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Noah Simon



Jonah Simon

Gary, Sherri, and Noah Simon joyfully announce that
Jonah Artiom Simon
(born 12-11-07 in Yerevan, Armenia)
joined our family on 1-23-09.

Although Jonah was born with a cleft lip and palate, his appetite is amazing and his zest for life is inspiring. His first surgery will be April 29 at the Craniofacial Center, UNC-CH. We will keep you all posted on his progress! [It seems like just a couple weeks ago we were having a program on *Operation Smile!* - phil]

Noah is now 6 years old and enjoys Kindergarten, Legos, and perfecting his rock wall climbing technique. Until a few months ago, I was a full-time volunteer and proud mother; now, I am a "new" mommy, again! (Sherri Simon)



Leah Marie Stewart

If Carl Stewart appears preoccupied he probably is . . . he has a daughter - **Leah Marie**. Wife Stacey helped with the delivery. To quote dad:

March 5th
6lbs 1oz
18 3/4"

Supermodel

(and I thought I wouldn't have anything to put in the bulletin after the auction! philmorris)

- Mar 16 - Farr Associates - Leadership Development
- Mar 19 (Thurs - Sat) - 21 - Carolina PETS
- Mar 22 - Multi District Rotary Against Drugs Speech Contest in Chapel Hill
- Mar 23 - Dennis Franklin WFDD
- Mar 30 - Dick Thomas
- Apr 6 - TBA
- Apr 13 - TBA
- Apr 23 - 26 - District Conference 2009 - Myrtle Beach
- Apr 20 - Ellen Denker, a new Furniture Exhibit at the High Point Museum.

The Auction

No report today, but when Chair Allen Oliver was quizzed after the meeting, he suggested that although we may not have set any records this year, he is pleased to announce that we outperformed the economy!

HIGH POINT ROTARY CLUB'S ACC DAY

The members of the rotary club of high point support our auction each year . . . This year their fundraiser is

ACC DAY

Friday March 13th, 2009
12 noon until final game ends
@ High Point Elks Lodge

REMINDERS

Lunch Ticket	\$25
Dinner Ticket	\$35
All Day Ticket	\$40

(Ticket includes admission to the event and food cash bar available)

Contact David McCoy for your ticket
(DavidMcCoy@Rotary7690.org)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR -

Mar 12 - Board Meeting at String & Splinter - 12 noon



Queen of Hearts

Wanted: a member who is willing to collect taxes on behalf of the Queen. Each week that taxes are not paid costs the club and programs that the club supports approximately \$50!



THE 4 WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do . . .

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to All Concerned?
3. Will it Build GOODWILL and Better Friendships?
4. Will it Be BENEFICIAL to All Concerned?



Jody Moore is the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Moses Cone Health System. He presented a program on the Regional Emergency Management which involves the hospitals of the Triad area. The concept of Emergency Management was launched 20 years ago after the California earthquake. Several events have kept it in focus as a health care priority, including 9/11 and Katrina. A feature of Regional Emergency Management planning suggests that health care facilities should be able to be "self-sufficient for 96 hours." Components of such planning include unified focus, solid communication policies, funding and "maintaining the burning platform." Jody Moore was accompanied by Melba Brendle, High Point Regional Health System's Emergency Management Coordinator.

It's the Economy! How are you doing?

We aren't going to hold a pity-party, but it might be interesting to hear from our members: How is the economy affecting you? What are your challenges? What opportunities do you see? How can an individual contribute to resolving the situation? Think about it. (Thanks for the idea Tom Fatyol.)



BACK TO THE BEACH for District Conference April 23 – 26, 2009 - District Governor Charles Allen will take us to Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort & Conference Center, Myrtle Beach, SC. From Charles Allen and David Caughron, Conference chair:

"This is a reminder to you that this week is suppose to be the final week for District Conference Registration to be held at the beautiful Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort. Please remind your members that it is not too late to register...and if they have registered already to be sure and make their hotel reservations to receive the special conference rate at the Hilton. We have wonderful programs planned....the District Conference Golf Tournament at Arcadian Shores, a Sea Breeze 5K Fun Run, House of Friendship, and featured entertainment with a legendary concert by "The Catalinas"! And don't forget that fulfilled Clemmons Pajama Beach party in the 16th floor penthouse overlooking the ocean. What more could you ask for?"

Plan to join us for this special time of fellowship as we celebrate all the wonderful things happening through Rotary! Registration info is still available at: www.rotary7690conference.com"

District Conference Challenge

We are challenging each club to find 2 business sponsors within their club (or) community to be part of District Conference. This is an opportunity to promote those businesses to the leading business and community leaders in Central North Carolina. Opportunities start at \$500. Contact David Caughron (336)495-1100, or District Governor Charles Allen (CharlesAllen@Rotary7690.org) for additional information before February 25th.

Nothing to do with Rotary or maybe it does!

(Note to self: I probably won't have a great deal in the bulletin being that it is after the Auction, so I might want to use a longer MBILTP entry . . .)

My brother-in-law, the preacher, is in a grocery store witnessing a grandpa and his poorly behaving 3 year-old grandson at every turn. It's obvious gramps has his hands full with the kid screaming for candy in the candy aisle, cookies in the cookie aisle; same for fruit, cereal and soda. Meanwhile gramps is working his way around saying in a controlled voice, 'easy Albert, we won't be long, easy boy'. Another outburst and she hears gramps calmly say, 'it's OK Albert, just a couple more minutes and we'll be outta here, hang in there.'

At the checkout, the little terror is throwing items from the cart and gramps again in a controlled voice is saying, 'Albert, Albert, relax buddy, don't get upset -- we'll be home in five minutes; stay cool, Albert'.

Very impressed my brother-in-law goes up to gramps as he's loading the kid and the groceries into the car and says, 'You know sir, it's none of my business, but you were amazing in there. I don't know how you did it. The whole time you kept your composure and no matter how loud and disruptive he got, you just calmly kept saying things would be OK. Albert is very lucky to have you for his grandpa'.

'Thanks,' said gramps, 'but I'm Albert -- the little bastard's name is Johnny'