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June Programs

JUNE 4, 2008

INTRODUCTION: Wendy Russell

SPEAKER: Terri Prots, Director, Moore County Department of Aging

TOPIC: What's happening at Your Senior Enrichment Center?

SUMMARY: Terri Prots has served as the director of the Moore county Department of Aging since 2001. The long-awaited Senior Enrichment Center opened in spring 2007 and offers everything from fitness programs to enlightening classes and workshops on the many local topics of interest. Terri will highlight the programs of the Department and focus on the many offerings of the center which has quickly become one of the most valuable county resources.

JUNE 11, 2008

INTRODUCTION: Dr. David Bruton

SPEAKER: Molly Beacham, Director of Development, Democracy NC

TOPIC: Money and Politics

SUMMARY: Democracy North Carolina is a statewide, nonpartisan organization that uses research, grassroots organizing and coalition building to promote fair elections and a more vital democracy.

JUNE 18, 2008

INTRODUCTION: Jim Creson

SPEAKERS: John Benton Director of Social Services for Moore County

TOPIC: The rise in teen pregnancies.

SUMMARY: John will speak to us about current trends in his department as they apply to children, and give us more information on the relationship of N.C. to the overall nation as far as teen pregnancies are concerned.

JUNE 25, 2008

INTRODUCTION: Joan Nicolas, President of League of Women Voters

SPEAKER: Dr. Barbara Farr, with John Reagan, O'Linda Gillis and Carolyn Mealing, all present or past members of the board of directors of the league.

TOPIC: A Portrait of Poverty

SUMMARY: Our panel will discuss the results of 3 year study of poverty in Moore County. This study, scheduled to be released in July, gives us an advanced look at this important subject which we seldom think affects us personally or as club members.

We meet at noon on Wednesdays at the
National Golf Club, Midland Road, Pinehurst.
Prospective members will receive a free lunch!

Prez Sez....

One of the great obligations of good supervision...not just supervision, **good** supervision...is to remember to say thanks. Thanks to individuals, thanks to organizations and groups, thanks to Key Clubbers. And when you do it, the feeling is pretty special. When we were in the world of work, if we had the responsibility, promoting an employee or letting them know that they had earned a salary increase was simply great fun, and a duty I looked forward to.

In Kiwanis, we have the opportunity to say thanks as well. Here, members know they are not getting a salary increase or a promotion. In fact,

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Mike Thomas, chairman of the selection committee, said the decision was a difficult one, since all the candidates were outstanding.

these folks are just absolutely exceptional," Thomas said. "They have accomplished great things, and it gives us great confidence in the environment they're growing up in."

The award recognizes students who excel in academics, athletics, extracurricular activities and community involvement. After nomination by their high school, the candidates submit an application and are interviewed by the committee.

Smith is the daughter of Barry and Susan Smith, of Robbins, and plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the fall. She plans to major in political science and business administration, then enter law school to become an attorney specializing in business law.

She was a semi-finalist for the Morehead-Cain scholarship to UNC-CH and a finalist for the Park Scholarship to North Carolina State University.

During high school, Smith made straight A's all four years and ranked third in her class of 163 students. She was president of the National Beta Club and co-founded Teens Against Tobacco Use at North Moore High School.

She attended Governor's School East for social science in 2007 and received the Knights of Columbus Award her junior year.

In addition to her academic success, Smith played varsity volleyball and varsity soccer and was named a Wendy's High School Heisman scholar-athlete in 2008.

Smith Wins Jr. Builders Cup

By Kellen Moore: Newsroom Intern, THE PILOT

North Moore High School senior Carrie Anne Smith received the Junior Builders Cup and a \$2,500 scholarship Wednesday from the Kiwanis Club of the Sandhills.

Smith was among four students -- one from each of the county high schools -- recognized for academic excellence and community involvement.

The other students were Brett Baggett from Pinecrest High School, Ashley Thompson from Union Pines High School and Josh Wolonick from The O'Neal School. They received honorary plaques and \$1,000 scholarships.



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Smith also was active in the community, volunteering in numerous capacities and for numerous causes.

"She has the skills and talent to take her far, paired with kindness to make her life a blessing to those around her," wrote Jamie Brown, an English teacher and Beta Club sponsor, in a letter recommending Smith.

BRETT BAGGETT - The son of Craig and Joan Baggett, of Pinebluff, Baggett was ranked fifth in his class of 414 and made the Distinguished List all four years. He was named an Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction his junior year and was nominated for the Morehead-Cain scholarship to UNC-CH.

He also excelled in athletics, and was named captain of the cross-country and track and field teams. He was named Mid-Southeastern Conference Runner of the Year for cross-country his senior year.

Baggett was a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club and the Student Government Association.

He also is a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, and an active volunteer in the community.

Baggett will continue his education at UNC-CH and pursue a major in business or economics. He also plans to attend graduate school.

"He understands the importance of hard work and practice to become proficient, whether it is physical or mental," wrote Christina Walsh Doubleday, AP chemistry teacher at Pinecrest High School. "Brett is well-liked by his peers and the teachers here at Pinecrest for his humble character and good sense of humor."

ASHLEY THOMPSON - Thompson, the daughter of Jeff and Kim Thompson, of Cameron, will attend North Carolina State University as a member of the University Scholars Program. She plans to major in elementary education.

Thompson ranked fifth in her graduating class of 323 and won the Yale Book Award and the Knights of Columbus Award in 11th grade. She also won the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award in 12th grade. She was a nominee for Governor's School and the Morehead-Cain scholarship to UNC-CH.

She played junior varsity softball in ninth and 10th grades, as well as varsity softball in 11th grade.

In addition, Thompson served as president of the National Honor Society (NHS) and a senior mentor.

A member of Mount Pleasant Christian Church, Thompson participated in youth group and was a Sunday School and children's church teacher.

She also was a photography adviser for the Cameron Newshounds at Cameron Elementary School.

"She possesses a truly rare combination of intelligence, poise, integrity, compassion for others and natural leadership ability," wrote Glenn Caviness, NHS faculty adviser, in her recommendation of Thompson.

JOSH WOLONICK - Teachers also had excellent things to say about Wolonick.

"When I think of Josh, the words 'quiet determination' and 'intellectual curiosity' come to mind," wrote Cynthia Carr, chairwoman of the science department at The O'Neal School.

The son of Richard and Suzanne Wolonick, of Pinehurst, Wolonick won the prestigious Helen Pringle Holmberg Scholarship for ninth through 12th grade and made the High Honor Roll all four years.

He was a member of the National Honor Society and the Cum Laude Society and recipient of the Knights of Columbus Award. Wolonick was a semi-finalist for the Morehead-Cain Scholarship and won the Presidential Scholarship to the College of Charleston and the Chancellor's Scholarship to Appalachian State University.

At The O'Neal School, Wolonick participated in more than 20 theatrical and dance performances, and he attended Governor's School East for drama in 2007.

He also was team captain of the varsity swimming team and participated in varsity track and field.

He was involved -- and had leadership roles -- in several school clubs, including the Key Club, Model United Nations and Chess Club. He also was editor of the school newspaper during his senior year.

Wolonick also performed as the falcon mascot at The O'Neal School athletic events.

He plans to attend UNC-CH as part of the honors program and major in English and dramatic art.

Thomas said the selection committee considered each nominee extremely well-rounded, and all deserved respect.

"Every time I look at it, I think, 'How does a person get those grades and still do all they do?'" Thomas said.

those who do really well know that they will probably be asked to do something else! Our "workers" do their jobs because they want to, and they frequently do more than is expected.

Part of my job is to notice those efforts and find an appropriate way to say thanks. Those of us with a military background probably collected a few plaques over the years. They usually say...."with appreciation for..." or something like that. When I look at those plaques, I also remember people I served with, and units, organizations, commanders I worked for. They are, almost without exception, good memories. Thus...I once gave a speech on **plaques**. Plaques and certificates. Something that says it in writing. With the organization's logo in the center.

For me, it is a great part of this job to say thanks to Ed Hitchings, who does more than the minimum, and the Monroes, and Leigh Baggs, and the Carltons, and Jay Pittard, and well, the list goes on. I find this job—only a year—great fun, but this is one of the best parts.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

As reported at a recent meeting, our financial year is going well. The Club's "income" comes from fund raisers and from interest earned by the Foundation. This total in dollars goes out to support charities, and any left over at the end of the year goes into the Foundation, which must, according to our By-Laws, fund scholarships we award to deserving students, who are in some cases, the successful competitors.

A summary of this year's fund raising and charitable donations is just below:

<u>Fund Raising Income</u>	\$26,397
<u>One Time Gifts</u>	\$4900
<u>Club Donations</u>	\$6707
<u>Foundation Donations</u>	\$13,165

A detailed copy of the specific events and projects we have supported is available. Club Treasurer Wayne Jordan will give us a more detailed financial report in the very near future.

Reflections . . .

- History is little more than the register of the crimes, follies, and misfortune of mankind. (Edward Gibbon)
- All history, so far as it is not supported by contemporary evidence, is romance. (Samuel Johnson)
- History is clarified experience. (James Russell Lowell)



This photo shows Charlie Carlton and George Hillard visiting the Robbins Elementary School, with a PTA member accepting the Club's donation for rehabilitation of the playground. This 530-pupil school has playground equipment but does not meet state safety standards for padded areas underneath pieces of equipment. The PTA has raised funds along with our donation which will enable them to have the playground meet standards.

June Birthdays

- 6/1 Jim McNiff
- 6/10 Kay Beran
- 6/14 David Klumpar
- 6/17 William C. Smith Jr.
- 6/18 Rance Strokes
- 6/26 Wayne T. Adams Jr.
- 6/28 Durward Grady
- 6/28 Michael M. Thomas
- 6/30 Phoebe W. Robertson

Charlie Carlton is briefed by faculty and PTA members on requirements for the playground.

