



CHAPEL HILL NEWS

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Meeting Notes

Program

Children in Haiti

Humor and Insights

Phyllis shared humor this evening.

Life Membership Game

The life membership game was not played this evening.

Yellow Optimist Shirts

Let Phyllis know if you want a yellow shirt with the Optimist logo at our cost, only \$20. Get your shirt for the race!

Children in Haiti

Molly McDonough * KIN (Kids in Need)

Molly with Macatour, their guide and bodyguard



Thanks to Phyllis for bringing Molly McDonough, to talk with us tonight. Molly recently visited Haiti with a group from Church of the Holy Family, Chapel Hill. Holy Family helps to support the schools in Haiti operated by Pere (father) Noe. Molly is the daughter of Linda McDonough who recently spoke with us about her school in Durham, Just Right Academy.

When the group arrived, they spent a short time in Cap Haitian, then began the 6+ hour drive into the mountains over a very rough road. Molly became

ill on this portion of the trip and had to wait at the bottom of the mountain while the others hiked 5 miles up the steep slope. Pere Noe's school and church are near the mountain top. Some of the students came down to help Molly to the top.

Some of the children walk for several hours each day to come to school. They even carried some beds from their homes, so that their guests would not have sleep on the ground.

All of the group's luggage and the school supplies being donated were carried up the mountain by the students and school staff. The children have lunch at this school as a result of profits from the sale of soup mix from a project Molly started in Chapel Hill. The soup mix sells for \$5 per bag. One dollar goes toward buying ingredients for the next batch and \$4 is donated to the school lunch program.

For more information or to buy soup mix, contact Molly via email:

[Molly McDonough <asilverspoon.molly@gmail.com>](mailto:asilverspoon.molly@gmail.com);

THANKS

We shared the thank you notes that we had received for our holiday donations to help the children of Chatham County through **Chatham County Social Services** and our donation to the **Chatham County Together** mentoring group.

Plan Ahead for 2012

NC East District Convention
Myrtle Beach
August 23-26, 2012

Optimist International Convention
Milwaukee
July 12-14, 2012

Check our web site for links to further details.

www.ch-optimists.org



ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Carolyn will be sending email to ask if the group wants to continue our social **fellowship at Bailey's** the 5th Wednesday in February. Please respond to her email to let her know your thoughts.
- Be sure to attend our next meeting to discuss the **budget**. All members are encouraged to attend.
- We need speakers for **programs** upcoming meetings. Please contact Marge if you have an idea for a topic or know of someone who may be willing to visit us.
- Thanks to Phyllis for collecting and delivering our December donations of food for **TABLE**.
- Thanks for Ann and Max for hosting our **holiday social gathering**. Melissa made wonderful pork loin roast. The shrimp etouffee that Carolyn brought was a big hit as was Trish's chicken entre. Salads from Trish and Phyllis were delicious. Sweet potato pie and pumpkin pie from Marge were devoured. Shelia's rolls went well with everything. Wine contributions and appetizers from Max, Ann and Phyllis were great additions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 11	Board Meeting and budget review/approval
Jan 18	Program: tbd
Jan 25	Working meeting (only if needed)
Feb 1	Program: tbd
Feb 2	Zone 6 Meeting hosted by Raleigh Dinner Club
Feb 8	Board Meeting
Feb 1-011	2nd Qtr District Meeting Holiday Inn Express, Goldsboro
Feb 15	Program: tbd
Feb 22	Working meeting (only if needed)
Feb 29	Social at Bailey's—tbd—send Carolyn your thoughts

ZONE 6 MEETING
Raleigh Dinner Club
Barbeque Lodge
4600 Capitol Blvd/
FEB 2 6:30 pm

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