

# CLUB NEWS

## KIWANIS CLUB OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY CHARTERED IN 1952

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*GERALD BAYSDEN*, fresh from the Kiwanis International Convention in Hawaii, started the meeting and then called on *CHET HELT* to lead us in both “America” and the Pledge of Allegiance. *CHET* then delivered an opening prayer. *BOB ASHMORE* in his role as *Greeter*, stayed busy prior to the meeting re-introducing members to each other after our long layoff. Fifteen members and three guests combined for an attendance that numbered 18. Guests were *DOUG DICKISON*, *DAVE BENNINGER* and *RACHAEL GUENTHER*.

### THIS WEEK

*GERALD BAYSDEN* and *MATT HAGLER*, out-going and incoming presidents of the club, respectively, were our delegates to the recent Kiwanis International Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii and both briefed us on what occurred as our program for today

After all was said and done, *STEVE SIEMENS*, of the Kiwanis Nebraska-Iowa District, emerged as the incoming International president for the next Kiwanis year beginning in October.

The international aspect of our organization was highlighted with delegates from 90 countries represented at the convention. A total of 5,000 people attended the meeting.

An official definition of the Kiwanis movement emerged from the convention: “Kiwanis International is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.”

Before getting into the nitty-gritty details of the meeting, *GERALD* entertained us with a slide presentation of pictures he had taken on the trip. Included in the shots were pictures of the Diamond

Head volcano, the Battleship Arizona Memorial, and the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

Thanks *MATT* and *GERALD* for an excellent rpt.

### NEXT MEETING

*MERRILL LEONARD*, with the YWCA and head ramrod for Charlotte’s Literacy Month, will pay a return visit to the Club when we meet next time on Monday, August 1.

### CLUB KICKS OFF COW CHIP CONTEST

The date for Cow Chip III is set for October 8 and the tickets for the contest were distributed to members attending the meeting. Members – other than a few of the heavy hitters – were assigned 50 \$10 tickets to sell, and a goal of \$20,000 has been set. The event continues to attract media attention, with mentions in both the Kiwanis International magazine and the Carolina Kiwanian.

### TABLE TALK

We’re one of the host clubs, so let’s try to have a good showing of members at the Carolinas District Convention at Charlotte’s Westin Hotel August 19-21....After just two rounds of the Club drawing, the jackpot will be \$36 plus half the

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amount collected at the next meeting.....Too hot to handle? Three of the thirteen amendments put up for vote at this year's international convention. postponed until next year's confab in Montreal.... Might just be easier to exit on McDowell than to chance it with the secret code gate. It stymied me for the second time following our meeting this week.