



CHAPEL HILL NEWS

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Members Present:

- Beth Anderson
- Jim Casey
- Marge Clemons
- Ann Drake
- Max Drake
- Henry Jefferson
- Madeline Jefferson
- Jerry Phelps
- Phil Stephens
- Bob Verne
- Trish Verne

CREATIVITY STRIKES!

February 3 was scheduled for the club's first business meeting of the year. But before we dug into the nitty-gritty we needed to have a little fun. Well at least "fun" as described by the Club's president. Equipped with red paper, glue, glitter and other paraphernalia the club members were called on to draw from their childhood expertise and design some valentines. With a little optimistic grousing and a lot of camaraderie, in no time club members had created about two dozen valentines. Trish volunteered to take the valentines to the UNC Children's Hospital - with the hopes that our craft work will brighten some children's day!

Thanks to all who participated. You did a **great** job!

Valentine Factoids

- ♥ It is estimated that approximately 1 billion valentines are sent each year.
- ♥ Men spend on average twice as much money (\$135...) on Valentine's Day presents as women.
- ♥ More than 36 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate will be sold for Valentine's Day.
- ♥ About 8 billion conversation hearts will be produced this year; that's enough candy to stretch from Rome, Italy to Valentine, Arizona 20 times and back again.
- ♥ Women purchase 85% of all valentines.

♥ Men buy most of the millions of boxes of candy and bouquets of flowers given on Valentine's Day.



♥ The heart is the most common symbol of romantic love. Ancient cultures believed the human soul lived in the heart and its red color is thought to be the most romantic.

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

» A NOW meeting has been scheduled for March 3. Get your names to Madeline by February 17!

» Three Speakers are needed for March! Let Marge know if you have identified a speaker.

» Volunteers are needed for the WalMart CCC Fundraiser March 6 or March 7:

Open slots:
 Saturday 8:30 - 10:30
 2:30 - 4:30
 Sunday 10:30 - 12:30
 12:30 - 2:30
 2:30 - 4:30

» Volunteers are needed for UNC TV Fundraiser March 7, 6-11:30. Let Bob know by February 19 if you would like to participate.



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Go EASTERN DISTRICT: OI reports that our district is number one!!!! Auston, you're the best.

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Now that Beth is four months into her role as president, she took the opportunity at this business meeting to announce some modest changes that she has planned for future club meetings:

First she introduced her plan to have "Member of the Month Recognition". This award will be for acknowledging a member for his or her outstanding efforts in support of OCCH.

She also plans to set aside some of the weekly meetings for presentations by members. The idea is to provide a forum to learn a

little about each other and share our outside interests with each other.

Her other plan is to have Quarterly Business Meeting, which will be devoted to handling club business. To add a little levity, something "fun" or at least a little different will be incorporated into each of these meetings.



**JANUARY MEMBER OF THE MONTH
JIM CASEY**

Beth extends her gratitude to Jim for taking leadership in setting up 10 CCC events for the club.

ZONE UPDATES

OCCH hosted the zone quarterly meeting on January 27, 2010. The following are a few highlights:

- » Maurice Nicholson spoke on the Optimist International Internet Safety Program. OI has developed a tool kit for internet safety that can be used in schools. Potentially our club could consider providing this kit to a local school.
- » OI Foundation is sponsoring a matching grant program with

up to \$500 available. Funds must be used for a new project. Deadline for submitting an application is March 15 .

» OI has also initiated a CCC Matching Grant Program with up to \$2500 available.

»The District Meeting is Feb 12 -13. If you have items that you would like to donate to the

annual auction, let Bob or Trish know.

» March 6 is the Boys and Girls Home Optimist Workday (Conflicts with our CCC fund raiser – darn!).



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 10: No meeting/Duke Radiothon, 6:30 – 9:00**
- February 12 -13: District Meeting, Greenville**
- February 17: Connie Ledper, SE Regional Justice Network**
- February 24: Board Meeting**
- March 3: NOW meeting**
- March 6, 7: WalMart, New Hope Commons Fundraiser**
- March 7: UNC TV Fundraiser**
- March 24: Board Meeting**



Madeline signed up to give the next "Member Presentation".

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Governor Austin Pusey has invited Jennifer Pierce, founder of Shoes - 4-Shoes, to be at the District Meeting . Her organization collects shoes and redistributes them to the needy. She has already sent 75,000 pairs to Haiti. If you have shoes to donate, let Bob know and he will take them to the District meeting. But act fast; the District meeting is this coming weekend, Feb 12-13.



Madeline is having knee surgery Monday Feb 8. Give her a call and let her know you are thinking of her.

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