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Kiwanis Club of Mecklenburg

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MEETS 12:00 NOON, 1ST & 3RD MONDAYS: BEST WESTERN CHARLOTTE UPTOWN - 201 S. McDOWELL ST.

Monday, September 12, 2005:

From Bob Swanson, Interim Bulletin Editor: *Quentin, Quentin, Quentin, Where ARE YOU?????* Not only did we miss you this week, but we got no gaming, and President Gerald asked me to write a bulletin. (Sure hope you're back next week!!!) Meeting began as usual with Chet leading the "singing" and the pledge, and offering the invocation - which included a poem written by our late Past President deLacy Wyman (1970). Good job, Chet! Send me the bill for your fee, and I'll handle it like I do all bills: toss them up in a group and those that stick in the ceiling get paid.

THIS WEEK

VIC HOWIE, A Regional Executive with Smith-Barney, and a member of the Board of Directors of the new U.S. National Whitewater Center, spoke to us about the new facility under construction right here in our Charlotte neighborhood. It is expected to open in June 2006, and is intended to be available to the public with minimal fees - enough to cover expenses, but small enough to ensure maximum public access.

This will be family-oriented recreation area, encompassing all sorts of outdoor activity from rafting to hiking to you-name-it. It WILL be open year-around; but water activities could be a bit limited in January and February!

Find FULL details at www.usnwc.org.

NEXT WEEK (Monday, September 19)

Chip Scholz, of Scholz & Associates. Talk will be about leadership development. Sounds to me like right up the alley of our new K-Leader Program.

THE BULLETIN

Quentin Anderson has asked for relief from his many years of writing and distributing our Club Bulletin. I tried to find out how many years, but even he doesn't know! It's MANY!! From each and every Club member: Quentin, THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE. May you enjoy your "retirement." But don't forget, we still need you and your "gaming" operations! And you still have at least -ONE more Bulletin to go.

Not unless, but until (WITH Limits!) someone comes out-of-the-woodwork and says, "I'll do it" I've agreed to act as INTERIM Bulletin Editor (with the accent on INTERIM!) So

who's interested? - Willing?? Or de we APPOINT (DRAFT, in other words!!!) one of you?

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Met prior to regular meeting. Approved:

1. "Ladies-Nite" meeting Monday, November 7, in lieu of Christmas Party, to recognize and honor our REAL SENIOR CITIZEN members - those over or near 90 years of age.

2. Payment of \$7 per member (as of April 1) to the Carolinas District to help cover District operating expenses during the brief period from October 1 until approximately March 1, 2006. The delegates at the recent District Convention voted to seek \$7 from each Carolinas District Kiwanian. Come October 1, Kiwanis International will still collect dues monies for both International and District, but will do so only once a year henceforth. To spread out the billing and collecting chores through the year, Clubs will be billed on a schedule according to their "birthdays." Mecklenburg Club, for example, having its anniversary in August, will have its dues payable annually by May 31. The earliest that any Clubs will be due is December 31. So there will be a gap between October 1 and the time the District receives its first remittance from International. Once we're up-and-running there should be no further problem; but this first year is when the District needs some HELP!

Unless we go on a spending spree, we should be able to handle this without assessing our members. As a matter of fact, I've already written the check for \$161.

3. Approved financial statements, with some discussion of the few members who are in arrears with their dues.