

CLUB NEWS

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KIWANIS WEEK 43

GERALD BAYSDEN, now in the home stretch of his Kiwanis presidency, began the meeting by once again asking *CHET HELT* to lead us in singing “America” and in reciting our *Pledge of Allegiance*. After this, *CHET* offered the opening prayer. *JOHN JONES, JR.* did an admirable job in his role as Greeter. Following the induction of *DOUG DICKISON*, no guests were at the meeting. Attendance totaled 18.

THIS WEEK

MERYLE LEONARD, Director of Youth Development at the Central Carolina YMCA, and head of Literacy Month events in Charlotte, paid a return visit to the Club on Monday.

As most members will recall, she first visited the Club in February in hopes of enlisting our aid in the reading program. Her visit Monday was to urge our participation again next year.

MERYLE told us that this year’s program involved approximately 400 children who were read to by numerous “celebrities” during the five-week campaign. She said that anybody who took time to read to the children was a celebrity in her book. The program, however, did include a few genuine local celebs, such as hizzoner, a few media personalities, a motivational speaker, and Kiwanis Club member and former Charlotte Panther player, *ROD SMITH*.

The Literacy Program covered five weeks and included one week when participating students tuned off their favorite television programs in favor of reading a book. The kids were treated to nine field trips to see first hand some of the things they had read about.

The only change *MERYLE* recommends for next year is shortening the program by one week.

NEXT MEETING

DOUG SMITH, longtime business columnist with the *Charlotte Observer*, will be our guest speaker when we next meet on Monday, August 15. All members should also be aware that there will be no meeting September 5, Labor Day. Instead, the meeting has been re-scheduled for the following Monday, September 12.

CAROLINAS DIST. MEETS HERE AUG 19

Like Haley’s Comet, the next time the Carolinas District meets in Charlotte may be some time in coming. Decide now to attend. We are one of the host clubs for this upcoming 85th pow-wow of the Carolinas District at the Westin Hotel... Registration runs from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and from 7a.m. to 9 a.m. on Saturday morning.

TABLE TALK

Nice to have *DOUG DICKISON* join our group at our Monday meeting *BOB SWANSON* reports our growing club now has 26 members, four more than a year ago *BROOKE GLASCOCK*, prexy of Circle K at Queens University, will represent

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our group at their international convention..... It'll be interesting to see how new member TAG team specialists will do in recruiting prospects for Kiwanis....Power ball jackpot should be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$55-\$60 at next meeting.