



CHAPEL HILL NEWS

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**Meeting Notes**

**Program**

Susan Worley  
Volunteers for Youth

**Thanks**

To **Max** who shared humor and insights this evening:

**Life Membership Game**

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

**Volunteers for Youth**



Susan Worley  
and incoming President, Bob Verne

In the past, we have hosted events in conjunction with Volunteers for Youth, but many of us had not yet met the Executive Director, Susan Worley. It was wonderful to hear this evening about the great work they are doing for and with the youth of Orange County. Volunteers for Youth has a simple mission - to positively integrate young people into the community and help them recognize that they are valuable and important.

Their primary programs are:

- **Mentoring**
- **Community Service & Restitution**
- **Teen Court**

The mentoring program trains and matches volunteers with a youth in need of attention. These young people and their mentors are the ones with whom we have gone bowling and to Durham Bulls games in the past. Susan suggested future shared opportunities with similar outings and Carolyn suggested that we consider the State Fair next year.

The Community Service program oversees young people who have been court ordered to complete an assigned number of volunteer hours. The main goals are to teach children to be responsible for their behavior and provide a learning environment that helps them prepare for future jobs.

In Teen Court, aligned with the Department of Juvenile Justice, young people who have minor violations are brought before a jury of their peers with a real judge presiding. Other young people serve as the lawyers and jurors. This is cost efficient for the justice system since it relies on volunteers. By emphasizing community responsibility and by using creative sentencing strategies, the program focuses on more positive aspects of the process. Teen Court sessions are held in an actual courtroom in the Hillsborough court house.

Their funding comes from multiple sources, including the United Way, towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, grants, gifts, and fund raiser events such as their golf outing and 'Scoop Off' ice cream event. We discussed the possibility of actively participating in the 'Scoop Off' this coming year.

Through Volunteers for Youth, caring adults are **making a difference for Orange County children.**



For more information check the web site:

[www.volunteersforyouth.org](http://www.volunteersforyouth.org)

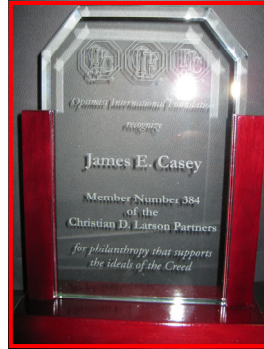
# Jim Casey Our 'Man of the Year'

This evening, we were delighted to present numerous awards to Jim Casey for so much wonderful work for our club .

- Attendance Award (for the 8th year)
- Sponsoring new member, Jon Hart
- Member of the Month for May
- A HUGE Hershey Kiss for Childhood Cancer leadership
- The **Christian D. Larson Partner Award** for philanthropy that supports the ideals of the Creed.

It would be nearly impossible to list all of Jim's contributions. He is just always **THERE** for us in almost every project that we undertake. Sometimes he is leading and sometimes he is a dedicated 'worker bee'. He is frequently the first to volunteer when help is needed and is someone we know we can count on.

**Thanks, Jim,**  
for ALL the fine work that you do for  
our club,  
the kids,  
and our community



**Christian D. Larson Award**

In 1922, the **Optimist Creed** was adopted as the official creed of the organization. Written by Christian Larson, the creed was originally published under the title "Promise Yourself" in 1912. The Christian Larson Partner designation honors an individual who has demonstrated the values on which our Optimist organization has been built.

[www.optimist.org/e/visitor/creed.cfm](http://www.optimist.org/e/visitor/creed.cfm)

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- Jerry has ordered our golf shirts and expects them in time to wear for the race this coming Saturday.
- Trish participated in the ConKerr Cancer Pillowcase Project making pillowcases for the children at UNC Hospital. This is named for Ryan Kerr, a pediatric cancer patient, whose mother began this effort in California with Optimists there.
- Fuquay-Varina is planning to launch a new Optimist Club Sept 30th. Bob will be there with them helping them get started.

- Beth is making arrangements with UNC Children's Hospital to deliver our contributions: \$\$\$, dolls, crafts, books, and DVDs.
- Trish is making similar arrangements with Duke Medical Center.
- Lucy Murdock, who initiated the Lending Legs for Learning event with us this year is moving to Alaska. Best wishes, Lucy!
- Jim brought the request for our help with the Carrboro Halloween event, October 29th at the town square. Contact Jim or Phyllis if you can volunteer to help.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

|             |                                                        |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| October 2   | Cardinal Track Club Race, McDougal School 7 am         |
| October 6   | 1st Wednesday                                          |
| October 13  | Program: Karen Carr, Parent Liaison for Durham Schools |
| October 20  | Board meeting                                          |
| October 27  | Program: need speaker—contact Marge                    |
| November 3  | 1st Wednesday                                          |
| November 10 | Program: Gene Dodd, North Raleigh Optimist Club        |

**1st Quarter District Meeting:  
October 29-30, 2010**

Meeting Location:  
Atlantic Beach, NC

**Sheraton  
Atlantic Beach  
Oceanfront Hotel  
2717 Fort Macon Road  
Atlantic Beach,  
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