



Happenings

The Bulletin of the North Carolina East District of Optimist International



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A Message from Your Governor....

It is difficult for me to believe that 10 months have elapsed since I became your Governor...so much has happened within our district. We are now in the home stretch. Strive for Honor Club... bring in new members...conduct another youth activity. For some clubs there is still much to do and I encourage you to use these next two months to accomplish those goals you have set for yourselves.

We have a new club in Morehead City, The Carteret Optimist Club, which chartered with 55 members. I hope you all give them a sincere Optimist welcome.

I was thrilled to see 32 people from our district at the International Convention in Orlando earlier this month. And how proud I am that the North Carolina East District ranks 2nd in membership internationally. I thank each and every one of you for your efforts in all the successes of our district this year.

I am hopeful that we will have a record attendance at the district convention in Atlantic Beach on August 16-18. This has been a popular place in the past and I encourage every member to attend. The Annual Boys & Girls Home Golf Tournament is on Thursday followed by dinner at Clawson's in Beaufort; family fun-nite is Friday night; the board meeting follows the ever popular "Old Timer's" breakfast on Saturday with incoming officer training in the afternoon; concluding with the Governor's Ball and Banquet that evening. All in all, a most exciting convention is in the making.

Thank you for all the cooperation you have given me this year. I will never forget this wonderful experience of being your Governor.

LuAnn

O.I. PRESIDENT MEETS U.S. PRESIDENT...OR VISE-VERSA

It seems the Monday business session at the International Convention was postponed in order to allow O.I. President, Bob Garner, to get away for a meeting at the White House with President Bush. The invitation was also extended to Kiwanis International, Lions International, Rotary International, and the Big Brothers and Sisters of America.

President Bush is concerned because more than 2 million American children have an incarcerated parent and more than half a million children are in foster care. Studies find that up to 15 million young people are at risk

of not reaching productive adulthood by falling prey to crime, drugs, and other problems, which limit their education, their ability to successfully enter the work force, or otherwise contribute to society.

FIFTY ATTEND 3RD QUARTER DISTRICT MEETING

The Boys and Girls Homes at Lake Waccamaw was the site of the 3rd quarter district meeting with 50 Optimists and guests in attendance.



Optimists Visit the Optimist Cottage



Optimists and Boys & Girls at the Friday Evening Fun Activity

The Friday evening “family night” was a great opportunity to spend time with the boys from Optimist Cottage and some girls from one of the girls cottages. It was an evening of fun and games with Optimists and youth trying to solve a variety of puzzles.

Following the board meeting on Saturday, several Optimists visited the Optimist Cottage for a tour and to chat with the residents.

Governor, LuAnn, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation from Paul Laird for the district’s support of Boys and Girls Homes. It was truly inspirational to see what the staffs, and the support of civic clubs, are doing in the lives of these youth.

BRUCE PHILLIPS NAMED O.I. VICE-PRESIDENT 2001-2002

While attending the 2001-2002 Governors Elect Training meeting in St. Louis earlier, H.B. Keen of the NC West District developed a major medical problem curtailing his participation as next year’s International Vice-President.

Bruce was asked to serve in his place. He accepted, has been approved by the Optimist International Board and will begin his term effective October 1, 2001. Bruce asks for the support of all his Optimist friends and for understanding that his involvement on the district level will be limited to some extent next year.

Great Truths About Life That Children Have Learned

1. *No matter how hard you try, you cannot baptize cats.*
2. *When your mom is mad at your dad, don’t let her brush your hair.*
3. *If your sister hits you, don’t hit her back. They always catch the second person.*
4. *Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.*
5. *You can’t trust dogs to watch your food.*
6. *Reading what people write on desks can teach you a lot.*
7. *Don’t sneeze if someone is cutting your hair.*
8. *Puppies still have bad breath even when eating a tic tac.*
9. *Never hold a dustbuster and a cat at the same time.*
10. *School lunches stick to the wall.*
11. *You can’t hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.*
12. *Don’t wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.*
13. *The best place to be when you are sad is in Grandmother’s lap.*

CLUB BULLETIN CONTEST

Club bulletin editors are reminded that the deadline for submitting entries in the O I Club Bulletin Contest is **August 15, 2001.**

There are four categories of awards based on club membership (as of October 1, 2000):

- o clubs with 34 or fewer members
- o clubs with 35 to 74 members
- o clubs with 75 or more members
- o New clubs (organized after October 1, 2000).

Judging is based on a number of criteria as suggested by O.I. as well as visual content which make for an interesting and effective communication device.

Additional information may be found in the April/May issue of The Optimist Magazine, or you may contact me for a copy of the rules and judging criteria.

To submit entries, send **3 consecutive** issues of your club bulletin issued since October 1, 2000 in an envelope and designated **for Bulletin Contest**. Also, identify your club by **club number** and indicate which of the four **categories** your club is eligible for.

District entries will be judged locally, with the winner in each category submitted to O.I. for the international judging.

Send your entries to, or if you have question, call, write, or e-mail:

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OI JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The North Carolina East District conducted the O.I Jr. Golf championship preliminary tourney on June 12-13 at Lane Tree Golf Club in Goldsboro.

Seven girls and 27 boys participated. Gwen Watson from Greenville was the girls winner, with Michael Jarman of Wilmington as runner-up. Dustin Laney from Goldsboro won the boys tourney after a playoff with Michael Townsend from Garner who was runner-up.

Both winners competed in the O.I. Tournament at PGA National Resort in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

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on July 17-22.

Winner of the boy's contest was Jeffrey Overton, Evansville, Illinois, our contestant tied for 3rd place. The girl's winner was Nichole Melton, San Antonio, Texas, our girl placed 18th.

MEMBER CONCERNS

We express sympathy to Walt Armentrout and his family on the death of Walt's wife, Flo.

A memorial gift of \$50.00 was sent to the Boy's and Girl's Homes of North Carolina on behalf of the district.

CONVENTION HAPPENINGS

Here are some items of importance for club officers attending the district convention:

Among other items of business, there will be a vote on three changes to district policy: 1) a change in the complimentary convention registration and lodging allowance for district governor, governor designate, and secretary-treasurer, 2) adoption of a different reference source for parliamentary procedure, 3) a liberalization of travel allowance for authorized individuals.

A summary of the proposed changes was sent to club presidents earlier.

Additional items:

There will be a joint session for all officer elects at 1:00-4:00 on Friday, August 17th, and "break Out" sessions for secretary-treasurers elect, lt. governors elect, and presidents elect on Saturday, August 18th at 1:30 - 4:30. Vice presidents are urged to attend all training sessions for presidents elect.

Remember...to bring the **elect packets** you received from O.I. to these training sessions.

Community Project Awards (CPA handbooks) must be received by the district no later than **September 30th**.

...Award Certification Documents are due into O.I. by **October 1st**.

...New Club Building reports must be submitted within **90 days** of building a new club.

...Annual Activities Report to district secretary-treasurer by **October 10th** and to O.I. by **October 20**.

Completing this information is critical to our international records.

CLUB HAPPENINGS...

...Chapel Hill - conducted Essay and Oratorical Contests, offered 3 student scholarship grants, sponsored youth bowling, fishing derby, and soccer team, and "take a kid to the ball game" at the Durham Baseball Athletic

Park. Manned a concession stand at the DBAP. Bike rodeo is planned for September,

...Elizabethtown - Congratulations to former member Thad Dove who is charter president of the new Carteret Optimist Club, and to Bruce Phillips who assumes the role of 2001-2002 international vice-president.

...Goldsboro - Held bike safety rodeo, kid's day in the park (served 400 bags of popcorn), sponsored Special Olympics program, Tri-Star Baseball, and a child safety seat check. Bill Edgerton appeared on morning radio talk show discussing the Optimist bike rodeo and child safety seat programs.

...Greenville - The club maintains a community service "Adopt-A-Street" clean up program, and held a NOW program in June.

...North Raleigh - Honored Raleigh Police Officer at Law Day Program, sponsored two 4-H summer camperships, held a very successful fund raiser golf tournament at Wildwood Country Club, serve at a concession stand for several concerts at Alltel Pavilion (Walnut Creek). The club now has a brand new concession trailer and is looking for events where they can serve food.

...Raleigh - Conducted Respect For Law Program honoring two officers, conducted annual Tar Heel Regatta and the associated golf tournament of 23 teams, the club sponsored this year's Essay Contest winner, Amanda Buckley, held "Take -A-Kid Fishing" day at Optimist Farm, "Safety on Wheels" program is schedule at the Raleigh Girls Club in September.

...Roanoke Rapids - Hosted the NE Regional State Games at Halifax Academy, participated in a very successful T-Ball season involving 323 registered youth.

...Rocky Mount Evening - Events included: Tri-Star Baseball competition in three age divisions, sold tickets at the Nashville, NC Blooming Festival, held their annual Crossing Guards Recognition Supper. The club elected to meet only twice a month during the summer months.

...Washington - Held a "Youth Appreciation Scholarship Awards Night" in May, their soccer program this year provided activity for more than 500 youth, with the club holding an end of season pizza party for participants.

...Whiteville - Conducted the annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored the area youth baseball league and maintain the ballpark and will host the end of season practice tournament games, provided awards for the J.B. Hickman Achievement in Education program, honored five area law enforcement officers at Law Day program.

...**Wilmington** - The club made a \$100 donation towards a treadmill for the children at the Cerebral Palsy School; the club has a “profitable” way of getting new members...Lt. Governor, Sandy Cyphers-Bohn, promises \$50 to anyone who brings in a new member.

...**Wilson Evening** - Three club members won 2nd place judging the 4-H Animal Show and Sale; seven club members participated in the Special Olympics program held at the North Carolina School for the Deaf; the club held an Oratorical Contest with 8 participants, and a Respect for Law Banquet.

...**Winter Park** - Programs included Oratorical and Essay Contests, funding for the beautification of the Hoggard High School Senior Courtyard (the club sponsors an Octagon Club there); and a successful Food Bank Drive (450 cans collected by club members). Club member, John Laughter, was honored with the Theodore J. Mavros Memorial Award for more than 40 years service as Little League manager and coach in New Hanover Co.

...**Youngsville** - The club's scholarship program had 5 applicants this year with scholarships awarded to two girls, the club hosted the 4th quarter zone meeting with an “Optimist Family Day” serving hot dogs, hamburgers, and homemade ice cream; a “Safety on Wheels” program is scheduled for August; the club is involved in the grading and lighting of two youth baseball fields at Youngsville School.

QUOTES FROM 11-YEAR OLDS' SCIENCE EXAM...

...Water is composed of two gins, oxygen and hydrogen. Oxygen is pure gin, hydrogen is gin and water.

...When you breath you inspire, when you don't breath you expire.

...Three kinds of blood vessels are, arteries, vanes, and caterpillars.

...Artificial insemination is when the farmer does it to the cow instead of the bull.

...Vacuum: A large empty space where the Pope lives.

...For head cold: Use an agonizer to spray the nose until it drops in your throat.

...The pistol of a flower is its only protection against insects.

...The body consists of three parts - the branium, the borax, and the abominable cavity. The branium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abominable cavity contains the bowels, of which there are five- a, e, i, o, and u.

North Carolina East District Convention

August 16-18, Atlantic
Beach Sheraton Hotel
Y'all come to the highlight
event of the year!

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