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Members Present

- Beth Anderson
- Jim Casey
- Marge Clemons
- Spence Cohen
- Curtis Pearson
- Phyllis Stout
- Bob Verne
- Trish Verne

Program

Durham Evolving

Visitor

Harry Marshall

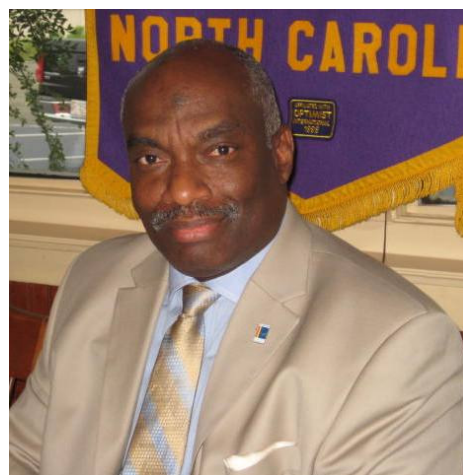
Thanks

To members who shared humor and insights this evening:
Marge and Phyllis

Life Membership Game

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

Durham, An Evolving City



Keith Chadwell

Deputy City Manager of Durham, Keith Chadwell, shared with us this evening a bit of history as well as the vision for Durham's future. City government has been segmented into three areas: administration, operations, and the segment he leads, community building. Community Building includes the following:

- City/County Inspections
- City/County Planning
- Community Development
- Economic and Workforce Development
- Human Relations
- Neighborhood Improvement Services

He emphasized how the various areas of city/county government continually look for ways to build public/private partnerships and leverage collaborative efforts. One example is a former school near Angier and Driver that has been converted for a medical center (Duke) and technical training facility.

Even in a time of economic challenges, in 2009, Durham had \$1.3 Billion of capital investment and created over 2400 jobs. Duke is also planning expansion of their cancer center and hospital. He noted that a critical factor in attracting new business investment is a well trained work force. We are fortunate to be in an area with numerous educational institutions providing opportunities for training for skills that are in demand. In addition to attracting new business, significant effort goes toward retention of the businesses that already are Durham based. We all need to let them know that we appreciate them. He encouraged us to try the hot dogs at Joe's Diner on Angier Avenue, a great example of community improvement!

While government cannot fund all new development, it makes an effort to 'knit neighborhoods together' and provide funds and services that serve as catalysts for improvements. City and County departments frequently coordinate their efforts with those of Durham Public Schools and the Chamber of Commerce.



For additional information about what is going on in Durham, check their web site.

<http://www.ci.durham.nc.us/>

Ronald McDonald House

Thanks to **Jerry** for confirming arrangements for our two events to support the children and families at Ronald McDonald House later this year.

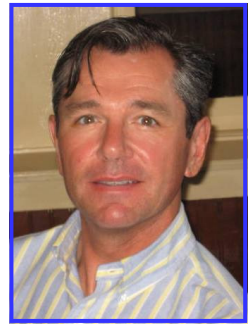
Sunday, **August 29th** Brunch Arrive: 9 am Serve: 10:15 am

Members should do as much preparation as possible at home in advance, so that our work in their kitchen is minimal. **Trish** has volunteered to coordinate this event. Please let Trish know what you will bring.

Sunday, **November 28th** Dinner Arrive: 5 pm Serve: 6 pm

Menu: Crock Pot soups, salads, bread/rolls, dessert

Jerry will check to see if we can arrive earlier (perhaps 4 or 4:30 pm) to read books with the children in the relaxation living room area prior to dinner.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



- OCCH Web Site: We have gotten estimates for web re-design and will be preparing information to present to the club.
- Jerry continues research on golf shirts for our club. The vendor is bringing samples for Jerry to share with the club. We will be ordering 20 shirts and member cost is estimated to be \$20, so be thinking about your order.
- Congratulations and thanks to Bob Verne and Melissa Stout, our new board members, who will be serving for the final 2 months of this year.
- Beth has gotten initial information and will be researching further with UNC Children’s Hospital to identify opportunities for OCCH to help in more visible ways.



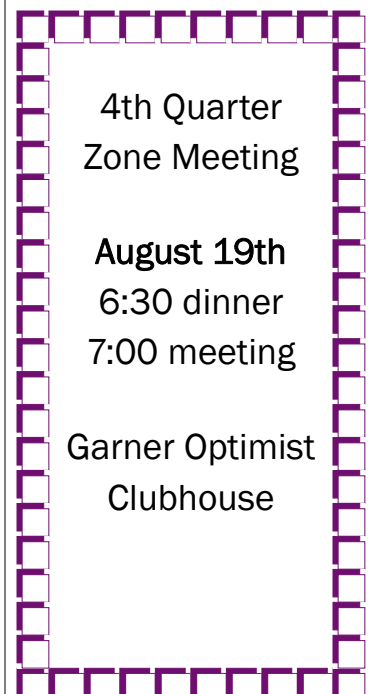
NC East District Convention

September 9-12

Bay Watch Hotel
North Myrtle Beach, SC

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 18	no meeting—board meeting date moved
August 19	Zone Meeting—Garner Optimist Club House
August 25	Program: Earl Phillips, Community Engagement
August 27	August Board Meeting
August 29	Ronald McDonald House Brunch
September 1	‘ First Wednesday ‘ Optimist Meeting
September 8	Program: Nicholas Wheeler Vivian Foundation
September 9-12	NC East District Convention—North Myrtle Beach
September 15	Board Meeting (may be re-scheduled)
September 22	Program: tbd (possible banquet date)
September 29	Program: Susan Worley, Volunteers for Youth
October 2	Cardinal Track Club Race, McDougal School



4th Quarter
Zone Meeting

August 19th
6:30 dinner
7:00 meeting

Garner Optimist
Clubhouse

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