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The NASA Space Camp

NASA Space Camp is a mobile unit that travels the country exposing youth the possibilities of working in the field of aeronautics.

There are two (2) tractor trailers (one on the East Coast and one on the West Coast) that visit schools, churches and the like to bring this knowledge to children. There is a nominal fee for the youth, but the adults get in free.

On April 1st the Space Camp was in Mecklenburg County at The Park Expo Center on Independence Boulevard and on the 2nd it was at Central Cabarrus High School.

Members of the Carolina Cardinals Optimist Club volunteered to work and had a great time helping the youth of the area learn about NASA. Although it was a lot of work, it was fun.

The Camp was open from 10:00am until 4:00pm, with volunteers starting at 8:30am.

Brenda Robinson, the first black female Navy pilot, who now calls Charlotte home, was the sponsor of this event and was on-hand to greet attendees. She plans to bring it back again soon.

Thanks to: Betty Parker, William Lide, Coach Brenda Slade, Peggy Lide and Bobbi Hague for volunteering for this worth-while cause.

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NEWLY CHARTERED OPTIMIST CLUB

The newly formed **Carolina Cardinals Optimist Club** meets on the 2nd Monday in each month at 7:00pm at the Greater Bethel AME Church located at 5232 The Plaza.

The Organization chartered on February 4, 2016 with 17 members. Each person received a special Charter Member certificate. A couple other persons have joined since then. Those persons who were at the initial charter meeting also received a beautiful coaster with the Optimist Creed on it.

The officers are: **Betty Parker** - President; **Brenda Slade** - President-Elect; **Bobbi Hague** - Secretary; **Angie Lowe** - Corresponding Secretary and **Felicity Wray** - Treasurer.

Some committees have been established and need volunteers and chairpersons. They are:

- Fundraising
- Community Action
- Sports Program - Coach Slade, Chair
- Childhood Cancer (June)
- Internet Safety

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The Carolina Cardinals held their first official meeting on Tuesday, March 1st at 6:30pm at the Greater Bethel AME Church on The Plaza.

It was decided to change the meeting day and time to better accommodate some of the new members. Meeting has been moved to the 2nd Monday at 7:00pm.

Name the Newsletter

We will try to have a newsletter (monthly or bi-monthly) highlighting the activities of the Club. Please give reports of any news to Bobbi.

If you can come up with a catchy name, please submit it and we will change the name at the top of this edition. One suggestion - "The Cardinal"

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a Zone Meeting on Sunday, April 17th at 6pm. The location is Dave & Busters at Concord Mill Mall. Our Zone 8 Lt. Governors, Carol & Glenn Small, are our hosts for the evening. Come out and get to meet the other Clubs in our Zone. Deadline for the meal is April 7th and the cost is \$5.00.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY WISHES

Belated February Birthdays:

4 Tena Armstrong
2/13 Mary Dingle
14 William Lide
27 Mel Smith

Belated March Birthday:

31 Coach Brenda Slade

April Birthdays:

2 Bernard Parker
30 Bobbi Hague

May all of your Optimism come true!
(Need Anniversary dates for our married.)

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FUNDRAISER

Trip to Harrah's Cherokee Casino
Saturday, April 30, 2016

Tickets - \$50.00

Bus leaves Concord Mills at 7am (near Best Buy)

Will stop in Shelby for breakfast at Golden Corral * Buffet Breakfast - \$9.00

Please support us by contacting any member of the Optimist Club for tickets. All monies due: 4/20/2016. Thank you.

"VOLUNTEERS NEEDED"

Volunteers are needed to help with an After School Program at Briarwood Academy. If you are interested, please contact **Coach Brenda Slade** with your availability. She can be reached at 704-401-7952.

The children would love to have you help them bring up their reading scores.