



CHAPEL HILL NEWS

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Members Present

- Jim Casey
- Marge Clemons
- Spence Cohen
- Jerry Phelps
- Phil Stephens
- Phyllis Stout
- Bob Verne
- Trish Verne

Program

Robotic Teams

Visitor(s)

Jane Stout

The Life Membership Game fund is at **\$110**. The game was not played this evening, so come next week for a chance to win!

Thanks to Bob Verne, for leading our meeting this evening as President and Vice Presidents were not able to attend.

CAMERON PARK ELEMENTARY ROBOTIC TEAMS

Jim Casey's daughter, Laura Casey, who teaches at Cameron Park Elementary School in Hillsborough, brought 2 teams of 4th and 5th grade students to perform their skits for us. The robotics competition, with a theme this year of SMART TRANSPORTATION, has local, regional, state and national levels of competition.

The students participating in this program build and display things made with Legos in one portion of the competition. In another portion of the competition, they research 'smart' transportation and prepare a skit to communicate their message. This evening, they performed their transportation skits for us.

The Robo-Tigers performed their skit about maintaining good pressure in your tires. The students on this team are: Brian Werden, Tyson Wolter, Thomas Sikes, Zachary Steele, Summer Stewart, and Jessie Shipman. The parent leader is Carol Steele and the staff leader is Wayne Leonard.

The Robo-Pirates performed their skit about smarter transportation using magnetic trains. Students on this team are: Luke

Robo-Tigers

Wirzba, Ethan Weinstein, Ethan Wood, MaryBeth Dobbins, Anthony Giordano, Mia Davidson, and Zachary Johnson. The parent leader is Maggie Weinstein and the staff - parent leader is Sarah Johnson.

Laura Casey provides staff and art support. M.J. Rosensweet provides staff and technical support.

We wish them well as they proceed to the Regional Tournament



Robo-Pirates

Good Luck To All



FRESH MARKET WINE GALA

Henry Jefferson is submitting our application to Fresh Market for sponsoring a Wine Gala event. This event could potentially be a wonderful fundraiser for us and help Fresh Market attract customers and promote sales.

Various approaches for marketing were discussed to promote



such an event if we do proceed with it. We are hopeful that this effort, if undertaken, will raise significant funds for our club.

In addition to raising funds, this event should provide an opportunity to promote our club in the community.

CLUB PLANNING RETREAT



Our club is planning a special 'retreat' to discuss a variety of topics. Spence Cohen suggested that the topics be distributed from comments in advance from members who cannot attend..

One topic is membership growth, so be thinking of ideas for expanding our club. Please let Beth know of other topics you may want to have considered.

Our club retreat has been confirmed for

**Saturday
January 30th
9:30 am—2 pm.**

Location has not yet been confirmed, so watch for notification from Beth. If you have a location to suggest please contact Beth via email.

UNC-TV AND DUKE FUNDRAISING

Volunteers will be needed for the UNC-TV "Festival" on-air fundraiser to be held February 27 - March 28, 2010. On Sunday, **March 7th**, volunteers from the Optimist clubs in the Triangle area will man the phones from **6—11:30 pm**. Bob will be soliciting volunteers. Training will be provided on use of phones and recording pledges.



Duke Children's Hospital has confirmed 6 seats for us to serve as volunteers during their fundraiser. We are scheduled for ...

**Wednesday, Feb 10th
6:30—9 pm.**

Bob, Trish, Beth, Jerry, Marge, and Phyllis are assigned to work this event.

OCTAGON CLUB

The Octagon Club prepared brunch for the Ronald McDonald House this past weekend. They also continue working on therapy dolls for cancer patients



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 20th Board Meeting
- Jan 27th Chapel Hill hosts Zone Meeting
- Jan 30th Planning Retreat (date confirmed, location tbd)
- Feb 3rd Valentines for cancer patients & Business Meeting
- Feb 10th regular meeting cancelled in lieu of Duke fundraiser
- Feb 10th 6 volunteers help with Duke fundraising event
- Feb 12-13 2nd Quarter District Meeting
- Feb 17th open — need speaker—contact Marge to arrange
- Feb 24th Board Meeting
- March Contact Marge with program suggestions

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CCC Collection Dates Confirmed

Jim has been busy booking dates for collections. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

March 6th & 7th
Wal-Mart New Hope

March 27th & 28th
Harris Teeter
Chapel Hill North

April 24th & 25th
Harris Teeter
University Mall

June 5th & 6th
Harris Teeter
Chapel Hill North

Watch for additional collection days as they are arranged.

