

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Dixie HCSC Alumni Event 2015

On Thursday, April 30th, President Dennis White, along with Teresa and Bob Cote welcomed sixty seven guests to the Marriott at South Park in Charlotte, the largest city in North Carolina, nicknamed the Queen City.

The Hospitality Room which ,was open daily provided the opportunity to visit with members and guests, and enjoy some snacks and refreshments.

That evening a Social Hour was held outside the main dining room. A cash bar was provided and the attendees were served hor d'oeuvres. Special guest, Darlene Sawyer Todd, Manager of the Rock Hill, SC store, was present that first evening. Dennis White took this time to announce what time the golfers would leave for Tega Cay Golf Course in South Carolina and what time those attending the Billy Graham Library would depart from the motel.

On Friday morning, thirty-five guests boarded the bus and arrived at the Billy Graham Library just before 10 AM. Everyone who attended the Library felt that the experience was above and beyond anything they had expected and were very pleased to experience the story of such a well known Christian evangelist. Lunch was made available in the Dairy Barn Café

and we were able to shop in the gift shop known as Ruth's Attic.

Friday night was unscheduled so everyone was free to make their own dinner plans. Numerous choices were provided to choose from.

On Saturday morning, approximately 50 guests boarded the bus to the Nascar Hall of Fame. Our driver first drove us to the downtown Charlotte business district and pointed out the many banks, which make Charlotte the second largest banking city in the country. We also passed the Duke Mansion, the Charlotte Hornets Arena as well as the new Minor League Baseball Stadium which is home to the Charlotte Knights.

When we arrived at the Nascar Hall of Fame, we were greeted by a guide who directed us into a theatre where we watched a film about the history of Nascar. He then explained what could be found on the four floors of the Museum and that we could explore at our own pace. Lunch was served at the Pit Stop Café.

Saturday afternoon, members attendended the annual business meeting presided over by Dennis White in the Roxborough Room. The agenda included, the Treasurers Report, recognition of new mememberships, and a moment of refelction of our partners who are longer amongst us.

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President- Jack Johndrow

1st VP- Jerry Green

2nd VP- John Gresham

Secretary/Treasurer- Bill Webb

Foundation Representative- Ed Savold

On Saturday night a Cocktail gathering was held outside the main dining room at 6:30, followed by a wonderful dinner. Dennis White had already mentioned that we would be treated to a visit from some famous TV celebrities. This turned out to be his own version of the Newlywed Game hosted by Dennis White and his side kick Bill Watson. The four couples chosen for the panel were Willie and Rose Arant, Ron and Carolina Clair, Bob and Teresa Cote and Ted and Barbara Seaman. The game provided lots of laughs for everyone and the winning couple were Rose and Willie Arant. And as is previous years, Jeanette Thompson hosted an amusing gift giveaway based on different questions she would ask.

The winners of the Friday Golf outing were announced and prizes were awarded, to the following;

1st Place - Jack and Pat Bailey, Jack Johndrow

2nd Place - Bob Cote, Roy Kesley, Dennis White, Clara Miller

3rd Place - Dave and Janet Burke, Will Arant, Jerry Green

Longest Drive – Corrine Bjerke, Jack Johndrow

Closest to Pin – Jack Clancy, Bill Watson

Our Deep South LMG guests Ben and Corrine Bjerke Corrine, President of the Deep South HCSC, invited all present to attend the Deep South HCSC outing to be held in Naples, Florida in September of 2015

The final announcement of the evening was that next year's get together would take place in Asheville, North Carolina on May 1, 2 and 3rd of 2016. Next year's events will be planned and hosted by 2016 President Jack Johndrow and his wife Kim.

Those in attendance: Will & Rose Arant, Jack & Pat Bailey, Ben & Corrine Bjerke, Jane Brown, Bruce & Susan Burns, David & Janet Burke, Ron & Carolina Clair, Jack & Lorraine Clancy, Bob & Teresa Cote, Chester & Mildred Dowdle, Bob & Ferne Gibson, Jerry & Carol Green, John & Linda Gresham, Joel & Pat Hennessee, Jeannette(Phil) Hilbish, Tom & Nancy Hutchens, Jack & Kim Johndrow, Roy Kesley & Mary Katherine Hughes, John & Ginny Layman, Paul & Pat Knowles, Kevin & Nancy Leaderer, Clara Miller, Phil & Mary Mynatt, Bill Neill, Bob Rainey, Carrol & Sandra Roberts, Roger & Pam Sawyer, Nancy(Phil)Sawyer, Ed & Eileen Savold, Ted & Barbara Seaman, Jim Smith, Bob & Lorie Stigers, Darlene Sawyer Todd, Wriston & Jeannette Thompson, Bill & Sandy Watson, Ted & Beverly West, Dennis White, Don & Margaret Yeager.