



CHAPEL HILL NEWS

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Members Present

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

Program

Earl Phillips

Thanks

To our member who shared humor and insights this evening:
Phyllis

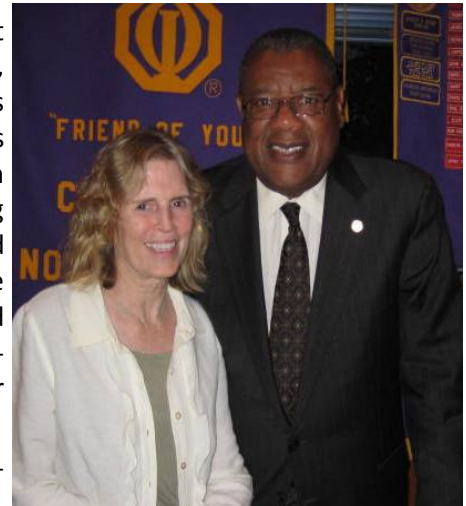
Life Membership Game

Jim Casey won the game this evening and chose to donate his winnings to the Childhood Cancer Campaign. THANKS, Jim.

Community Engagement

Assistant Director for Community Engagement Neighborhood Improvement Services in Durham, Earl Phillips, shared his amazing story with us this evening. Mr. Phillips began as a teacher, but has a career that has spanned numerous locations in the US and overseas. His work in public housing includes New Jersey, Delaware, Texas, Florida and Washington. With the Peace Corp and US AID, he worked in Ghana, West Africa, and St. Lucia and the surrounding Caribbean area. He was selected to help plan, build, and deliver housing for the US Olympic games in Atlanta.

His current work in Durham Neighborhood Improvement continues to facilitate government, corporate and corporate alliances to create positive change in NE Central Durham.



President, Beth Anderson with Earl Phillips

Earl Phillips



With a focus on reducing crime, improving housing, economic development and education, the changes in NE Central Durham in the 4 years he has been here are truly amazing. The area comprises 96 blocks NE of downtown that is being considered for grants from the US departments of Transportation, HUD, EPA, and Commerce for further improvements.

Involvement from private entities such as Duke, Glaxo Smith-Kline, RBC and Kerr Drug has helped fund and encourage positive changes. In some of what were previously the worst areas, he has engaged private corporations, law enforcement, mental health agencies, and the court system to work together.

Mrs. Phillips is originally from Durham and their move here was somewhat influenced by family connections, but he emphasized that he firmly believes that he feels that he is here because this is the right place for him to be now. Based on this philosophy, we are each challenged to rethink how we contribute to our community.

For more information about the NE Central Durham Initiative, check this link.
www.durhamnc.gov/departments/nis/pdf/feasibility_report_0510.pdf

Zone Meeting in Garner

Bob and Trish provided an update for the club on the zone meeting in Garner. Gene Dodd, from the North Raleigh Optimist Club was elected Lt. Governor for Zone 6, starting October 1st. Lou Anna Hardee, NC East District Governor for the 2010-2011 year, attended the meeting and spoke about her plans for the District for next year.

Along with the distribution of this news bulletin, we are sending along the plans that have been made for other district and regional meetings. Please check your calendars and plan to attend whenever you are able.



Member of the Month for July 2010

Jerry Phelps

Beth presented the 'Member of the Month' award for July 2010 to **Jerry Phelps** for his work in renewing our engagement with the Cardinal Track Club. This alliance provides us with a major fund-raising opportunity, publicity in the community, and the potential for meeting new people whom we can invite to join us and may become members. **THANKS, Jerry!**



ANNOUNCEMENTS



- OCCH Web Site: Beth will be sending out a draft of our web re-design.
- Jerry brought samples of shirts this evening and we selected a soft cotton golf shirt that will be embroidered with our logo in purple at a cost to members of \$20 each.
- Beth shared discount coupons for Dick's Sporting Goods that were provided through the Lending Legs for Learning event.



NC East District Convention

September 9-12

Bay Watch Hotel
North Myrtle Beach, SC

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 27	August Board Meeting at Jim's BBQ
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 17	2010 Banquet at Chapel Hill Country Club
September 22	Program: Jennifer Albright, Five Wishes
September 29	Program: Susan Worley, Volunteers for Youth
October 2	Cardinal Track Club Race, McDougal School

OUR 2010 BANQUET

Watch for email to select your dinner choice, then send your reservation, meal choice and payment of \$35 per person to Phyllis in advance.

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