the winning ticket in the PowerBall drawing and asked our speaker to draw the marble for him. Holy Cow it worked again. The jackpot was worth \$58. *RON LAW*, our speaker, brought his own drawing with him. *JIM DUFFY* won and left the meeting with four tickets to the Carolinas Concert's next presentation.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 4, and our speaker will be *DON JONAS* of the Foundation of the Carolinas.