



**ATLANTIC CENTRAL DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
3rd Quarter Minutes
4/15/2026**

ATTENDANCE: Governor Connie Sohnleitner (York County), Sec. Sharon Mc Clain (Lower Montco), District Secretary, Guy Templin (P.O.I.V.P.), Marino A. Garbin, Jr. (Lt. Governor, PG), Delores Wright (PG), Susan Grimm Mattox (Governor-Elect), Lorin Richter (Pres./Lower Providence, PG), Lue Drummond (Past Governor), Phil Haddad (Sec./Boyertown), Ava Thompson (Community Action), Maxcine Collier (PG), Robert Collier, Sr. (PG), Judith Odom (Lt. Gov)

Absent: Cynthia Monroe (Photo Contest), Sue Creswell ([O.I.Bd.](#)), Scott Pinheiro (P.G.), Jason Scotti (Lt. Gov)

Meeting was called to order 8:04 PM

INVOCATION: Maxcine Collier provided the Opening Prayer.

MINUTES: Sharon Mc Clain

Minutes were sent out prior to the meeting to the members. Lue Drummond had editorial comments. Susan Mattox accepted minutes as editorialized with corrections. Phil Haddad seconded the motion. No discussion was offered. Motion passed. Minutes were accepted.

Sue stated that there were bills that had just gone out, there are some that have outstanding bills. Extremely overdue - Media Rose Tree, The Wildwoods, Boyertown.

Governor Connie indicated that as of 4/1, we are down to 34 clubs. We lost 2 clubs. One club dropped- 19 and another 4 in October. Maxcine sent in a student's name, Vaughn Cross, who wrote a powerful essay, is a winner. He is also participating in the Oratorical Contest. His parents will be coming for lunch.

Cynthia has 12 entries. Lue indicated that she has entries from York, East Montco, Dream Builders, Lancaster.

ORATORICAL Update - Phil Haddad

He has 17 contestants and 9 judges

Plan- He expects the students to arrive at 9 am. He was advised to send the contestants an email regarding the expected arrival time.

Lue indicated that she can email a script to Phil that he can send out to the contestants. Sue recommended that Phil can ask the students to confirm that they have received the email.

AVA - Update

Media- Rose Tree, Willow Grove, East Montco, Audubon Lower Providence, Lower Montco, Dream Builders- Elkins Park, Boyertown, Douglassville, Daniel Boone, Lancaster, Pittsburgh North

MARINO - Update

He has a record of 54 people coming, however, he feels there will be a count of 65 persons. Marino stated that he needs everyone's information. Guy indicates he will provide a new update of the list of who is coming.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Guy Templin

Networth was of 4/14/26 - \$20,463.07

Some was on the plus side

We were Virtual in 2nd Quarter

MARKETING - Lorin Richter

Lorin has created 15 generalized concepts for Jim Oliver in California and another fellow in Wyoming who were both looking for me to develop social media concepts in their area. They were both doing paid ads through Facebook.

Lorin showed a few concepts for those who are interested in constructing a club social media blitz to help build their club.

Governor Connie has instructions how to pay for an ad
Send her an email if you would like this information.
This is a way to get people interested in joining your club
Lorin stated that the gentlemen in California and Wyoming found
that the variety of ads help people to stay interested.

Governor Connie indicated Tom Kendo is asking for this. She
has filled out and received a grant for \$250! She is going to run
the ads from 5/1 to 5/31.

A tutorial will be available to those who are interested in how to
construct an ad.

Lue indicated the importance of a continuous connection with
the target people you are following up on. Lorin stated that on
the follow up the first thing to do is to send an email. Lue
applauds Lorin and Guy for getting our website with pictures.
The photos that were in our newsletter are now being shown on
our website.

Gov Connie asked members to send club pictures to Lorin and
Debra Henderson-Scott. Gov. Connie also indicated that Debra
has a different email address that she wants to use-
debrascott4492@gmail.com.

Lorin is asking for members to send all info to be published via
her email not by text.

HALL OF FAME UPDATE - Delores Wright

Delores had Guy send out a letter to all members. She had a letter for Guy, submitting nominations by June 1st. The other letter had June 30th to submit.

Delores was wondering which date should have been submitted. Guy said it was up to the committee, he did not change anything. He replied that the club in the District can make up their own rules. Guy further explained that this is a project of our District only. The process of nominations and then voting by previous members has got to stay the same; we have electronic voting this year. Delores indicated that the mailings have gone out to the members, everyone should have a copy via email asking them to nominate someone in two categories - living member and posthumous award. Suggested time line 4/15/2026

6/1 - deadline to receive from the Club

6/15 - list of nominees of former Hall of Fame recipients by email/message/U.S. mail for their vote

7/1 - Deadline for voting for nominees - this can be done electronically as advised by Guy

7/15 - notify family and friends of inductees to the living member and posthumous award Hall of Fame

8/15 - Hall of Fame Ceremony

She will be working with Lavera, Lou and Guy

GOLF TOURNAMENT Update - Sue Creswell

Sue provided comments regarding the possibility of a district junior golf tournament. Gov. Connie, Guy and Sue have met. 6/8 is a possible date.

She has been in touch with Daryl from Gettysburg. She likes the Links. That is where Gettysburg holds their golf fundraiser every year. Daryl will get a hold of the gentleman there tomorrow just to make sure that he and Sue have communicated.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO OFFICE:

Gov. Elect Susan recommended the following officer:

Sharon Mc Clain - Secretary 2026-2027

Guy Templin - Treasurer

Carlos Richter - Assistant Treasurer

Recommendations will be approved by the Board.

Governor-elect Sue acknowledged Guy as someone who has complete financial knowledge in the Atlantic Central District. He has wonderful computer programs already set up. She recommends that someone is needed to shadow Guy so that the great works in the Financial sector of the District can continue. Carlos will be working closely with Guy.

QUESTION: Lue addressed the question to Governor-elect Sue and Guy asking if there will be a Finance Committee of only 2 persons or is it possible to have others. There is someone that Eugene Riordan knows, an individual who has a CPA from Hanover, Pa. that we have been hoping to join. Lue indicated she will contact Eugene regarding the individual and pass the info to Governor-elect Sue.

Governor-elect Sue indicated that she is not prepared yet to announce the Lt. Governors. She is holding out for two. She was told that she can go into the 4th Quarter to announce.

Sue also indicated that Governor Connie printed the 2026-2027 Quarterly Meetings and Executive Meetings. The 2nd Quarter will be done via Zoom. The Quarterly Executive Committee Meetings will be done via Zoom.

QUESTION: Marino was asked if there is a map of Kutztown University campus. Guy responded there is an email that has been sent out with the needed information - address and directions.

Discussion ensued for directions and getting pertinent info to the students.

LT. GOVERNOR'S REPORTS:

Governor Connie

She has not heard back from Township of Lower NJ, South Toms River

Barnegat - They have two students in the Oratorical Contest, three scholarships circulating in the high school; they will have a dinner on 6/9 for all of the winners of their contest

Wildwood - they do 8th grade awards to local schools; college scholarships; little league baseball; basketball; appreciation banquet for the service organizations that contribute to their mission - Dedication to Youth; meals for the needy for Easter (program has been running for the past 25 years)

Judith

**South Chester - 4/11 had 500 people - community walk; 300
Widener University put together packages for autistic children**

**Rose Tree- Media 4/25 will be hosting its first Flea Market and
food booth events at Delaware County Community College;
annual "Optimist Babooza" and a flea market.**

**Penncrest High School - Lacrosse Fest on Sunday, April 26,
2026**

**Cheyney University - preparing for their NOW Program
8/25 Luncheon at the Court Diner, Media**

**Havertown had their March Student of the Month Program. They
will have another one in May - Student of the Month. The student
must be enrolled in the Haverford School District.**

**Marple Newtown - making plans for their annual Student
Achievement Program in June. Public, parochial, elementary and
middle school students will be awarded certificates, medals
prescribing for excellence in their academic subjects. The
students must live in Marple Township or Newtown township.**

First State participates in local food and clothing banks.

Maxcine

East Montco

**4/11 - Closing Session with Curtis Institute at All Hallows in
Wyncote, Pa.**

4/23-25 - Penn Relays with Team Jamaica Bickle

4/25 - 3 Q District Meeting with Gov. Connie - Kutztown, Pa

Poetry from students highlighted

4/25 - Poetry Slam and Workshop at the Glenside Library

5/10 - Write a Poem/Write an essay about Mothers and/or folks who are like Mothers

5/21 Thursday - Spelling Bee at Mc Kinley Elementary School

6/7 Final Speech Showcase at Montgomery County Community

College Park House Hall - Chinese Public Speaking Class

6/21 Write a poem or essay about Fathers or folks like Fathers

6/28 Ice Cream Social - Bethlehem Baptist Church

6/28-7/2 - OI Convention in Jacksonville, Fl.

7/25 Christmas in July Movie - Spiderman 3 - Shreveport, La.

9/12 Youth and Adult Talent Showcase

Lower Montco

Essay Contest - District Winner - Vaughn Cross

Oratorical Contest - Vaughn Cross - candidate

5/11 Respect for Law

Installation new members - ¼ of the way in acquiring 20 members

6/8 Memorial Service in memory of deceased members

6/21 Luncheon and Fashion

August - Meeting Bar-B-Que

September - Installation Dinner

Lower Providence

May - Partnering with the Girl Scouts - Kindness and a series of educational instruction on being kind and stamping out bullying

May - giving out a \$1,000 scholarship to an outstanding Junior

June - COLA Good Kids Award Ceremony - will honor 6 students

June - Fathers Day Fishing Derby at Hoy Park. They will be partnering with Stony Creek Anglers and Indianhead Watershed Assoc.

7/4 - Food Booth at Eagleville Park. They will be celebrating 250 years

September - Tall Trees Music Fest Food Booth in Collegeville Pa

Sue Mattox

York Club - continue to work with their OWLS Program. They will be having yard sale, banquet for their essay/oratorical/photography students

Lancaster

Oratorical Contest - they will be sending 2 students and 3 photos for the photo contest

Collecting items for the Lancaster Co Food Basket - Raffle and Fundraiser.

Ross Elementary School - continues to work with their OWLS Program. Presentation by a group called Swan. Scaling Walls One Note At A Time is a non-profit that provides free music lessons for students in the school district of Lancaster whose parents are incarcerated or have faced some type of trauma. They have been in existence for 12 years and have served 3,000 young people. They provide music lessons, mental health help and bible study. They have a 5-week summer camp.

Camp Schmauwkua - a division of hospice and community care who serve children 6-12. They have a weekend camp where they are matched with an adult and during that weekend, they do grief- share activities; camp activities making smores, going for hikes. On Friday nights the young people are given teddy bears The Club provides the teddy bears. Youngsters were given 24 teddy bears last night. Two years ago, there was a company that put the Optimist International shirt on the teddy bears. So all of the children have teddy bears wearing the Optimist International shirts.

There was a young lady who had attended the camp 15 years ago. She is coming back as a volunteer and she still has her teddy bear!

May - Club participates in the Environthon which is sponsored by the Lancaster Co. Conservation District. Funds are provided for the elementary and middle school top school winners. Money is provided for library books.

Gettysburg - has recently given a check for \$3,000. Money goes to buy children's books for 8 different schools. They will reach 1,225 children in this project.

New Fundraiser - BINGO

5/21 - Spring Golf tournament

**Elizabethtown raised \$7,000 to fund their community projects which includes Christmas for needy families
3 \$1,000 college scholarships to students attending trade or college after high school graduation**

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**Baseball Competition - Provided meals during the dance THON event and money is provided for “pop up” youth events!
Golf Tournament during our Board Meeting**

Zone 7 will have its final Zone Meeting on 8/5. Gettysburg will be sponsoring the meeting.

Marino -New Kensington continue to do their Super Hero of the Month Program award a prize and certificate for having done a basic thing for someone else. Marino indicates that the community is not responding, firemen, police, Chamber of Commerce, college, coffee shops. He will try Facebook.

The other 2 clubs, Marino has sent 2 emails and 3 phone calls have gone unanswered.

Indiana - are in thick of playoffs

North Pittsburgh - having a large fundraiser - Duck Race. They had to postpone their paddle tennis tournament.

Marino advised Governor Connie that she can present everything that was stated at the meeting. Unless there is something that has to be voted on such as the officers, the meeting should be focused on the children.

Governor Connie indicated to Delores re JOI Convention Gov. Connie, Sue, Guy and Cynthia attended; Marino was the DJ. This is the First Convention the kids each had bags made up for each of the attendees, each bag had their names on them, the Club name. There was a Youtube video which showed 3 children with cancer.

Marino was able to get a playlist that the children wanted; there were 2 corn hole games with the Atlantic Central District and JOI District logos on them. Guy stated that the kids did a GREAT job! They made 18 boxes filled with over 800 items that were donated.

Boyertown - Phil Haddad

Participated in the Essay and Oratorical Contests

Lacrosse, Softball games, registration going on for football

JOI Club is helping out this weekend in the annual "Coming out of Hibernation" event

Club will be helping American Legion put out American flags for Memorial Day

New JOI club coming - meeting next Tuesday

4th QUARTER Update - Marino

**Cooper Room Harrisburg Area Community College Crown Plaza
\$155/night (1 minute walk from the train station)**

Gov. Connie emphasized that Tom Kendo is asking us to do things differently. Theme for 4th Quarter "CELEBRATION". There will be music, long-time members will be honored. Gov. Connie suggested doing a Trifold for your club, anniversaries will be honored, those who have departed will be honored. They will be celebrated for the years of service. Families will be asked to write something up. Gov. Connie is asking members to send ideas.

Valley Forge - Maxcine

April - Had an Earth Day Contest

May - Respect for Law and Youth Appreciation Program

QUESTION: Lue asked if the installation service will occur for the new officers in August?

ANSWER: Gov. Connie responded affirmatively to the question in the morning.

Phil Haddad made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Maxcine seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned after the reciting of the Creed.

The Optimist Creed was recited in unison by the group.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**SHARON Mc CLAIN
AC District Secretary**

What can I cut out for next Saturday