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### Meeting Notes

#### Program

Evelyn Scott

#### Humor and Insights

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

#### Life Membership Game

The life membership game was played this evening with no winner.

## Evelyn Scott, Director

### Durham Office on Youth



Evelyn  
with  
Marge, Will, Justin,  
and Trish

Thanks to Marge for arranging for Evelyn Scott from the City of Durham Office on Youth, to talk with us this evening about the many ways they serve the youth of Durham. Through three sectors of the youth program, Durham Youth Commission, Durham Teen Center, and Mayor's Summer Youth Work Program. They provide opportunities for developing life skills, service learning and community engagement, tutoring, leadership training, computer access, character building, health education, and job readiness.

The Youth Commission is currently comprised of 30 young people from Durham schools. These individuals attend seminars and learn cooperative decision making skills.

Evelyn brought Will, the President of the Youth Commission this year and student at Durham School of the Arts, and Justin, member of the Youth Commission and a student at Jordan High School.

The summer work program helps youth find either internships or paid work with Durham government or private businesses to gain experience and skills.



For more information see the web site:

<http://durhamnc.gov/ich/cmo/Pages/Durham-Teen-Center.aspx>

## Auction

Trish reported that the auction was a big success. Thanks to those of you who contributed items to sell.



**Gallop & Gorge**  
8K

### Nov 22nd

The next race is Gallop & Gorge on Thanksgiving Day. Watch for email from with more details.

## Shop with a Cop

Trish is exploring a new program to be called Shop with a Cop which would provide an opportunity for youth to have funds to shop for Christmas gifts they may give to their family & friends. Funding will be from multiple sources: our Optimist Club/Foundation, the police department, and potentially other sources as well.

The initial event is intended to be held in December to prepare for Christmas 2012.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



- **Max** is checking with **Chatham County Together** to see if they would like to do another pizza and bowling outing with us. They have had some staff changes, so organizing an outing may take some time.
- **Trish** has made contact with police and schools to identify whether we can do 'Shop with a Cop' in December.
- **Phyllis** will coordinate menus and donations for the Ronald McDonald house breakfast the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 24th. We serve at 10 am, so need to arrive around 9:15 am.
- **Carrboro Halloween Festival** has once again requested our help in volunteering to help with games and organization. Volunteers need to come to Town Hall at 5:30 pm (in costume if you wish).
- Trish appointed **Bob Verne** to serve in the previously open Vice President position with unanimous consent of members present this evening.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 24	no meeting
Oct 31	Carrboro Halloween Festival—Town Hall
Nov 7	Program: Beth Messersmith, <a href="http://www.Momsrising.org">www.Momsrising.org</a>
Nov 14	Board Meeting - 6:30 pm
Nov 21	no meeting
Nov 22	Gallop & Gorge, Cardinal Track Club race, Carrboro
Nov 24	CONFIRMED for Ronald McDonald breakfast 9:15 am
Nov 28	Program: Ray Cockrell, Boys & Girls Homes of NC

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## Essay & Oratorical Contests

We plan to do both contests this year, so start thinking of young people to participate.

