OPTIMIST CLUB OF CHAPEL HILL

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Members Present

Jennifer Albright
Beth Anderson
Max Drake
Carolyn Mason
Curtis Pearson
Phyllis Stout
Bob Verne
Trish Verne

Program

Nicholas Wheeler Vivian Foundation

Thanks

To our members who shared humor and insights this evening:
Beth and Phyllis

Life Membership Game

No one won the game this evening. The balance carries forward to our next game.

Nicholas Wheeler Vivian

Our guest speaker, Wheeler Vivian, shared with us the story behind the Nicholas Wheeler Vivian Foundation which provides funding to families in need for medical services for their children. On April 16, 2005, Katherine and Wheeler Vivian's lives changed forever. Their triplet babies Noah, 1 lb. 8 oz, Nicholas 1 lb. 14 oz, and Savannah 1 lb. 10 oz, arrived four months premature. They felt helpless watching the babies struggling for each breath, fighting to stay alive. Tragically, Nicholas passed away after several months. In his memory, they started the foundation to raise funds to assist families in need.

Wheeler shared photos of all the children at birth and the marvelous photos of Noah and Savannah today. While Noah will continue to need medications for at least several more years, Savannah is medicine free at this point. Both of the surviving triplets are wonderful active children today.

Elena & Evan—helped in 2009

Christian—helped in 2009

At fundraiser events, they offer face painting and entertainment for both children and their families.

The foundation holds one fundraiser in June of each year and is adding more events as their organization grows. They get donations from a massive list of local businesses and hold a silent auction at a local restaurant. In the first year, they raised about $3,000. In its 4th year, they raised about $29,000.

We commend the Vivian family for all they are doing to help families in need in honor of Nicholas' amazing spirit in his short life.

For more information & upcoming events (next one on Sept 24th), check the foundation web site:

www.nwvf.org

Best wishes to **Jim Casey** for a rapid recovery. We miss you!

Dolls and MORE!

Tonight we took a look at 20 finished surgery dolls, each with a gown, ready for the children at Duke and UNC hospitals. Thanks to Melissa & Phyllis for finishing these dolls; to Melissa for finding craft items, crayons, markers, and colored pencils to help keep the children occupied; and to Phyllis for getting Doctor Kits from K-Mart and Toys R Us. Trish and Beth will make arrangements for delivering all these items to the hospitals.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We sent a gift certificate for Tar Heel Take Out to Jim Casey and hope he enjoys a meal on us!
- Watch for email from Jerry on golf shirts.
- We received a thank you note from Ronald McDonald House for the brunch we provided.
- Email Jerry or Beth ir you can help with Cardinal Track 10K race on October 2nd as we need to staff 2 water stops.
- Bob has contacted McDougal Elementary about potential programs.
- Carolyn is exploring options for other programs.

Congratulations to

Jennifer Albright,

our Member of the Month for August , for her extensive work on our club survey.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

2010 BANQUET

September 17th
6:30 pm
Chapel Hill Country Club

Get meal choice and payment to Phyllis asap

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