

# CLUBS



Robert Swanson, Jody Strong and Don Jonas, left to right, of the Mecklenburg Kiwanis Club are welcomed by local Kiwanians JC Bridges and Bo Maner following their recent presentation to the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club.

## Kiwanis Women and Children's Project presented

Former Carolinas Kiwanis District Governor Robert Swanson with assistance from Jody Strong and Don Jonas of the Mecklenburg Kiwanis Club recently presented an update to the Kiwanis Club of Kings Mountain on the Kiwanis Women and Children's Project. They acknowledged and thanked the local club for their support of the project.

The Kiwanis Women and Children's Project was initiated

by the Mecklenburg Kiwanis Club and is being developed in conjunction with Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte. The Kiwanis Club will raise funds for an endowment of at least five million dollars, the revenue from which will be used to support families of childhood cancer victims throughout the world that might otherwise not have been able to receive appropriate treatment for their disease. Funds will come from

community fundraising projects from local Kiwanis clubs throughout the Carolinas District. It was noted that the project is well under way and that the endowment built thus far aided its first families during the Christmas season of 2007.

A new physical facility will soon be constructed at the Presbyterian Hospital Campus to house the activities of the project.

## Open Gate Garden Club meets with Peggy Baird

The Open Gate Garden Club met on February 13, with Peggy Baird. A delicious dessert was served to eight members.

Olivia Mayhew, President, welcomed every one and began the meeting by reading the Club Collect. Olivia gave a program about nectar plants to entice hummingbirds. Hummingbirds zipping around a garden are fun to watch. But on top of that, they also help plants. Plants and birds time their flowering and migration to coincide: When the hummingbirds are on their way up from their southern wintering grounds in the spring, the early flowers are ready for them. In the fall, as the birds are putting on layers of fat to fuel their journey back south for the winter, different flowers take their turn. And other plant species find their niche by feeding the birds in summer. A typical hummingbird flower has long stamens, the pollen-producing organs, which extend outside the flower. As a bird reaches down into the blossom for nectar, its beak and head brush the stamens, and pick up the pollen. Then the birds spread it as they fly from flower to flower. A hungry hummingbird can see an irresistible red flower up to

half mile away. The good news is not all hummingbird flowers are trumpet-shaped, red or hang downward. The flowers come in different shapes, sizes and color. The four plants that provide a feast for hummingbirds are lobelia, agastache, coral bells, and Jupiter's Beard. These plants are fairly easy to grow and they really provide a feast for the hummingbird.

Lenora Morris reminded members that it is time to weed and feed. It is time to cut the "monkey grass" and time to prune evergreens.

The minutes were read and approved. The tributes for Grace Talbert and Charlotte Shuford were read.

Polly Phifer gave the treasurer's report. She stated that she had sent a memorial for Mrs. Grace Talbert and Mrs. Charlotte Shuford to Boyce Memorial and rose bud vase to Melba Boyles.

Members were reminded that dues are to be paid in March. Lenora Morris reported that the annual report had been mailed.

Betty Alexander will be hostess in March and Margie Bridges will have the program.

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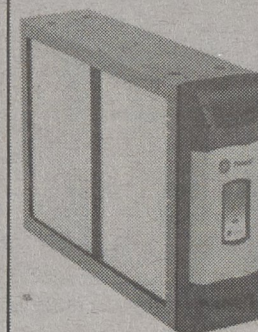
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The KM Rotary Club inducted new members, left to right, Chris Barr, of BB&T, Linda Newsome, of Caldwell Banker, Jack Buchanan, of Edward Jones, and Stephanie Burrell, of Children's Home of Cleveland County, into the club at their meeting last Thursday.

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