

CLUB NEWS

KIWANIS CLUB OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY

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KIWANIS WEEK 27

GERALD BAYSDEN called the meeting to order and then asked *CHET HELT* to lead us in singing *America* and reciting our *Pledge of Allegiance*. *CHET* then delivered the invocation. *MIKE HARRIS* served as the *Greeter* for this meeting. Eighteen people attended the meeting, including *BOB WARD*, president of the University City Kiwanis Club, and our speaker

THIS WEEK

DON JONAS, of the Foundation of the Carolinas, was guest speaker at the first of our two April meetings.

He told us that the Foundation was started with a \$3,000 gift in 1958. The first such organization was founded 90 years ago in Cleveland, Ohio. The group serves as a catalyst for philanthropic giving in a 13 county area surrounding Charlotte. Ten of the counties are in North Carolina and three are in South Carolina.

The group currently is managing philanthropic gifts totaling \$4 million. Throughout its history it has made an average \$2 million donation to the city. The group is comprised of legal and other professionals

DON advised that the minimum amount that could be handled by the group was \$10,000, and that the organization generally charged a 1% commission.

The foundation is pledged to protect the donor's intent and is now prepared to track the results of gifts that are under their control.

POWERBALL JACKPOT GROWS

RICK SANDERS was holding the winning ticket but was unable to locate the winning marble. Jackpot climbs to \$13 plus half of next meeting's take. Marble odds drop to 1-7.

NEXT MEETING

We meet next on April 18 when *JOHN BARKLEY*, Medical Director of Charlotte Hospice, will be our speaker. Other meetings coming up include: Special Governors Visit meeting will be on Thursday, April 28 – the location, either at the Sheraton or the Westin – will be announced as soon as finalized. An interclub meeting with the Shelby Kiwanis is scheduled for Thursday, May 5. Our new member and former Panthers player, *ROD SMITH*, will be the speaker. Golfing will follow lunch.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FORMED

BOB SWANSON will chair a committee to nominate officers for the 2005-2006 Kiwanis year. Serving on the committee will be *GASTON GAGE*, *SAM NCMAHON*, *BOB ASHMORE* and *QUENTIN ANDERSON*.

TABLE TALK

GERALD BAYSDEN, *FRANK SHEPHERDSON* and possibly *MATT HAGLER* will represent our Club at the International Convention this summer in Honolulu....Club donates \$250 to help buy shoes for young tsunami victims....Sorry to hear that *WILMA JONES* was in hospital; ditto *LOGAN PRATT* in hospital wing at Sharon Towers....Club gets ink in *Observer* for "Why I Read at the Y" involvement. April Birthdays: *STEPHANIE METACALF* 4/7 and *DAN GEISER* 4/27.