

Thank you was heard over and over as we tried to give away the money we had budgeted for the various charitable organizations we support, before the end of the administrative year.

Mickey Haddock accepted \$500 for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, who have "huddles" in 35 schools in five north Alabama counties.

On September 1, we gave \$3,000 to the UNA Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. They have raised over \$30,000 and our gift will help move them along to the \$40,000 goal in order for them to build a house, which they plan to do in North Florence.

We also gave \$1,000 to the Attention Homes, which was accepted by Teresa Robertson, who has worked there for twenty-three years. At the same meeting we gave money to CARD, which was accepted by Thomas Spence, this year's president, and we gave \$500 to Hollis Wilson to pass along to the Help Center. Hollis said they would apply these funds to help people keep from having their utilities cut off.

Good Grief! Two new members!

Ellen Beasley was inducted on August 25, 2006, after she accompanied her husband, David, to the Kiwanis international convention and decided Kiwanis was something she wanted to be more involved with. Ellen also serves on the Florence Beautification Board and is a CRNP in the office of Dr. Felix Morris. Next time she is inducted into something, she may want to find someone who knows her better. Poor David couldn't remember how long they have been married.

Karen Jarmmon was inducted on September 15, 2006. Karen is the Executive Officer of the Boys and Girls Club of NW Alabama and was sponsored by John Williams and Ernest Brothers (who work for her). Karen was named to head this agency, which has a \$400,000 budget, earlier this year, after a fourteen year career at the Riverbend Center for Mental Health, where she was the director of children's programs and served as court liaison for involuntary commitments.

If we keep up the good work, we can extend the great year we have just completed under the direction of Robert Hughes. With Bill Gullett now at the helm, let's all keep working. This is a good time to try to grow membership, so we can be more effective with our Pancake effort, which will be coming before you know it after the new year arrives.

Ford's Way sent us a check, by way of Sallie Akin, in the amount of \$1,090, representing our share of the gumball sales in the previous quarter. This is easy money, so be alert to business locations where we might place a gumball machine. If you notice one, talk to Sallie, and she will get a permission slip for you to get signed.

Be sure and check our website for information, including scheduled programs and pictures from events. David Messer, our Web Grandmaster, showed us in a recent program that we are having thousands of hits on the website and we are well positioned to be found by those using search engines. Check us out at www.florencekiwanis.com.
