



# Happenings

The Bulletin of the North Carolina East District



Carey Foster, *Governor*

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## A Message From The Governor . . .

Welcome to a new year of Optimism.

I look forward to serving you as Governor of the NC East District. We have a great team of men and women who are willing to serve the district to the best of their abilities. Please call upon the committee chairs, Lt. Governors and myself any time you need us to help with a project or particular club need or question. I want to encourage each club to send it's New Club Building Chair and Membership Chair to the first district meeting. We will be doing breakout sessions in each of these areas for training.

I realize that it seems we stress membership and new club building and some may say it seems like a numbers game . Well it is: too many kids do not get the love they need at home, too many kids are on drugs, too many kids need a second chance, too many kids need a pat on the back, a scholarship, a positive day in their life, somebody to say "I care." The more members you have, the more kids you can serve.

I look forward to seeing you in Roanoke Rapids on October 5-6. I hope you can make the BBQ chicken dinner on Friday night at 6:30. Our local club is looking forward to cooking for the district. The cost is \$ 6.00. Please let us know if you can come. A tour of the renovated recreation center will be available, if you like.

On a sadder note, the events of September 11th are still weighing heavy on our hearts and minds. We do not know what will follow, but very soon we will have more kids than we now have, that we may need to serve as the military embarks from home. Be thinking of how your club can serve these areas that have been and may be affected. But first, put your faith in a Higher Power and remember a promise you often make to yourself . . . "to be so strong, that nothing can disturb your peace of mind . . . "

## BRUCE PHILLIPS ELECTED AS INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

The North Carolina East District is fortunate to have one of our own serving as our assigned International Vice President this year.

Dr. Bruce Phillips, Charter President of the Elizabethtown club and a past Distinguished Governor of our district, was selected to serve as an International Vice President this year. He was assigned by OI President Jerry Henderson to serve a region which includes the NC East District.

## ROANOKE RAPIDS CLUB TO HOST FIRST BOARD MEETING THIS WEEK

Governor Carey's home club, Roanoke Rapids, will be the host for the first quarterly board meeting of the 2001-02 year of the NC East District this week end, October 5-6 in Roanoke Rapids.

To be held at The Inn, 101 Holiday Drive in Roanoke Rapids, the meeting will begin at 6:30 on Friday night with the great Roanoke Rapids Optimist Club chicken barbecue. The barbecue will be held at the J. T. Davis Recreation Center, 400 E. 6th Street. The Executive Board meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center.

The business part of the meeting will be held on Saturday morning, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at The Inn. It will end following the Installation Luncheon. Special speaker for the luncheon will be our own Bruce Phillips, Optimist International Vice President.

Let's all show up in Roanoke Rapids to support Governor Carey and Vice President Bruce. We need to get the 2001-2002 "ATTITUDE" year off to a great start.

## 2001-02 District Officers Announced

The North Carolina East District of Optimist International has installed an impressive slate of officers and Lt. Governors to lead the district this year.

The key support for Governor Carey will come from district secretary treasurer Roy Barnes. Roy is a Roanoke Rapids member, residing in Gaston. Luann Pool is immediate past governor and Tom Taylor is past governor. Sandy Cyphers-Bohn, Wilmington, is serving the district this year as Governor elect.

The Lt. Governor team is composed of Walt Armentrout, Winter Park, Wilmington, Zone 1; Tommy Parker, Laurinburg, Zone 2; David Boone, Wilson, Zone 3; Ellen Foster, Roanoke Rapids, Zone 4; Dennis Lambert, Henderson, Zone 5; and Bob Verne, Chapel Hill, Zone 6.

# Club Happenings . . .

(Club Happenings are activities reported in the various club newsletters across the district. These came from late newsletters which were sent to last year's district bulletin editor. To be sure you are represented here in the next issue, send each issue of your local newsletter to me, District Bulletin Editor, F. Carlyle Teague, 5208 Doncaster Court, Raleigh, NC 27612 or e-mail me at [carlylet@touchnc.net](mailto:carlylet@touchnc.net).)

**Whiteville** had more than 400 soccer signups for the 2001 season which opened on September 15; **Chapel Hill** had a successful summer of combined fund raising and youth service at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park. They ran a concession stand to raise funds and served 532 youth, parents and mentors in their "Kids At The DBAP Program." They also conducted their Bicycle Safety Rodeo and PALS Fun Ride at the Friday Center. They were expecting 200-300 kids. Did I mention that they also took boys and girls from Boys and Girls Homes on an educational outing and picnic at Bentonville Battleground?

**Rocky Mount Evening** assisted the Boys and Girls Club in Rocky Mount and Nashville with their Kids Day at the park. **Raleigh** has decided to forgo the 2002 Tar Heel Regatta and focus club fundraising efforts on expanding their golf tournament. Fall soccer is well underway at **Washington** with 389 children signed up. **Goldsboro** is supporting efforts to revive Habitat For Humanity in their community. **Greenville** recently conducted their regular "Adopt-a-street" program. **Youngsville's** Safety On Wheels Program began with a Youngsville Area kids Soccer parade through town.

**Golden Circle** participated in the "biggest and best" annual Shrimparoo. It was the Zone 3 meeting, hosted by the **Wilson Evening Club**. Bill Taylor, **Wilmington** Optimist Club serves on the Optimist Committee at Boys and Girls Homes. **Elizabethtown** is proud of their International VP member, Bruce Phillips. Joe Luther has assumed Bruce's local secretary-treasurer duties.

**BE SURE YOUR CLUB IS COVERED IN THIS SECTION NEXT ISSUE !!  
SEND YOUR CLUB BULLETIN TO THE DISTRICT EDITOR !!**

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS ANNOUNCED

Governor Carey has announced an impressive slate of leaders for the district's committees for the 2001-2002 Optimist Year. All committee chairs are serving the district during the year with special emphasis on providing as much service as possible to the individual local clubs.

The line up of committee chairs this year includes a very good balance of veteran district leaders, along with lots of energetic new talent.

The chairs include: OI Foundation, William Mills, Washington; Finance, John Cline, Raleigh, assisted by Wayne Sidelinger; Membership, Yancey Hines, Henderson; Leadership Development, Lester Craft, Shallotte; Assistant to the Governor and Oratorical Contest, Doug Lamm, Wilson; Activities, Frank Bowman, Garner; New Club Building, Bill Edgerton, Goldsboro.

Club Services, Charlene Edwards, Golden Circle; Ambassador and Convention, Worth Starling; Candidate Qualifications, LuAnn Poole, North Raleigh; Communications Contest For The Deaf and Hard of Hearing and PGI,

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## FOR 2001-02 DISTRICT YEAR

Gary Schrumm, Chapel Hill, Essay Contest, Ed Taylor, Rocky Mount Evening; Youth Clubs, Joel Wolf, Youngsville; Achievements and Awards, Dan Durham, Roanoke Rapids; Junior Golf, Jerry Medlin, North Raleigh; Boys and Girls Homes, Sandy Cyphers-Bohn, Wilmington.

The full listing of names, addresses and phone information is available in the 2001-2002 District Directory which has been prepared by Governor Carey and District Secretary-treasurer Roy Barnes. Be sure to get your copy from your Lt. Governor.

### Editor's note:

I am aware of at least one mistake in the directory. Please make this correction and if you know others, please refer them to your Lt. Governor or to me.

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