



North Carolina East OPTIMIST NEWS

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Friday Night's 'Tailgate party,' sponsored by the Laurinburg Optimist, at the 1st Quarter District Board meeting, October 25-26. Clouds were threatening, but rain was delayed until the party was over/

President's message:

'HAPPY NEW YEAR' 2002 is now history and we begin with a new year ahead of us. I hope as Optimist leaders and club members, you listed as one of your many New Year Resolutions to help make this a successful year for the North Carolina East District. With each of us putting forth the BIGGEST and BEST efforts ever, we can and will make our beacons shine brighter than ever before. By shining bright, we can truly GUIDE the way in our communities in continuing to show that we are an organization that is a FRIEND TO YOUTH and 'WHERE EVERY KID COUNTS'

The first three months as Governor has truly been a wonderful and gratifying experience. I have had the opportunity to travel and visit with majority of the clubs, work on projects, meeting new optimists and most importantly, seeing and experiencing the results. KIDS are benefiting from the efforts and dedication that Optimist Clubs and their members have unselfishly done. You should be proud.

Now we must not put off getting SERIOUS about bringing in NEW MEMBERS and BUILDING NEW CLUBS. We are a team of Optimists in the North Carolina East District and I am confident working together we will GET THE JOB DONE! Will you please work with me to build at least TWO (2) CLUBS during this second quarter?

As Governor, Past Governors, Lt. Governors, Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Board Members in your respective clubs, I ask EACH of you to lead by example. Extend the hand of Optimist membership to a new person this second quarter. Would you believe, that if each of the above individuals would bring in just one new member, the numbers would come to over 155 NEW OPTIMISTS? WOW! What a success story this would be. I would not consider this to be a miracle, just a reality. Please care enough about the future of this organization and help me make it happen. I hope you, along with other optimist members in your clubs, have



and are making plans to attend the Second Quarter District meeting in Greenville. Our Distinguished International President, Bill Teague, and his lovely wife Linda, will be our honored guests. Let's show President Bill how GOOD WE FEEL about Optimism and sharing it with others in the North Carolina East District by being in attendance.

In closing, I share with you these words:

Promise yourself that you will always remember what a special person you are.

Promise yourself that you will hold on to your hopes and reach out for your stars.

Promise yourself that you will live with happiness over the years and over the miles.

Promise yourself that you will "remember when" and you will always "look forward to"...

Promise yourself that you will do the things you have always wanted to do.

Promise yourself that you will cherish your dreams as treasures you have kept.

Promise yourself that you will enjoy life day by day and step by step.

Promise yourself a life of love and joy and all your dreams come true. Collin McCarty

Promise yourself as an Optimist to share OPTIMISM with others around you.

Sandy Cyphers, Governor

The highlight of the 2nd Quarterly Board meeting will be the Awards Luncheon on Saturday. Please attend and help Past Governor Carey Foster recognize the Optimists who led the NCE District during 2001-2002.

Among those to be honored are:

Distinguished Lt. Governors;

Ellen Foster and Walter Armentrout.

Honor Lt. Governors;

Ellen Foster , Walter Armentrout and Bob Verne.

Distinguished Clubs and their Presidents;

Winter Park, Roanoke Rapids and Rocky Mount Evening.

Honor Clubs and their Presidents;

Cape Fear, Goldsboro, Henderson and Raleigh



Past Gov. Carey Foster

Complete reports and pictures of the activities will be in the April issue and on the District website.

Zone 5

Clubs in Zone 5: Henderson, Roxboro, Youngsville, Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount Evening , Nashville and Rocky Mount Breakfast. Tommy Peele, Lt. Gov.

Rocky Mount Evening: Added 7 new members, Tommy Joyner, Winkie Amerson, Nancy Truitt, Phil Dougherty, Henry Edmundson, Kelly Tyndall and Norman Davis. We held a Tri-Star football event and completed Christmas tree sales.

Nashville: Charter Banquet is scheduled for Jan. 18.

Henderson: Gave a Christmas party to two students



from the Masonic Home in Oxford. Sold Christmas trees.

Roanoke Rapids: Sponsored a Halloween Carnival. We had over 1000 people attending and had 564 paid attendees at the Haunted House. We passed out over

Zone 6

Clubs in Zone 6: Raleigh, Raleigh Dinner, North Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Southeast Raleigh and Garner. Linda Davenport, Lt. Gov.

Garner: Completed a successful Christmas tree sale, sponsored two families with food & toys at Christmas, treated 13 young men to a day at the NC National Guard Military Center in Raleigh.

Raleigh Dinner: Sponsored two children for Christmas at Boy's and Girl's Home, provided gifts for 12 children on the Salvation Army Angel Tree and with the help of the Chapel Hill club, held our major fundraiser, the ice cream booth, at the State Fair.

Southeast Raleigh: Held a fish fry, Christmas card sale and fruit cake sale for fund raiser.

Raleigh: Hosted 5 High School seniors at our Youth Appreciation Week Event, along with their parents and counselors. Gave out 5 scholarships totaling \$7500. Contributed to the fund to pay for medical expenses for an 11 year old cancer patient. Manned a concession stand at Bobby Murray Chevrolet Classic Car show and sold Christmas trees for fund raisers.

Zone 1

Clubs in Zone 1: Wilmington, Wilmington Supper, Winter Park, Inner City, Masonboro, Myrtle Grove and Cape Fear. Allan Ludlum, Lt. Gov.

Wilmington: The club had their Nov. 4 meeting at Boys & Girls Home Optimist cottage. They also furnished the Christmas tree. On Dec. 2, the club celebrated the 92nd birthday of their remaining charter member, H. G. Bryant. Wilmington has installed one new member, Dan McIntyre.

Wilmington Supper: We are in the midst of a membership drive with a goal of 25 new members.

Cape Fear: We ran a fair food booth for 10 days, sold over 950 Christmas trees. Put on a AAU tournament to help our Childhood Cancer program. We helped two families at Christmas with \$250 to each. Our next report will contain our baseball and Youth Appreciation program.

Winter Park: Sold 1650 Christmas trees. Had pig picking at the tree lot for club members. A \$1000 raffle and a Coat drive for the needy.

Zone 2

Clubs in Zone 2: Whiteville, Elizabethtown, Laurinburg and South Brunswick Island. Allan Ludlum, Lt. Gov.

Laurinburg: Held a fish fry. Supported a fall baseball instructional program at our park for 5 weeks. Sold Christmas trees. Hosted the 1st district meeting and purchased 3 computers for the Boy's & Girl's home Optimist cottage. Two new members installed, Tom Perron and Gibson McCall.

Whiteville: our fall programming involves lots of kids on 29 teams playing soccer. We assisted Whiteville High at the football games, had a raffle and Christmas tree sales and helped several families at Christmas.

Elizabethtown: We recognized 4 youths at our annual Youth Appreciation Banquet. We sent a child to the Pass Punt & Kick contest in Charlotte. Our tree lot opened the weekend before Thanksgiving and June Watkins arranged the Dec.. 6 BBQ.

Membership

Our first quarter has already been completed. The latest report shows NCE ahead in membership with a net gain of 12. This is not bad, but we can do better. OI has set up a new contest called a 'Final Four Contest' which will be explained at the meeting in Greenville. The contest ends at the end of March, so let's show OI that NCE is one of the BEST.

LuAnn Poole, Chair

Zone 3

Clubs in Zone 3: Goldsboro, Washington, Greenville and Carteret. Jacky Young, Lt. Gov.

Greenville: We have added 5 new members, we are working on several service projects and will host the District meeting in February.

Carteret: We have a membership drive underway. We are working on a Bowling Tournament.

Goldsboro: We have added 6 new members. Completed Christmas tree sale. The Club donated \$1000 to Boy's & Girl's Home to buy mattresses and springs for the Optimist cottage. President Gary Pender gets the Purple Heart for splinter inserted in his hand on the tree lot.

Washington: Host to the first Zone meeting. We are working on new members and a fund raiser.

Zone 4

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

Tarboro: Donated \$1000 to a High School reading program, sponsoring a child ID program and sold Christmas trees as our fund raiser.

Wilson Breakfast: We are on a membership drive, Completed our Christmas tree sale, sponsoring a school A team and a bike safety program.

Golden Circle: Gave a Halloween party at Special Care Center for the 80 residents. Made Christmas wreaths & bows as a fund raiser. Manned concession stand at the Wilson County Fair.



Wilson Evening: Donated \$ to Partner's In Education program, Gave out 500 Halloween bags to area elementary schools, distributed candy canes to children at the Christmas Parade. Completed the best ever Christmas tree sale. Added one new member.

Held a Turkey BBQ at the tree lot George Lamm, Jerry Poole & Doug Lamm, chefs.

Five members attended the District Board meeting in Laurinburg.



Essay Contest



It isn't too late for your club to participate. Contact the schools and youth groups in your area.

Please have your club's winning Essay to me no later than March 15.



Janis Edgerton
Essay Contest Chairperson
118 Windyfield Dr.
Goldsboro, NC 27801

International Convention

July 13-16, Kansas City, MO.

Special this year will be Monday night when the Evening of Entertainment will headline the Bellamy Brothers.

So set your compass and point it toward Kansas City this July.

Complete information, including registration for the convention and hotel rooms will be in the next issue of the Optimist magazine



Worth Starling, Chairman

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Chairman
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Junior Golf Championship OIJCG

The 2003 Optimist International Golf Championship Tournament for the North Carolina East District will be held at the Wedgewood Public



Golf Course in Wilson, NC. On Saturday, May 3rd, starting at 12 noon and Sunday, May 4, starting at 8AM. The Golf Course phone is 252-237-4761. It has been reserved exclusively during those hours for this tournament. The age group will be 16-18 year old, boys and girls.

Start getting your players lined up.

The fee will be \$100 each for the 1st player, \$50 each for the second player and \$25 each for the 3rd player, both boys and girls.

The hotel we will be using, for the players and families, will be The Hampton Inn, 1809 S. Tarboro St. in Wilson,. Phone 252-291-2323. Room rate will be \$35 per night. They have free continental breakfast.

I will have all the detailed information and applications at the 2nd Board meeting in Greenville.

CPA & Activities



Charlene Edwards, Chairperson

Club CPA (Community Project Award) Booklets aren't due until September 30, BUT PLEASE DON'T WAIT UNTIL THEN. YOU NEED TO BE WORKING ON THEM NOW. I'm sure each club has already completed at least one worthy project of a Community Projects Award. Now is the time to be writing your entries and gathering your pictures and/or newspaper articles. Order your booklet kit from Shumsky or contact me and I will order it for you.

Charlene Edwards
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If you missed this event in November, schedule it this spring. Try to do it before school lets out.



Boy's & Girl's Home

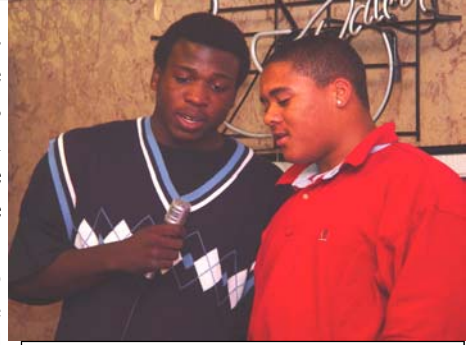


Boy's & Girl's Home chairman, Tom Lamont, invited the boys and the house parents from the home to the general Board meeting and also to the luncheon which followed the meeting.



He had all the boys come to the microphone one by one and introduce themselves and to give some general information.

This year commemorates the year we attained the \$1,000,000 endowment.



Two of the boys perform for the group by singing a song they wrote.. No stage fright here.



Commemorating the \$1,000,000 endowment.



OI Foundation
Annual Auction Sale
 Friday Night, Feb. 21, 2003

The OI Foundation Auction will be held on Friday night at the 2nd quarterly Board meeting, starting approximately 8:30pm. All proceeds go to the OI Foundation. Registration or membership is not required to participate in the auction. Clubs are asked to send items for the auction and selling price will be credited to the donating club.

Desirable items include; computer hardware, liquids, services, computer software, furniture, foods, antiques, sports items, exercise equipment, stuffed animals, jewelry, games, bakery sweets, toys, books, tools, electronics, clothing and glassware.

Payment for anything purchased can be by cash, check or credit card

We wish to congratulate **William Mills** OI Foundation chairman last year who



set a new record for the North Carolina East District OIF donations by exceeding the previous total by

\$1850.

For clubs who have money on deposit at interest rates lower than 4%, consider the offer by OI Foundation to give you a return of 4% guaranteed. The minimum deposit time now is only 3 months.

Zone 6 Continued

North Raleigh: The kids at the Duke Medical Center were treated to a Christmas. All the kids are in there with cancer related problems. The Raleigh club made an interclub visit with us. We used the Raven Points Clubhouse for our annual Christmas party on Dec. 14. The fair concession stand has been cleaned up and

prepared for winter.

Chapel Hill :Assisted Raleigh Dinner in manning the State Fair concession stand. We are developing a plan to involve our club in the Children's Cancer Campaign. The Verne's hosted the club members at their house for a Christmas party.

Bulletin Editor

This is the second District bulletin for this administrative year. There will be two more issues. One each in April and July.

I would encourage clubs to use Email delivery to their members whenever possible. Even though few clubs have 100% access to Email, the savings in postage, paper and time warrants its use.

I have been receiving bulletins or news letters either by postal mail or Email from the following clubs:

Elizabethtown, Whiteville, Henderson, Wilmington, Wilson Evening, Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount Evening, by postal mail.

North Raleigh, Chapel Hill, and Goldsboro by Email.

For the balance of the clubs I am relying on Lt. Governors, hearsay and a used Ouija board I picked up at a garage sale.

Please send a copy of your club bulletin to:

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

I am still trying to assemble the names and addresses of every club officer and board member in the District for a mailing list. I think I may have about 30%.

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 or postal mail 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.

Wayne Sidelinger
Bulletin Chairman

Even though either will work,
change my Email to antique-
barn@earthlink.net

Don't delay in making reservations for the Greenville meeting. The motel will take reservations after the deadline but only guarantees rooms up to that date.

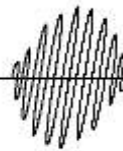
Oratorical

It is time to make your contacts for your Oratorical Contest, if you haven't done so already. Please be sure to have your Club and Zone contests early enough to get your winners names to me prior to the District Contest in May.



Good luck and if I can be of assistance, do not hesitate to call me. Rosa Pittman, Chair. 252-237-1492.

Theme: 'United We Stand In Optimism'



COMMUNICATION CONTEST
for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing
OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

The District CCDHH will be held during the 3rd Quarter Board meeting, May 16 at the Sheraton Capitol Center in Raleigh. The deadline for entries in the District contest is May 1.

The District is anticipating holding 2 contests.

1. Hearing Impaired, delivery by sign.
2. Hearing impaired, oral delivery.

Boys and girls are combined in each contest.

In each contest the winner will



receive a \$1500 scholarship through the OI Foundation. Each contestant will receive a plaque commemorating their participation.

I believe this is an outstanding opportunity for club involvement with the youth and their community. I urge each club to start planning for this contest without delay. Begin contacting schools or other interest groups and giving them the information to pass on to the students.

Allen Stallings
CCDHH Chairman

District Convention August 22-25 2003

Holiday Inn Sunspree Wrightsville Beach

Governor Sandy and the Zone 1 Optimist clubs, along with the 2003 Convention Committee, encourage you to mark your calendars for August 22 thru August 25, 2003, for the North Carolina East District Convention. This year it will be a weekend in the sun and the sand at the Holiday Inn Sunspree in picturesque Wrightsville Beach. The Friday Night Entertainment will consist of a cookout and carnival, sponsored by Zone 1. Additional entertainment for both kids and adults will be a trip to the USS North Carolina Battleship.

A full weekend of fun and excitement is promised by the convention committee.

Governor Elect, Bob Verne and his leadership committee will be conducting training for the upcoming Optimist Year.



Sunspree Verandah, with plenty of comfortable seating overlooking the spacious pool and the Atlantic Ocean..



The Grand Ballroom where the Governor's Banquet and Ball will be held.



An oceanfront view of the Sunspree with spacious rooms facing either the ocean or the sound.

Registration and reservation forms will be mailed out by the convention committee approximately July 1.
Doug Lamm, Convention Chairman



A&A (Achievements & Awards)

Achievement and Awards report forms for the first quarter were mailed to club secretaries on December 31 and are due back by January 15. If your club did not receive the form, please send me information as to whom and what address this form needs to be sent in the future. Remember that the report forms also are available on the District Internet website. <http://www.nceast-optimist.org>

I look forward to reporting 100% participation from our clubs at the February District Board meeting.



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Optimist International President, Bill Teague and Linda will be our guests at the 2nd Quarter Board meeting.



Candidate Qualifications Committee

Carey Foster, Chairman

Please be reminded that anyone who would like to run for Governor of NCE District for the 2004-2005 year, please send me a resume.

Finding the Cure...How You Can Help

Gary Schrum, Chairman



Childhood cancer is taking our children. Optimist International and the Optimist International Foundation intend to do something about it.

Our newest and foremost focus as Optimists is to eradicate childhood cancer. The most pressing component to our success is the unified involvement of both our members and Clubs. To that end, there are many ways that you and your club can get involved.

Directing our focus to the four points of service, we will succeed.



1. **Aid families stricken with the disease.** A task as simple as grocery shopping can become burdensome to families battling cancer. You or your club can make a difference by offering to provide transportation to babysitting services to these families.

2. **Provide support for hospitals, clinics and cancer camps.** Donate your time and resources to cancer treatment centers and service providers.

3. **Give support to kids suffering from cancer.** Be a friend. Be regular visitor. By providing encouragement and support, it'll mean more than you think.

4. **Raise money for research.** The Optimist International foundations have established a fund to enable members and Clubs

to support cancer research on a tax-deductible basis.

NC EAST DISTRICT , OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
SECOND QUARTER BOARD MEETING

CITY HOTEL & BISTRO –203 SW GREENVILLE RD. GREENVILLE, NC
FEBRUARY 21& 22, 2003

REGISTRATION

NAME _____ **SPOUSE** _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CLUB NAME _____ **CLUB #** _____

CLUB OFFICE 2002-2003 _____

DISTRICT OFFICE 2002-2003 _____

		<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>ADVANCE</u>	<u>AT DOOR</u>	
		EACH	TOTAL	EACH	TOTAL
REGISTRATION	OPTIMIST	_____ \$15.00	_____	\$18.00	_____
	GUEST	_____ \$ 5.00	_____	no late charge	_____
	CHILDREN	_____ FREE	_____	FREE	_____
LUNCHEON	OPTIMIST	_____ \$10.00	_____	\$13.00	_____
	GUEST	_____ \$10.00	_____	\$13.00	_____
				Total	_____

- The deadline for advance registration is February 8th 2003. Please make checks payable NC EAST DISTRICT and mail to WALTER ARMENTROUT , 216 J.E.B. STUART DR. WILMINGTON,NC 28412
- If you are registering multiple Optimists please list their full names and offices held on back of this form.
- The Board meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on Friday . All presidents & sec/treas. may attend. Also any Optimist members .
- All Optimists arriving Friday are invited to eat dinner together. We will meet at 5:30PM in lobby.
- O I AUCTION silent and regular auction . Auction will start about 8:30 PM . The most money from items donated by club, the President will receive a special gift.
- Following the board meeting on Saturday , Awards Luncheon will be held for the 2001-2002 year with special guest O. I. PRESIDENT WILLIAM TEAGUE

AUCTION ITEMS NEED TO BE AT LOCATION BY 7:00 PM

CITY HOTEL & BISTRO

203 S W GREENVILLE BLVD.
GREENVILLE, NC
1-877-271-2616
FAX-1-252-355-3062

RESERVATION REQUESTION FORM FOR NC EAST DISTRICT - OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL SECOND QUARTER BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 21-22, 2003

OPTIMIST

NAME _____
OPTIMIST 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 _____ NO 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 cost of a room will be \$59.00 single, \$69.00 King, additional person \$6.00. Please reserve your room by January 22, 2003. Check in time is 3:00PM Fri. check out time is 12:00 noon Sat. When making reservation inform the hotel you are a member of the Optimist.

Reservation must be canceled 72 hours prior to arrival time.

> Please call 1-877-271-2616 or 1-252-355-8300 for reservations



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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