



Former Winston-Salem Sluggers pose outside of a Golden Corral restaurant.

Semi-pro team holds first reunion

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Members of the Winston-Salem Sluggers held their first reunion recently at a local Golden Corral. Members also worshipped together at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church. Fifteen players and a manager attended the reunion and shared many memories and great stories.

In the summer of 1956, a schoolmate challenged Vernon Cloud, and boys from his community to a baseball game. Cloud asked Branson King and Ronald Davis to help put a team together. They went from door to door in Cleveland Avenue Homes to recruit players. Little did they know that this would be the beginning of the Cleveland Sluggers. The team played rec center league teams during its first year of existence. A man everyone called "DeDe" acted as the team's first manager. Their first uniforms were white t-shirts with a number and the team's name on them, and they first practiced in a field between Locust Street and Cleveland

Avenue.

Later, the team practiced at a field in Cleveland Avenue Homes. This is when Daniel Jenkins became the team's manager. Jenkins, who was affectionately known as Mr. Dan, not only managed the team but taught them about life. Under his guidance, from 1956-1962, the team won a total of 30 games and lost only two.

In 1960, the team changed its name from the Cleveland Sluggers to the Winston-Salem Sluggers and began to play semi-pro baseball, taking on teams from Midway, Piney Grove, Advance, Pilot Mountain, Walnut Cove, Ledford and Winston-Salem's own Pond Giants and Indians.

After Jenkins' death, Lywood Gerald and James Benjamin became managers. The team won the Semi-Pro League Championship in 1965 and 1966. The team played most of its home games at Ernie Shore Field. The team started to disband in 1970, when many of its players started working and others went off to college.

Seventh-grader wins spelling bee

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Adelaide Campbell (center), with her mother, Heidi Campbell, and David Fonseca, the assistant superintendent for instructional services.

Adelaide Campbell, a seventh-grader at Jefferson Middle School, spelled the word "hysterical" to win the annual Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Spelling Bee last week.

The bee came down to Campbell and Emily Morgan, an eighth-grader at Hanes Magnet School. After going back and forth for several rounds, Campbell spelled "quarantine" and "hysterical" back-to-back to win.

Pau Simiyu, a sixth-grader at East Forsyth Middle School, finished third. A total of 55 elementary and middle school students competed in the bee. Campbell will compete in the regional spelling bee on March 18.

'Member of the Year'



Larry Morris (left) accepts the 2011 Member of the Year Award from Lewisville Civic Club President Tom Waldrep. Morris earned the honor for his work in organizing and executing the club's annual charity golf tournament.

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