



CHAPEL HILL NEWS

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**Members Present**

- Jennifer Albright
- Beth Anderson
- Jim Casey
- Marge Clemons
- Curtis Pearson
- Phyllis Stout
- Bob Verne
- Trish Verne

**Program**

M-POWERHOUSE  
Dr. Harry Marshall

**Thanks**

To members who shared humor and insights this evening:  
Trish and Bob

**Life Membership Game**

No winner tonight, so the fund carries over to next time.

**M-POWERHOUSE**

Tonight we welcomed Dr. Harry Marshall, trauma surgeon at UNC Hospital and co-founder of M-Powerhouse, an effort to stop youth violence. M-POWERHOUSE was first organized in 1995 in Pittsburgh, PA, by Dr. Marshall and Mr. Terry Smith to develop economic, education, and health strategies that address the root cause factors for youth violence.

Its mission is to create an environment that fosters wellness, life long learning, and socio-economic literacy as a means of preventing youth violence. It partners with a variety of educational institutions and public health organizations to leverage their efforts.

The approach used by this organization is to infuse human and social capital into at-risk communities. It currently is seeking funding to create a facility to support a base of operations in Durham .



**Dr. Harry Marshall**

Dr. Marshall indicated that many community facilities are only available in daytime hours, but M-POWERHOUSE provides a 24 hour presence in disenfranchised areas through mentors, services, resources and programs. The organization utilizes grad students and undergraduates from local colleges trained to help the young people in the community. These young leaders are frequently from the communities they serve and want to give back.

The programs help educate young people, thwart the causes of violence, intervene in difficult situations, and reinforce and reward positive results.



For additional information on M-POWERHOUSE, check their web site:

[www.m-powerhouse.org](http://www.m-powerhouse.org)

## Survey Results

Hats off to Jennifer for all her efforts in composing, distributing, collecting and compiling the survey and its results. The response rate was high with 21 out of 25 members filling out the questionnaire. Her final report is being distributed by email. A few highlights are that we are pleased to learn that everyone appreciates the Club's focus on youth! We learned that a couple people prefer telephone communication and we found that one member isn't familiar with the bulletin. Armed with new information and some good suggestions, there are a few things we can do differently. Thanks to All for your candid feedback!



Attend the board meeting on THURSDAY, August 5th at 7:00 pm at Jim's Famous BBQ to stay on top of latest issues and have your voice heard.

The primary agenda is reviewing funding requests that have not yet been fulfilled.

## Camp Kaleidoscope ... our annual 'watermelon' event!

On July 13th, Bob, Trish, Melissa and Phyllis, joined the Duke Hospital staff and patients at Camp Kaleidoscope for a cook out dinner and our annual 'watermelon seed spitting contest'. These children (and the Duke staff) are truly amazing and great fun! In spite of all their medical challenges, this camping experience seems to be enjoyed by all. Trish and Bob did the bulk of the work. They brought watermelons, the spitting target sheets and enough prizes so that each child got at least one 'surprise'. The 'glow in the dark' bracelets and pick up sticks were the favorite coveted prize of the night. Thanks to Melissa and Phyllis also for helping out.



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

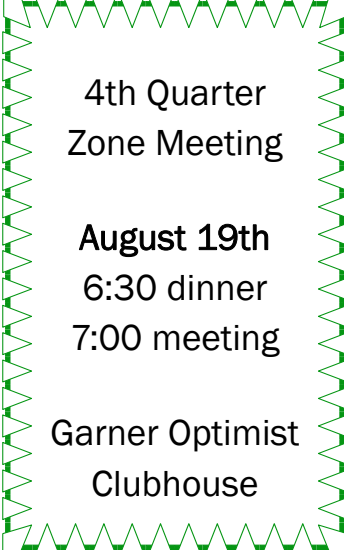


- OCCH Web Site: Bob, Beth and Phyllis have met several times for web redesign. This work is progressing and we hope to have information to present to the club in August.
- Trish reported on some ideas for Childhood Cancer - drawing on some things other clubs are doing. We will consider these options as we make funding decisions for our childhood cancer giving

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 4 ' First Wednesday ' Optimist Meeting
- August 5 Board Meeting at Jim's Famous BBQ 7 pm
- August 11 Program: Keith Chadwell, Deputy City Manager of Durham
- August 18 Board Meeting
- August 25 Program: Earl Phillips, Community Engagement
- September 1 ' First Wednesday ' Optimist Meeting
- September 8 Program: Nicholas Wheeler Vivian Foundation
- September 15 Board Meeting
- September 22 Program: tbd
- September 29 Program: tbd

  
**NC East District  
Convention**  
**September 9-12**  
 Bay Watch Hotel  
 North Myrtle Beach, SC

  
**4th Quarter  
Zone Meeting**  
**August 19th**  
 6:30 dinner  
 7:00 meeting  
 Garner Optimist  
 Clubhouse

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# CAMP KALEIDOSCOPE SNAPSHOTS

