



CHAPEL HILL NEWS

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Members Present
 Jennifer Albright
 Beth Anderson
 Jim Casey
 Marge Clemons
 Max Drake
 Madeline Jefferson
 Curtis Pearson
 Jerry Phelps
 Phil Stephens
 Phyllis Stout
 Bob Verne
 Trish Verne

Program
 Samuel Johnson

Visitors
 Susan Johnson
 Frankford Johnson

The Life Membership Game fund was played this evening with Bob as our winner. Samuel drew the winning card for us.

Thanks to Beth, Curtis, Bob, Phyllis, and Phil for sharing humor tonight.

Tonight we were honored to have Samuel Johnson and his parents, Susan and Frankford Johnson as our guests. Samuel is the winner of our Essay Contest and also the winner at the District level. Congratulations, Samuel, for your fine work and thanks for sharing it with us this evening. He demonstrated as he read his essay for us that he not only writes well, but is also excellent in making oral presentations.

Samuel attends, Harbor Light Academy, the home school in which his mother, Susan, is his instructor. He is a 16 year old Junior in High School, but is also taking college courses online and plans to attend Patrick Henry College. In addition to academic studies, Samuel is very active in soccer, speech and debate teams, where he has ample opportunity to interact with his peers. He is also an Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Scout project, he made benches for the Durham Rescue Mission.

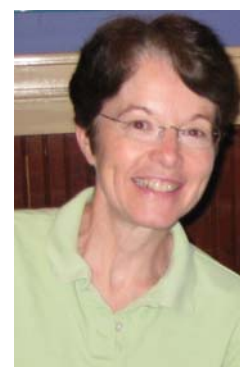


The designated topic for essays this year is "The Internet: Today's Evolution or Tomorrow's Menace?". His essay highlights both the positive and potential negative aspects of the internet revolution. He incorporates the message that the internet needs to be used with wisdom to avoid misinformation and gain value from the knowledge it can provide.



Jerry Phelps presented the winner's medal, certificate and our check for \$100.00 to Samuel.

**SAMUEL
JOHNSON**
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**ESSAY
CONTEST
WINNER**



**Proud Parents,
Susan & Frankford
Johnson**

CELEBRATIONS

BOB VERNE presented a plaque honoring **Madardo Reyes**, owner of Jim's Famous BBQ, to congratulate him for becoming 'A Friend of Optimists' member of our club.



Sign Up to Help !!!
Lending Legs for Learning 5K Race
June 5th

Both club members and Octagon club members will be needed to help with Lending Legs for Learning 5K Race to be held June 5th at Bolin Creek Greenway. Watch for emails to get signed up for helping at the registration tables, the water stop, or just general assistance.



Octagon Club

Our Octagon Club is winding up their year and should be finished with their finals in time to help us with CCC collections on June 5th and 6th as well as assisting at the Lending Legs for Learning 5K Race on June 5th.

They are also doing breakfast for the Ronald McDonald House this coming Sunday, June 9th, for Mothers' Day.

We certainly appreciate all they have done this year in giving back to our community!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 7-9 | Mile of Hope |
| May 12 | David Harris, People's Alliance |
| May 19 | Board Meeting |
| May 21-22 | District 3rd Quarter Meeting - RTP Sheraton |
| May 26 | John Cauthen, Home Inspections |
| June 3 | ' First Wednesday ' Optimist Meeting |
| June 5 | Lending Legs for Learning 5K Race—Bolin Creek |
| June 5-6 | CCC Harris Teeter, Chapel Hill North |
| June 9 | Program to be determined |
| June 10 | Fresh Market Wine Gala—if approved |
| June 16 | Board Meeting |
| June 23 | Program to be determined |
| June 30 | Program to be determined |

OPTIMIST CLUB OF CHAPEL HILL

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CCC Collections

Contact Jim or Beth

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to volunteer for:

June 5th & 6th

Harris Teeter

Chapel Hill North

Already collected:

\$1000 DONATION

March 6th & 7th

\$555.18 raised!

March 27th & 28th

\$554.44 raised!

\$1500 DONATION

April 10th & 11th

\$608.53 raised!

April 24th & 25th

\$457.21 raised!

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 ★ **REGISTER** ★
 ★ **NOW** ★
 ★ **FOR** ★
 ★ **3rd QUARTER** ★
 ★ **DISTRICT** ★
 ★ **MEETING** ★
 ★ **May 21-22** ★
 ★ **at** ★
 ★ **RTP Sheraton** ★
 ★ **(Page Rd Exit)** ★
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



- We have thus far received 14 survey responses. Jennifer and Beth will be telephoning those members from whom we have not yet heard. You can also email your survey responses: adultcaresolutions@mailhaven.com
- **Rainbow Soccer** invites us to attend their games - see schedule in our March 14th bulletin.
- Register NOW for District meeting. Get form at: <http://nceast-optimist.org/meetings.html>
- Mile of Hope is scheduled for May 7-9 and members from our club are encouraged to participate.
- If you want to help with web re-design, contact Henry Jefferson.

FRESH MARKET WINE GALA

At tonight's meeting, we convened a brief board meeting. Phyllis made the motion and Jerry seconded, that we grant Board approval and support for the Wine Gala. It passed unanimously.

We are proceeding with planning for the Fresh Market Wine Gala fundraiser on June 10th 7:30-9:30 pm. Thanks to Jim for working with the Chamber to coordinate potential publicity. Thanks to Henry, Madeline, Jerry, Phyllis, Bob, & Trish for planning. This will be a significant fundraiser for our club. We need to focus on how to sell tickets and get people to attend.

Sell 10 tickets !

May 6 update—approvals granted *** We have the 'go ahead' from everyone!





Wine Gala

Sponsored by

The Optimist Club of Chapel Hill

and **The Fresh Market**



Join us for a wonderful evening

Thursday, June 10, 2010

7:30 - 9:30 pm \$25 per ticket

At **The Fresh Market**

1200-A Raleigh Road, Chapel Hill

Enjoy prime rib, shrimp cocktail, sushi, cheeses and other delightful hors d'oeuvres at this exclusive wine tasting event!

PLUS discounts on all wine and food purchases!

Tickets available from any member of The Optimist Club of Chapel Hill or at the checkout cashiers at The Fresh Market

Call for further information or to order tickets

919-929-9024



ALL proceeds from tickets will support the work of The Optimist Club of Chapel Hill in their mission, "bringing out the best in kids".