

CLUB NEWS

KIWANIS CLUB OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY CHARTERED IN 1952

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KIWANIS WEEK 29

President *GERALD* rang the meeting to order and then *CHET HELT* led us in singing *America* and in reciting our *Pledge of allegiance*. He then gave the invocation. *BOB ASHMORE*, greeter master, preformed the job himself at this meeting. Attendance totaled 23, including prospective members, Reverend *CLEMENT MORRIS*; *DOUG HAMMOND*; University City Kiwanis Club president, *BOB WARD*; and our speaker. .

THIS WEEK

DR. JOHN BARKLEY, the first and current Medical Director of Charlotte Hospice, spoke with us today about the role Hospice plays during the final days of the terminally ill.

He explained that doctors are trained to try and fix whatever is wrong with a patient, but most often lack the skills to emotionally aid a dying patient...No qualifying family is turned down by Hospice regardless of ability to help defray the costs involved. Due to budget constrictions, hospice organizations bordering Mecklenburg County have necessarily set higher restrictions .

All patients under hospice care must be approved by their physicians, and must be diagnosed as having six or fewer months to live. According to *DR. BARKLEY*, 50% of patients entering the Charlotte program are dead within three weeks.

Hospice is reimbursed primarily by Medicare, which allows a per diem allowance for each patient under their care. Seven and a half doctors, nurses and bereavement counselors form the nucleus of the Charlotte hospice group

NO 50/50 WINNER AT THIS MEETING.

DR. BARKLEY pulled visitor *DOUG HAMMOND*'s ticket, but *DOUG* couldn't find the golden marble. Pot climbs to \$29 plus. Odds 1-6.

NEXT MEETING AND BEYOND

TAMARA GRAY, with Comfort Keepers, the Assisted Living pros, will be guest speaker for our meeting May 2. *PETER RIDDER*, publisher of the *Charlotte Observer*, will be the club's speaker on Monday, May 16.

ANNUAL DIVISION MEETING

Thursday, April 28 – 6 PM at Four Points Sheraton Charlotte Uptown (our regular meeting place). This will be Governor Bev Martin's official visit to Division 6. Lt. Gov. Frank Shepherdson will be presiding. Come one, come all, and bring your wives (since we have no married ladies in the Club, we don't have to say "spouses" or "partners"). Please call or email Matt Hagler (mhagler@kwcharlotte.com) ASAP and tell him how many to expect. Ticket price probably will be \$25 + or -.

WILMA JONES PASSES AWAY

All Kiwanis Club members who knew *WILMA*, who was *JOHN JONES* wife for 67 years and mother of John Jr., feel a profound sense of loss at her recent passing. The club extends its sympathy to husband and son at their loss.

CLUB OFFICERS NOMINATED

FOR 2005-2006 (elections to be held at next meeting):

President*MATT HAGLER*

President-elect*MARK MOGUL*

Vice President*JOHN DOWNEY*

Secretary*BILL CRAEMER*

Treasurer*BOB SWANSON*

Imm. Past President.....*GERALD BAYSDEN*

Directors to be elected for class of 2007:

BOB ASHMORE, SAM McMAHON, FRANK SHEPHERDSON.

(Directors continuing: Anderson, Gage, & Jones, Sr.)

JIM DUFFIE INDUCTED INTO CLUB

MATT, FRANK and *GERALD* presided over the ceremony welcoming *JIM* to the club.