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# CHAPEL HILL NEWS

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## **Meeting Notes**

#### **Program**

Philip Woodward

#### **Humor and Insights**

Phyllis shared humor this evening. Thanks for making us smile.

#### Life Membership Game

The life membership game was not played this evening.

# Philip Woodward, Access Specialist

**NC Vocational Rehabilitation Services** 



Philip Woodward

with

Marge Clemons and Carolyn Mason

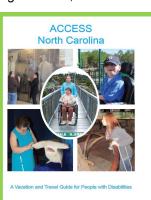
Thanks to Marge for arranging for Philip Woodward from the North Carolina Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, to talk with us this evening about the many ways they serve both youth and families. Philip was born and raised in Virginia, getting his law degree at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg. As a toddler, he taught himself sign language, and thus has dealt with his own hearing limitations almost all his life.

Philip has been in North Carolina for many years and has travelled throughout the state to prepare information for the amazing book he has prepared to identify and rate various facilities in their capability to address the needs of people with hearing, sight, physical, and mental disabilities.

This book is a tremendous resource for families with special needs and is organized by areas of the state for use in planning travel to attractions in the Mountains, Foothills, Piedmont., Coastal Plain, and the Coast.

In addition to numerous statewide offices for Vocational Rehabilitation and Independent Living Services, this NC Divi-

sion provides brochures and Philip's book to schools, hospitals, and other public locations to make the information readily available.



For more information see the web site:

http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dvrs/

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## **Childhood Cancer**

**Trish** will soon be selling 'ducks' for the duck races at the NC East Convention. This is a fundraising effort for Childhood Cancer and great fun. Get your \$\$ ready!



# Oct 6th

The next race is Carrboro 10K October 6th at McDougle Middle School. Watch for email from Jerry with more details.

# **Meeting Site Search**

We continue exploring various alternative meeting sites. Unless we find a better venue, we will continue meeting at Red Bowl at University Mall.

We have checked with numerous other locations and have encountered obstacles that would cause those venues to be unworkable for our meetings.

Let **Carolyn** know if you have other suggestions.



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



- Max is checking with Chatham County Together to see if they would like to do another pizza and bowling outing with us. We enjoyed the Siler City outing last year, and are still trying to find a time to schedule this event..
- **Trish** has mentioned incentives for bringing in new members, one of which is a 'free' duck for the races in August.
- Phyllis will coordinate menus and donations for the Ronald McDonald house breakfasts in advance of dates.
- **Jerry** is busy with his own bike riding adventures right now, but will soon be updating us on plans for the next Cardinal Track Race where we will assist with water stops and directions.
- Carolyn, Melissa C., and Phyllis are exploring options for our annual banquet for a Friday or Saturday evening in September. Let Carolyn know if there are dates you are NOT available.

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Sept 26

August 8 Board Meeting - Red Bowl 6:30 pm

August 15 Program: Jamie McGee, UNC Wellness Meadowmont 6:30 pm

August 22 Tentative—Storytelling

August 23-26 NC East Convention—Myrtle Beach

August 29 Previously planned social at Bailey's is CANCELLED

Sept 5 Program: open 6:30 pm Sept 12 Board Meeting - 6:30 pm Sept 19 Program: open 6:30 pm

no meeting

Sep 8 & Nov 24 CONFIRMED dates for Ronald McDonald breakfasts 9 am

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NC East Convention

Myrtle Beach August 23-26