

# Dixie



Bill Neill, Roger & Pam Sawyer



Dennis White, Carolina Clair, Sandy Watson and Ron Clair

On Thursday, April 30, 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 was open and provided us with the opportunity to visit with each other as well as enjoy some snacks and refreshments.

That evening, a social gathering 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, South Carolina store was present. 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 visiting the Billy Graham Library would depart from the hotel.

On Friday morning, thirty-five guests boarded the bus and arrived at the Billy Graham Library just before 10:00 AM. Everyone who visited 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 plans from numerous options.

On Saturday morning, approximately fifty guests boarded the bus to the Nascar Hall of Fame. On the way, 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 how we could explore the museum at our own pace. Lunch was served at the Pit Stop Café.

Saturday afternoon, members attended the annual business meeting presided over by Dennis White in the Roxborough Room. The agenda included the Treasurer’s Report, recognition of new members, and a moment of reflection for those who are no longer with us.

Officers for 2016 were put in nomination and approved as follows:

President: Jack Johndrow  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Jerry Green  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: John Gresham  
Secretary/Treasurer: Bill Webb  
Foundation Representative: Ed Savold



Kevin Leaderer, David & Janet Burke, Nancy Leaderer and Jerry & Carol Green



Jack Clancy, Ron & Carolina Clair, Kevin Leaderer and John Gresham

On Saturday night a Cocktail gathering was held outside the main dining room, 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 & Rose Arant, Ron & Carolina Clair, Bob & Teresa Cote and Ted & Barbara Seaman. The game provided lots of laughs for everyone and the winning couple was Rose & Willie Arant. And as in 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: 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Jack and Pat Bailey, Jack Johndrow; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Bob Cote, Roy Kesley, Dennis White, Clara Miller; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Dave and Janet Burke, Will Arant, Jerry Green; Longest Drive – Corinne Bjerke, Jack Johndrow; Closest to Pin – Jack Clancy, Bill Watson.

Our Deep South LMG guests, Ben & Corinne Bjerke, President of the Deep South LMG, invited all present to attend the Deep South 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 1–3 of 2016. Next year’s events will be planned and hosted by 2016 President Jack Johndrow and his wife Kim.

*Attendees: Will & Rose Arant, Jack & Pat Bailey, Ben & Corinne 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 and Don & Margaret Yeager.*