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Meeting Notes

Program

Arc of Orange County

Thanks

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

Life Membership Game

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

Guests

Alice Terry
Rita Berman

Arc of Orange County



**President, Bob Verne,
and Susan Chandler**

We were pleased this evening to welcome our speaker, **Susan Chandler**, Director of Social and Volunteer Opportunities for The Arc of Orange County. Arc was started over 60 years ago by about a half dozen parents of children with disabilities. It was originally called the Association for Retarded Children then changed to the Association for Retarded Citizens and now is simply called Arc. There are now Arc organizations in almost all US cities. The organization serves as an advocate for all persons with disabilities, not with legal or medical services, but with support and social services.

Arc receives approximately 60% of its funding from the state. We know all state budgets are being cut back. The remainder comes from Triangle United Way and private donations. They support approximately 250 people with their staff of about 90 and approximately 60 volunteers whom they have trained. Arc is a non-profit organization which initiates and leads numerous programs to provide social and support services. There are a multitude of opportunities to volunteer and help with donations of time and money.

Susan gave us all a copy of recipes from the **cooking classes** they sponsor. They have programs for both children and adults including: **Kid Saturday** twice a month to provide a break for parents, **Respite** program to provide relief for caregivers, **Teen Nights** such as bowling or pizza outings, and numerous other events.



**Arc sponsors outings for the kids
of Orange County**

For more information, check the web site:

<http://arcoforange.org/index.shtml>

Marge Clemons Awesome Achiever



Bob presented Marge with her award for ‘awesome achiever’ from the District meeting. This award is based on her efforts last year. Marge continues to bring new members, arrange numerous programs for us, and devote her time and energy to club activities.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Bob and Trish attended the **District meeting** in Greenville last weekend. The auction was a tremendous success, raising over \$1500 for the OI Foundation.
- Max reported that Chatham County Together is meeting to determine several possible dates for our **Bowling Outing** with their children.
- Harry reported that we have 5 submissions for the **Essay Contest**. Three judges are lined up to determine our club winner who will receive a medallion and \$100. Our winner will go on to the District contest, where the winner receives a \$2500 scholarship.
- Trish, Phyllis, and Melissa have made 50 **surgery dolls** and 38 gowns (more coming soon) for the children at UNC and Duke hospitals. Several hundred pillowcases and numerous doctors kits are also being provided through our Childhood Cancer efforts.
- Beth is getting **publicity** initiatives underway with assistance from Melissa. Information on the surgery dolls made by our JOOI club has been provided to the News and Observer.
- Jerry has submitted our application to the **Cardinal Track Club** to continue our work with them in the coming year. Our work with Cardinal Track is a major funding opportunity for our programs in the community.
- Carolyn is continuing her efforts to initiate **Teachers’ Closet** with McDougal Middle School.

UPCOMING EVENTS	March 2	First Wednesday
	March 9	Program: Gayle Harris, Durham Health Department
	March 16	Board Meeting
	March 23	Program: Paul Martin, Durham Sherriff’s Department
	March 26	Optimist Day at Boys & Girls Homes, Lake Waccamaw
	March 30	Program: Michael Slusher, Branch Manager, BB&T
	April 6	First Wednesday
	April 13	Program: to be determined
	April 16	Orange County Youth Egg Hunt, Homestead Park 9:30 am
	April 17	CCC Kisses at Harris Teeter, Chapel Hill North
	April 20	Board Meeting
	April 23	CCC Kisses at Harris Teeter, Chatham Downs
	April 27	Program: to be determined
	April 30	CCC Kisses at Harris Teeter, MLK Parkway, Durham

March 6th

UNC-TV Telethon

6 pm

March 26th

Optimist Work

Day at

Boys & Girls

Homes

Lake Waccamaw

9 am—noon

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