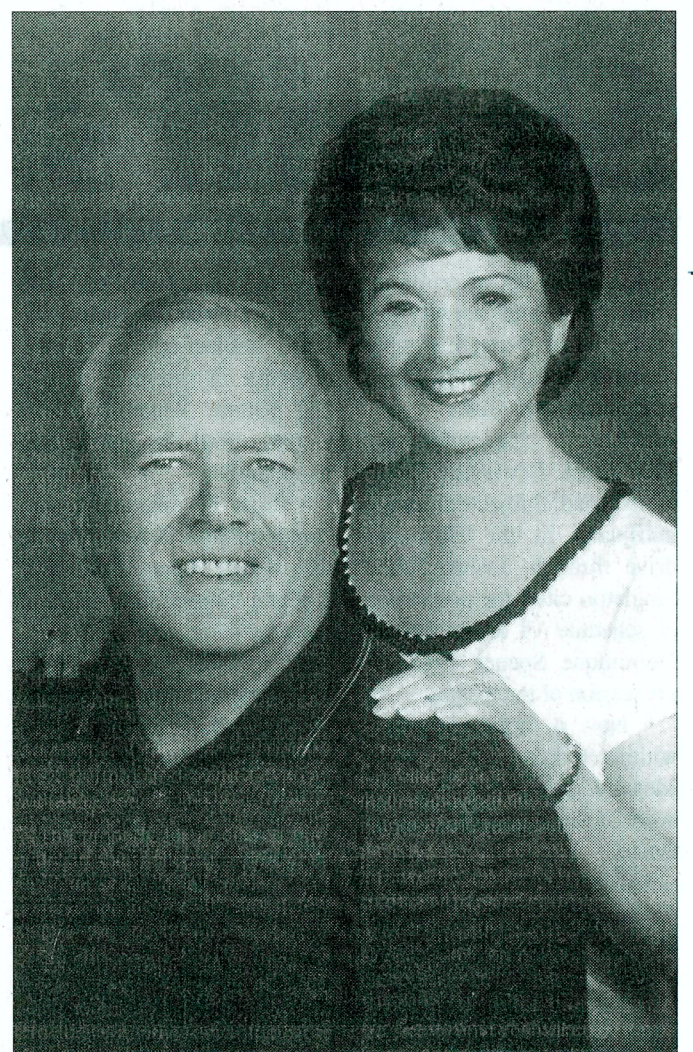
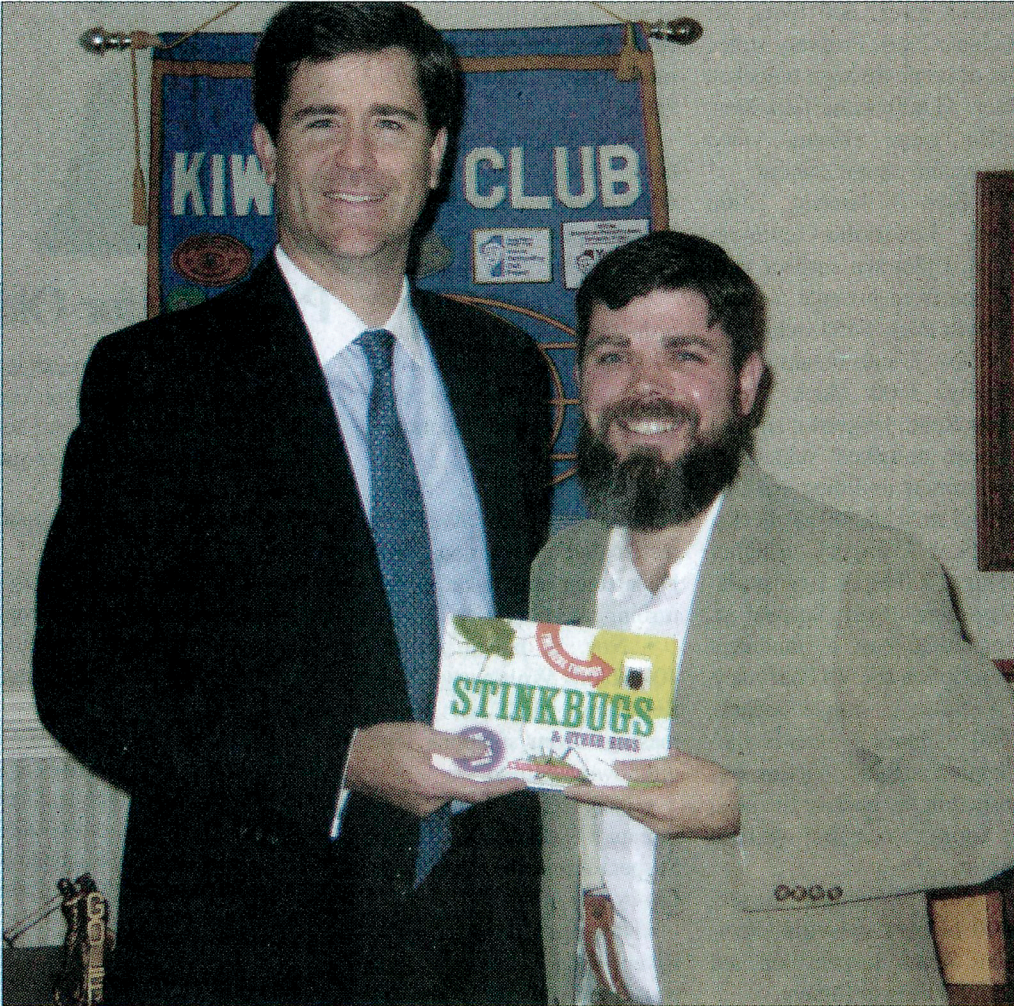


Society

The speaker at the November 5th Clemmons Kiwanis Meeting was Chris Jordan, on the right, Director of Education and Programming for the New Winston Museum. Mr. Jordan spoke about the Museum's current exhibit "This School, This City". The exhibit is a pictorial display of the first fifty years of the UNC School of the Arts in Winston-Salem. Mr. Jordan is shown receiving a book from David Sipprell, President of the Clemmons Kiwanis Club, at left. The book will be presented to the Smart Start Program in Mr. Jordan's honor.



Larry and Diana Armbruster of Clemmons

Armbrusters observe 50th anniversary

Larry and Diana Armbruster of Clemmons celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a gathering of family and friends at River Ridge Tap House in Lewisville.

The couple's children and spouses are Beth and Jeffrey Tally of Clemmons, Becky and Trey Howe of Clemmons, and Brad and Jane Armbruster of Pineville. Their grandchildren are Amelia and Grant Tally; Addison and Aubrey Howe and Audrey, Ashley, and Ava Armbruster.

Mr. Armbruster retired from RJR Tobacco Company and Mrs. Armbruster retired from the Winston Salem Forsyth County School System.

They were married November 7, 1964 at St. Mary's Church in Martins Ferry, Ohio.

Muddy River art show

The Muddy River Art Association announces the opening of its 2014 Juried Art Show. The opening reception was held Saturday, November 8 at the Clemmons Branch Library, 3554 Clemmons Rd., in Clemmons. The show will remain open until Saturday, December 6.

Eighty-two works by forty-three artists are on display. Salem College Instructor Sharon Hardin selected the following artists for awards: 1st Place – Bill Ferree for "Tonya's Barn", 2nd Place – Sandra Cieszewski for "Woodz", 3rd Place – Jerry Jernigan for "Stone Passage", Honorable Mention to Paula Lashley for "Moonshine Blues", Robert Cooper for "Uncle Jesse" and Deidre Perry for "Carolina Cardinal". The Peoples' Choice Award was won by James Teague for "After You". The show will remain on display until December 6.



Bermuda Run Garden Club members display their Dixie Classic Fair ribbons.

BR Garden Club wins 225 ribbons at fair

By Alice Bostrom
For The Courier

Though the Friday Flower Show was a bit damp, there was no less excitement for Bermuda Run Garden Club's participation in this annual event. In the horticulture competition top winners included Karen Coley with 18 ribbons, Donna DuToit with 29 ribbons, and Bonnie Rockaway with 22 ribbons. Other club members winning ribbons were PJ Guerra, Judy Culler, Helen Boon, Sue Whittaker, Betsy Cochrane, Ann Cornwell, Shelby Nichols, Cindy O'Hagan, and Diane Burke. One of the club's newest members, Betty Sheek, won a Blue Ribbon as well as the Mary Kate Dixon Special Fern Award.

Linda Ernst, longtime dahlia enthusiast, won 25 blue ribbons, 19 red ribbons, 5 yellow ribbons and 1 white ribbon. Carol Quinn, rose expert, won 20 blue ribbons, 23 red ribbons, 13 yellow ribbons and 5 white ribbons. These two ladies are a big reason for the club's long-time successes at The Dixie Classic Fair. They are always willing to assist other club members with questions or concerns about fair entries. Ribbons won this year by the clubs' members totaled 225.

This year many club mem-

bers decided to try a new venture at the fair by participating in the photography judging. There were over 40 photos submitted for this competition by Bermuda Run Garden Club members with ribbons won by Diane Burke and Donna DuToit. Several club members also entered the antiques competition, as well as cooking and home furnishings. Diana Goolsby won 3rd place for her Christmas Santa and Alice Bostrom won 3rd place for her Valentine wreath. Judy Culler won 1st place and a Judge's Choice award for her Easter basket.

Entries for all the various competitions by club members were delivered to the fair grounds on the appointed days beginning almost a week before the fair actually opened. Members' garages, driveways and homes are used as staging and collection points for various fair entries.

Club members work during the course of the year towards the Dixie Classic Fair entries, and prize monies won are used in support of projects in Davie County. The club feels a special commitment for outreach in the community toward such worthy causes as Pearls of Empowerment, Storehouse for Jesus, Thanksgiving Luncheon for Special Needs Students, and bouquets for Meals on Wheels.



Dr. Jason Lang, left, associate professor of orthopaedics at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, spoke Nov. 5 to the Clemmons Rotary Club, proving an overview of osteoarthritis and knee and hip replacement surgery options and outcomes. He is pictured with Thomas Orr, center, Clemmons Rotary president, and Dan Greer, Clemmons Rotary president-elect. Lang has been with Wake Forest Baptist for eight years and sees patients at Wake Forest Baptist Health-Davie Medical Center in Bermuda Run.

Forsyth's expense for education ranks 53rd in state

RALEIGH – A new analysis by the Civitas Institute indicates the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools spend \$147,311 from kindergarten through 12th grade for each high school diploma awarded. That amount works out to \$11,332 a year.

The state average is \$149,923 for K-12 (\$11,533 a year). Winston-Salem/Forsyth ranked 53rd highest out

of 116 NC school districts.

That amount doesn't include capital costs or other costs associated with maintaining schools. This study also shows that in most school districts there is little connection between spending and student achievement. For example, only two of the 20 highest-spending local education associations exceeded state averages on key mea-

sures of student progress.

"We looked at the total expenditures, adjusted for inflation and then factored in the percentage of students who actually graduate from high school," said Civitas Senior Policy Analyst Dr. Robert Luebke. "We believe the final figure sheds light on the real costs of education in North Carolina schools."

"It's not a perfect figure

but it provides a better idea of the real costs associated with educating students," he added. "We hope this study prompts debate on how to make our schools more efficient and how to improve student performance."

The cost of a diploma by district varied, ranging from a low in Randolph County of \$114,129 to the high of \$266,831 in Hyde County.