



# North Carolina East OPTIMIST NEWS

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Presidents message:



**'BANG'**

The signal sounded at 12am, October 1 and we're off and running the race to a New Optimist Year. The success of our finish is entirely up to each of us. I am in hopes that you started the race as I did with excitement, energy, enthusiasm, motivation and desire. Keeping these things in mind, I have no reservation or doubt that we will cross the finish line successfully and in record time.

A am so proud of ALL the optimists serving as officers and board members in the respective clubs, as well as Lt.



**Governor Sandy Cyphers-Bohn**

Governors, Chairpersons and Past Governors, I have serving with me. I consider this team to be 'THE BEST OF THE BEST'. This entire group of optimists, along with the members of the North Carolina East District working together, can make this truly a year 'WHERE EVERY KID COUNTS'.

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As BEACONS OF LIGHT in this district, we can be of service to more KIDS in our communities. Isn't that what this organization is all about... SERVICE? Let the BEACONS shine brighter than ever before in this district for the KIDS. Make the Optimist name throughout your community made known more than ever before. SHARE OPTIMISM WITH EVERYONE. You will find the rewards overwhelming in satisfaction and success. 'Extend the Hand of Fellowship' to another individual this year.

The NCE District , NC West, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and Indiana are in the Region referred to as Schuneman Big Dogs. Let's show Optimist International and OI Vice President Steve Schuneman that the NCE Optimists are truly 'Big Dogs'. That we will cross that finish line as 'TOP DOGS' on September 30, 2003.

I will be looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the First District Meeting in Laurinburg October 25th and 26th.

The Laurinburg Optimist club is going all out to make this an enjoyable visit to their city. You will see the motel rate is reasonable and the registration is reasonable. Friday night's dinner will be compliments of the Laurinburg Optimist and breakfast is provided at the motel in your room reservation. We will have special visitors with us that weekend. Steve Schuneman, OI Vice President from Virginia, Bob O'Donnell with the Childhood Cancer Campaign and the Boys & Girls Home Choir will be performing for us at the luncheon. Please



From the District Sec/Treas.

Thanks for letting me be your District Secretary/Treasurer for 2002-2003. If you have trouble with any report. let me know. I'm here to help you.

The dues statement will be sent out about October 21. It will cover the period October 1 to March 31.

Governor Sandy and I are looking forward to seeing you in Laurinburg on October 25-26. It will be a great weekend.

Walter Armentrout  
Sec/Treas NCE District

start the new year off right by attending this meeting. I assure you, you will be glad you did. Hope to see you in Laurinburg.

Remember to keep the race at a fast pace... don't slow down...don't look back... keep looking straight ahead for that successful finish line. THERE ARE GREAT REWARDS FOR THOSE THAT FINISH!

Optimistically Yours,  
Sandy Cyphers-Bohn  
Governor

My Optimistic Friends,

**“Where Every Kid Counts.”** It sounds simple. It sounds noble. It sounds rewarding . That’s because it is. It’s Optimism. It’s our way of life!

**“Where Every Kid Counts”** isn’t just a theme for the 2002-2003 administrative year. It’s a personal mission. Having worked in education my entire life, I’ve been dedicated to bringing out the best in every kid.

The Optimist cause is one that is near and dear to my heart. I’m no different than any other Optimist in the organization. I joined for the kids and I refuse to let myself forget that. I realize that the strength and vitality of our organization lies in our grass roots, where dedicated people make a difference in the lives of young people.

I pledge to help any Optimist, Club or District, in their never-ending quest to better serve their communities and ultimately, their kids. **“Where Every Kid Counts”** is my charge to you. I want to work with you to ensure that every kid has a voice, a vision and an opportunity.

There isn’t a more noble cause than the one we serve. Kids are our foundation. As Optimists, we must continue to be at the forefront of the youth movement, striving to make sure every kid has a chance.

**“Where Every Kid Counts.”** It’s more than a theme or



phrase. It’s Optimism. It’s our way of life. I hope it’s yours too!

Yours in Optimism,

Bill Teague  
President, Optimist International

Note:

Picture of Steve Schuneman furnished by OI was not of minimum quality to be reproduced in the newsletter.

### **Steve Schuneman, Vice President**

Steve will be the OI Representative visiting our District in Laurinburg and installing the District Officers. Steve and his wife, Ann, are from Centerville, Virginia.



Our Executive Board for This Year

**Zone 1**

No information on Zone meetings at press time.  
 Clubs in Zone 1: Wilmington, Wilmington Supper, Winter Park, Inner City, Masonboro, Myrtle Grove and Cape Fear.

Allan Ludlum  
 Lt. Governor

**Zone 2**

No information on Zone meetings at press time.  
 Clubs in Zone 2: Whiteville, Elizabethtown, Laurinburg and South Brunswick Island.

Allan Ludlum,

**Zone 3**

No information on Zone meetings at press time.  
 Clubs in Zone 3: Goldsboro, Washington, Greenville and Carteret

Jacky Young,  
 Lt. Governor

**Zone 6**

No information on Zone meetings at press time.  
 Clubs in Zone 6: Raleigh, Raleigh Dinner, North Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Southeast Raleigh and Garner.

Lind Davenport,  
 Lt. Governor

**Zone 5**

Two new clubs were built and chartered in Zone 5 during the last quarter of last year. Northampton, sponsored by Roanoke Rapids Optimist, Allen Overby, President and Evening Optimist Club of Nashville, sponsored by Rocky Mount Evening Optimist, Tommy Rogers, President.

The 1st Zone 5 meeting will be in Henderson at Gary's Barbeque, 7pm, October 8. The Governor and NCB chair will be there.

Officer installation has been completed in Henderson 9/19, Rocky Mount Evening 10/1, Roanoke Rapids 9/30. Roxboro is scheduled for 10/28 and

Clubs in Zone 5: Rocky Mount Evening, Rocky Mount Breakfast, Roanoke Rapids, Henderson, Youngsville and Roxboro.

Tommy Peele,  
 Lt. Governor

**Zone 4**

1st Quarterly Zone meeting will be in Tarboro on Thursday, October 17, 7pm.

District Chairmen scheduled to be on the program are, Doug Lamm, District Convention: Worth Starling OI Foundation and Wayne Sidelinger, District Bulletin

Clubs in Zone 4: Golden Circle, Wilson Evening, Wilson Breakfast, Tarboro and Edenton -Chowan.

Ray Potter  
 Lt. Governor

## Essay Contest



The title for the Essay Contest for this year is ***'When Our Freedom Is Threatened'***. This will encourage our young people to think, take a stand and then support their stand in the essay. As chairperson, I am looking forward to a very successful year with the Essay Contest.

Contestants must be under nineteen years of age and be in high school. The District winner will receive a \$650 scholarship. The club winner (one essay per club) is due to me by March 15th.

Thanks for all of your help.

Jan Edgerton  
Chairperson

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## International Convention

The Optimist International Convention will be next July 13-16, 2003, in Kansas City Mo.

The convention hotel will be the Kansas City Marriott Downtown.

Worth Starling  
OI Convention Chairman

## Junior Golf



### Championship OIJCG

The North Carolina East Optimist Junior Golf Championship Tournament will be conducted in Eastern NC again this year. We have not set the date or place but that information will be available at the Board Meeting in Laurinburg.

We want this to be the biggest and best tournament ever, so get you club on board to sponsor a Boy and Girl Golfer at our District Tournament.

Jerry Medlin  
Chairman



Max Stephenson taking aim with Ben Spradley admiring the stance. Boys & Girls Home Golf Tournament, Atlantic Beach Convention.

## Candidate Qualifications Committee

Any member wishing to run for Governor Elect or Lt. Governor for year 2003-2004, please send me the information.

Carey Foster, Chairman

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## Membership

We who are Optimists know that in many different ways it has changed our life. Optimism becomes a way in which to meet new friends that last a lifetime, enrich our thoughts and cause us to 'think only of the best'.

There is an old saying that **'Love isn't love until you give it away'**. This year I want to ask you to **'give it away'**. There is only one way a person can know about your optimism experience, that is for you to tell them.

We are working on many incentives for membership for the 2002-2003 year. The first goal should be that first member of the new year. All of our incentives will be released at the meeting in Laurinburg. I would like for every club possible to have at least one new member by October 25th.

Let's share this great experience which we are privileged to know and love. Help someone become an Optimist today!

Billy Hutchinson



November is the month to schedule your Youth appreciation Week Activities.

## OI Foundation

All new OI Foundation themes and incentives will be presented at the Laurinburg Board meeting.

Will all club Presidents please appoint a member of your club to act as a liaison officer

Worth Starling  
OIF Chairman



Governor Elect Sandy awarding 1st Place to “Miss Twinkle Toes” in the ‘womanless beauty pageant’ Friday night at the Convention in Atlantic Beach.

## NEW CLUB BUILDING

**ATTENTION! ATTENTION!**  
Presidents and New Club Building Chairmen

Please make plans to attend a New Club Building workshop on Saturday afternoon, after the District Luncheon. The meeting will be from 2 to 5 pm.

It was suggested by our International Vice President that the NCE District and NCW District combine a workshop and everyone go to Charlotte.

After meeting with our Governor and NCB Team it was decided that we have one within our own district. We have very capable and qualified individuals to assist in this area. We could not see Presidents and Chairmen traveling several hours as well as having the expense to stay overnight another weekend for this workshop if it was planned in conjunction with NC West.

Please make plans to attend this informative workshop. The West has already advised me that as of October 1st, Tuesday morning they already had a new club built in their district and another club chartered by lunch time. So you see they are already two ahead. The East need to get going and KICK BUTT. Presidents, if you or your NCB Chairman plan to attend, please give Governor Sandy a call at 800-799-4046 and advise her in order that we can get a count on the number that will be attending.

Please make every effort to attend the District Board Meeting and to remain for this session.

I am reminded of the story of the Tortoise and the Hare, but let's not go too slow in building the first New Club in the District.

Hayes Perry  
New Club Building Chairman

## Bulletin Editor

The bulletin is scheduled to be published 4 time during the Optimist Year. Approximately 4 weeks prior to each board meeting and convention. I need to have all notices and information at least 5 weeks in advance of the board meeting to be included in that issue.

I am aware, that with the first issue going out when the year is only 3 days old, didn't allow a lot of time to assemble news. A discussion on whether to have more than 4 bulletins in the course of the year will be held in Laurinburg.

The bulletin will be Emailed to every member that I have an Email address on file. It also will be postal mailed to all District Officers, Club presidents, secretaries and committee chairs that do not have an Email address.

Our goal is to get a copy of the bulletin to every member. The president or secretary is asked to make copies available to their club members who don't receive the Email so they will be informed of activity in the District.

To get instant delivery send me your E address.

If your club does not publish a bulletin but would like to do so, I'll be glad to put on a workshop to assist you in getting started. I'll bring this up during my part of the Board meeting.

Please send a copy of your club bulletins to:

1. Governor Sandy Cyphers-Bohn
2. Your Lt. Governor
3. Bulletin Editor, Wayne Sidelinger

My sincere thanks to Allan Ludlum, Wilmington Winter Park, for technical assistance in producing this bulletin.



## Oratorical

The District Oratorical Contest will be held during the 3rd quarter District Meeting, May 16, at the Sheraton Capital Center, in Raleigh. The deadline for entries in the District Contest is April 15, 2003. The topic this year is 'United We Stand In Optimism' and I encourage each club in the District to sponsor both a boys and girls contest. The District boy and girl winner will each receive a \$1500 scholarship.



I THINK THIS IS WELL WORTH WORKING FOR, so please start planning for your contest immediately by contacting the schools and giving them the information to pass on to the students. Lets give these kids plenty of time to write and rehearse their speeches. Remember, the Club Winners will compete in the Zone Contest which will be held sometime in March, or early April. The Zone winners will compete in the District contest in May. More information will be available in the next issue of the bulletin.

Rosa Pittman  
Oratorical Chairperson

## CCDHH



The Hearing impaired Oratorical contest will have the same theme '**United We Stand In Optimism**'.

Contest information will be presented at the Laurinburg meeting.

Allen Stallings  
CCDHH Chairman

All untitled pictures in the bulletin are snapshots take at various events at the District Convention in Atlantic Beach.

## Boys & Girls Home



**Optimist Cottage**

Greetings NCE District Optimists! It's time to celebrate a milestone for Optimists and the Boys & Girls Homes of NC. Thanks for many years of hard work and support from Optimists across the state of NC. We have made the million dollar endowment for the Optimist Cottage. While it is a tremendous achievement, our work is not done. The children of the home still need our love, prayers and financial support. Here is how your club and your members can participate.

We can arrange for a speaker to put on a



program at your club meeting. We can set up a visitation of your club to the campus and the Optimist Cottage.

We encourage all clubs to promote the Five By Twelve Club to support the annual care of the home. \$40,000 of the \$150,000 required each year is raised in this manner. Clubs can

obtain 5 x 12 pledge cars by calling the school or getting them from me at the meeting in Laurinburg. The 5 x 12 club is members pledging \$5 a month for 12 months.

All Optimists are invited to visit the Lake Waccamaw campus on Saturday, October 12, 2002 for Civic Day. For more information see me at the Laurinburg meeting or call the school at 910-646-3083.

I'm excited about joining Optimists in NCE to make this another great year for the children of Boys & Girls home. I know what your support does for the kids, because I have seen it firsthand. I know what you are doing is making a difference in a child's life.

My goal this year is to have 100% participation from Optimist clubs in NCE District. This means more program opportunities to hear about the home, more club visits to see the facility with your own eyes and more activities offered by clubs to show them we truly care.



**Boys & Girls Home Chapel**

This year, let us, as Optimists, celebrate what we have accomplished for the home, but make a new commitment to the children who will stay in the Optimist Cottage in the future.

Tom Lamont



## A&A (Achievements & Awards)

A&A Report forms will be sent to club secretaries as listed in the 2002-2003 NCE Directory unless a club requests otherwise. The schedule for returning the report forms is on the 'important due dates' page in the directory and also will be indicated on the report forms that are sent out. If a club has a change in secretary or wishes the report form sent to the president or someone else, please let me know in a timely manner.

This information can be mailed to Don Harritan at 1108 Woodland Dr. Whiteville, NC 28472 or Emailed to dharritan@intrstar.net. My phone number is 910-642-6467. Please contact me if you have any questions or problems. I hope to have 100% participation in the A&A program and I look forward to working with each of you this year.

Don Harritan  
Chairman

## Childhood Cancer Campaign



Optimist International Representative Bob O'Donnell will be visiting the District in Laurinburg to present the Childhood Cancer Campaign program.

Gary Schrum  
Chairman

## PGI (Personal Growth & Involvement)

At the October meeting we will offer you a mini PGI training session that will give you an overview of the PGI program to take back and present to your club. I will have available, copies of several PGI skills modules to help you choose those that your club would use. Also I'll have available the forms and Passports needed to track your member's participation and advancement. Achievement levels I and II do not need skills modules for completion. Those who attended the Atlantic Beach meeting saw how easy it is to complete level I. Bring me your certified Passport cards and I'll get your awards to you ASAP. This is an easy way to lead by example and show you club members how easy it is to meet the requirements. If you would like help presenting a module, let me know. I make phone calls, house calls and Email works too.

Each club will need a member to administer the paperwork and notify me when a member has completed a new level. Consider rotating responsibility for presenting a module to help develop leadership skills among your membership. The club Sec/Treas should verify the attendance requirements for each member. Since there is no requirement for completion of a level before beginning another level, requirements of different levels may be signed off whenever they are completed.

The module tiles are *Orientation to Optimism for new Member; Public Speaking; Effective Time Management, Creative Problem Solving; Choosing Optimism as a Philosophy of Life, Parliamentary Procedures; Team Building; Leadership Style and Profiles; Mentoring and Managing Change,*

More information on the PGI program is included in your leadership manual; on page 10. This program is another way to give your members recognition for the many things they are already doing for your club and community. It is also an opportunity for them to stretch their horizons. We need to give our members a pat on the back as much as we do our kids.

Trish Verne  
Chairperson

**NC East District, Optimist International  
FIRST QUARTER BOARD MEETING**

HAMPTON INN 115 Hampton Circle, Laurinburg, NC 28352

OCTOBER 25 & 26 2002

**Registration**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club # \_\_\_\_\_

Club Office 2002=2003 \_\_\_\_\_

District Office 2002=2003 \_\_\_\_\_

		Number	Advance	At the Door
			Each      Total	Each      Total
<b>Registration</b>	Optimist		\$15.00      _____	\$18.00
	Guest		\$15.00      _____	\$18.00
	Children		Free      _____	
<b>Luncheon</b>	Optimist		\$10.00	\$13.00
	Guest		\$13.00	\$13.00

**Friday Dinner      \*\*Tailgate Party\*\* provided by Laurinburg Optimist**

- > **Deadline for advance registration is October 18, 2002. Please make checks payable to NC East District and mail to Walt Armentrout, 216 J.E.B. Stuart Dr. Wilmington, NC 28412-1704**
- > **Friday Dinner provided by Laurinburg Optimist ,Tailgate Party –Scotland County High School starting at 5:30 PM. If you wish you may remain for homecoming football game.**
- > **Friday Night Board Meeting will be held at the Hampton Inn –8:00 PM.**
- > **7:30PM – 10:00PM Optifest for children / adults ( hosted by Zone 2 ) contest-prizes- and treats.**
- > **Saturday meeting will begin @ 8:30 am Special breakout sessions will be held concerning New Club Building, Membership, and Youth Clubs. Please have your club chairman there.**
- > **Special Guest : Steve Schuneman, Optimist International Vice President, will be making his official visit to our district. Also Bob O'Donnell, Childhood Cancer Campaign Representative.**
- > **The Boys and Girls Home Choir will be performing during the Saturday Luncheon..**

# HAMPTON INN

115 HAMPTON CIRCLE  
LAURINBURG, NC 28352

PLEASE USE CONFIRMATION # 80316966 WHEN CALLING  
RESERVATION: 910-277-1516 FAX: 910-277-1514  
LOCATION: TAKE HWY. 74 WEST TO LAURINBURG EXIT 401

## RESERVATION REQUEST FORM FOR NC East District, Optimist International First Quarter Board Meeting

\$59 plus tax . double room free breakfast bar DEADLINE OCT. 18<sup>TH</sup> 2002  
October 25, 2002

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name listed on Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Room:      Single:                      Double:  
                                 Smoking:                      Non-Smoking:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Guestroom reservation will not be held unless one night's rental is received with this request form, either by check or credit card.



# **THE OPTIMIST CREED**

## **Promise Yourself**

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear  
and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.



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