



# North Carolina East OPTIMIST NEWS

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Past Gov. Carey Foster is pictured above with Zone 5, Lt. Gov. Ellen Foster. Outstanding and Distinguished Lt. Governor awards were presented to Ellen at the February Awards Luncheon for leading the District in NCB and Membership last year.. Also receiving the Distinguished Lt. Gov. award was Walt Armentrout, Zone 1. See page 2.

Distinguished Club awards were presented to three clubs by Past Governor Carey Foster for last year. Presentations were made at the District Board meeting in Greenville to Tommy Rogers, President, Rocky Mount Evening; Ellen Foster, for Roanoke Rapids and Alan Ludlum, for Wilmington Winter Park. Rocky Mount Evening and Roanoke Rapids attained their award for building a new club. Wilmington Winter Park by increased club membership.



Past Gov. Carey Foster is pictured at right with Distinguished Lt. Gov. Walt Armentrout, Zone 1. Walt is a member of the Winter Park club that was Distinguished.

Honor Club awards went to Wilmington Cape Fear, Goldsboro, Henderson and Raleigh.

All time record holder for OI Foundation achievement went to William Mills for attaining the highest dollar per member and total dollar for the district.



Greenville, North Raleigh, Roanoke Rapids and Winter Park.

Friend of Youth Awards went to Rocky Mount Breakfast, Goldsboro, Greenville, North Raleigh, Raleigh, Roanoke Rapids and Winter Park.

Partner in Education awards went to Goldsboro and Roanoke Rapids

Top 3 clubs in District were Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount Evening and Winter Park.

New Club Building Awards for Excellence went to Tommy Rogers and Carey Foster.

Billy Edgerton received a clock for attaining his NCB quota.

Clubs earning Community Service Awards: Wilson Breakfast, Wilmington Cape Fear, Raleigh Dinner, Edenton-Chowan, Garner, Laurinburg, Rocky Mount Evening, Masonboro, Rocky Mount Breakfast, Goldsboro,

## N.C. East Optimists,

During these six months of being Governor and nine years as an Optimist member in the N.C. East District, I have been asked by optimist members and non-optimist members, "What is the best thing about being an optimist" to non-optimists this would be considered a reasonable and valid question. I have had a difficult time in the past relaying a direct answer or reflecting my true and inner answer, because there are sooooo many benefits.



After having spent these last months as Governor of this wonderful organization living, learning and traveling, I feel I am able without reservation to answer that question. I've seen the excitement that can be seen in clubs growing with new members, members working harmoniously on projects and witnessed optimists shining their lights and beacons in "GUIDING THE WAY FOR KID."

Through it all, one word continues to stay with me constantly – freedom. Maybe this is due to not only what transpired on September 11, 2001, but also what has transpired in the last few weeks and days with the war in Iraq. Maybe it's been the OPTIMISM that prevails in our organization.

Our optimist clubs are entirely free – free to choose how we serve young people, free to make our communities friendlier, free to be ourselves and free to participate as a member of a special service organization known as Optimist.

Take a look at our optimist clubs and the vast variety of projects that are taking place in the N.C. East District.

### 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 Breakfast:** Meeting place has moved from the Carlton House to the Benvenue Country Club, gearing up for the spring baseball tournament, Oratorical contest on May 1, wish for a fast recovery for Floyd Parker who has undergone surgery.

**Roanoke Rapids:** Held Tri-Star and 3 on 3, co-sponsoring the pitching machine league, co-

As times change, so do the desires and needs of our communities – and our clubs. But we as optimists have the freedom to change and the know-how to make change work. To work 'WHERE EVERY KID COUNTS.'

We have less than six months remaining in the "Beacon Year". As of to date we have neglected to build a new club in the East District. I remain optimistic that this will be a reality and that by the end of September this district will be successful in building at least three (3) new clubs. I consider this district to have the very best group of optimists in Optimist International. With the BEST NCB Team that any district or Governor could have serving with them and for them. In the words of Golda Meier, "Nothing in life just happens.....you have to have the stamina to meet the obstacles and overcome them." Whatever has been the obstacles these past few months I ask you to let us work together to overcome them.

I cannot begin to express to each of you my sincerest THANKS and APPRECIATION for all you are doing to make this year a success in the N.C. East. Our membership continues to grow and KIDS continue to be helped through Optimist efforts. PLEASE DON'T STOP NOW! Continue to work together the remainder of the year to make our BEACONS SHINE BRIGHTER THAN EVER BEFORE.....

In closing let me share the words of Elizabeth Barrett Browning, "Light tomorrow with today."

Optimistically,

Sandy

sponsor the Wheel Chair tournament, Jud Dunlevy won the Essay contest, Oratorical scheduled for April 7, sponsored a stew sale, Coach pitch evaluations begin in May, Challenger League gets started in May, also concession stand and T-Ball.

**Rocky Mount Evening:** Youth Appreciation Banquet was held March 3, Special Olympics on March 16, Pinewood Derby at Benvenue Middle school on March 22.

### Zone 1

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

**Wilmington:** Eddie Brock Jr. will represent their club at the Junior Golf Tournament. The ball team the club sponsors played 50 games this year and won 40. The club is enjoying excellent programs.

**Cape Fear:** Held a pig-picking to kick off their Oratorical contest. Cape Fear will host the Zone Oratorical on April 15. Spring Baseball starts in April, along with T-ball and softball.. They awarded two \$500 scholarships to their Essay winners. They had a special AAU Tournament and raised \$300 for Childhood Cancer.

Myrtle Grove and Masonboro are gearing up for spring baseball.

### Zone 3

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

**Greenville.** The winners of both boys and girls Oratorical contest are sponsored by Greenville and will represent Zone 3 in Raleigh. We are selling raffle tickets for a grill to be given away on July 4th. We will have a contestant in the Golf Tournament in May. Five new members have been added this year. We will sponsor a Country music show for fund raising. Club members donated \$650 to Boys & Girls Home through the 5x12 program. A bicycle rodeo is planned for May 10.

**Goldsboro:** The Goldsboro club and the Carteret club co-sponsored an outing on March 29th at the Eckerd Youth Camp. Two new members have been added this quarter.

**Washington:** Scholarship day will be celebrated the first meeting in May.

**Carteret:** Added two new members. Working with Eckerd Youth Camp.

### Zone 2

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

**Laurinburg** will be hosting the Zone Oratorical on May 10.

**Elizabethtown** had their Essay contest winner attend their meeting on March 3 at the Front Porch.

**Whiteville** is gearing up for spring baseball, selling license plate frames, OI license plates, sponsoring Essay contest, celebrated Youth Appreciation February 17, Oratorical contest was March 20, Andy and Brenda Horne are new grandparents. 2 new members, Lisa Hinz and Tony Brigham.

### Zone 4

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

**Wilson Evening:** Participated in the 4H Show and Sale, Special Olympics on April 25th, Oratorical Contest on April 24, donated funds to the Wilson Cyclones Soccer team, sponsored a Chicken Barbeque to raise funds for Barton College Baseball, Donated to the soccer program at Fike High School, Softball field at Beddingfield High School, Pinewood Derby.

**Golden Circle:** Held Oratorical Contest on April 28. Donated to Boys & Girls Home. Co sponsored Respect for Law Banquet.

**Edenton:** Projects this quarter, Bike Safety, Special Olympics, Raise money for Fire Works display, golf tournament, respect for law.

**Wilson Breakfast:** Oratorical Contest, Respect for Law, Donated to school athletic programs, Donated \$10,000 to Baseball Museum.

### Zone 6

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

**North Raleigh:** Respect for Law will be held on May 5 at which time a Raleigh Police office will presented the Officer of the Year Award. Oratorical Contest on April 24, the Golf Tournament has been scheduled for June 13.

**Raleigh Dinner:** 2002 Junior Golf Champ, Chris Jones was our guest on April 21.

**Chapel Hill:** Maurice Poole is our newest member, Duke Garden's fundraiser on May 3, Fifth anniversary of the Chapel Hill club on April 30, Auction May 21 with proceeds to go to the OI Foundation, Donated \$500 to Boys and Girls home.

No information from Garner, Raleigh or Southeast Raleigh.

## Essay Contest



Winners in the Essay contest will be announced at the Board Meeting in Raleigh. The winning essay will be read at the luncheon.



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.

A report on pre-registration will be made at the board meeting.

Complete information, including registration for the convention and hotel rooms are in the Winter issue of the Optimist magazine and will be available at the board meeting in Raleigh.



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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.

All Optimists, friends and guests are invited to attend and watch the Junior Golfers compete for the NC East Title, Boys and Girls. We will be having a meeting of all players at 11am on Saturday.

A little boy was digging a hole in his back yard when the man next door asked him why he was digging that big hole. The boy replied that his goldfish had died and he was burying him. The man asked why he was digging such a big hole for a goldfish. To which the boy replied "Because your cat ate my goldfish."

## CPA & Activities Charlene Edwards, Chairperson

Time is flying by. It's hard to believe it is already the middle of April.

CPA booklets are due by September 30. I expect to have several completed by the end of summer. All those outdoor sports with the kids and the projects you are doing to serve the community will make wonderful entries. But, you have to enter them to be eligible to win.

The CPA supplies can be ordered direct from Shumsky. Don't wait. Do it now. Make your CPA booklet after you finish the project while everything is still fresh. Call me if I can help.

Clubs can enter as many CPA books as they want and at least one is a requirement to be an honor club.

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

Chairman;  
Tom Lamont

Greetings from the Homes and best wishes to you, your family, and friends.

Spring is in the air at the Homes and while Mother Nature is working her magic to change things, bringing about a green lawn, pretty flowers, and leaves on the pecan trees, she isn't the only one affecting change at the Homes. The staff is very busy working with the children, working with our friends, and making improvements to the campus.

Of course one of the notable changes occurring at the Homes is the transition in leadership. Mr. Stuart Sherman is retiring as President/CEO, a position he has held for some 14 years. Mr. Bill Thompson, a longtime employee of the Homes, has been named the successor to Mr. Sherman.

One of the more obvious changes in the child-care program is the movement of the girls living in Huntersville Cottage to Civitan Cottage. The guys in Civitan were reassigned to other cottages so the girls in Huntersville could move in. This will remain in effect while refinements are made to the residential care program and to Huntersville Cottage. Additionally, changes have been made to the meals program to better streamline that part of our program. While all cottages will maintain their kitchens, the major preparation of meals is now being done in Lions Cottage and Optimist Cottage. Once prepared, the food is placed in special containers and carted to the other cottages where the children have their meals "family style" as has been the norm at the Homes.

A number of physical changes and upgrades are occurring to the cottages. Recently, Lions Cottage has had its kitchen completely renovated to better accommodate the preparation of meals for the campus. One of the more exciting developments is the wiring of the cottages to al-



low high speed internet access to the children and teaching parents. A wireless network to which 4-5 computers per cottage can connect is being installed at this time. You can see pictures of some of the work in progress to achieve the internet access by visiting our web page, [www.boysandgirlshomesofnc.com](http://www.boysandgirlshomesofnc.com) and clicking on the Current Events link.

We are very involved at this time also with our civic friends, attending meetings and conventions and marketing strategies to allow for continued support of our efforts for the children. For a listing of the civic club meetings and activities, click the link on our web page to the Calendar for Financial Development

Thanks for your support of our efforts, for the children. It is through your efforts and the many others like you, that we are able to provide for their needs.



Don't forget spring is the best time for these award winning programs. Respect for Law, Youth Appreciation Week and Safety of Wheels.



Our Governor and OI President pose for an official photo at the Greenville board meeting.

## OI Foundation

The OI Foundation auction held at the 2nd Board meeting in Greenville netted in excess of \$1200. Many thanks to all the members and clubs that furnished items for the auction.



Some auction items displayed prior to the sale.



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.



Governor Elect Bob Verne is requesting applications from members who would like to serve on his team for next year. Several chairmanships are still open.

## Oratorical

The District Oratorical Contest is scheduled to start at 9:30 Saturday morning May 16th. The two contests, boys and girls will follow each other with short intermission between the two. The winners will be



announced at the Oratorical Luncheon. Each boy and girl winner will deliver their speech. Trophies and awards will be presented at that time.



Rosa Pittman  
Oratorical Chair



## A&A (Achievements & Awards)

Achievement and Awards program has had a good start. I want to thank the clubs who participated the first quarter of the year and encourage the rest of the clubs to join in for the balance of the year.

The A&A awards as presented at the February Board meeting in Greenville.

Top 10 clubs for the 1st quarter:

1. Goldsboro
2. Raleigh
3. Greenville
4. Rocky Mount Evening
5. Raleigh Dinner
6. Wilmington Cape Fear
7. Henderson
8. Roanoke Rapids
9. Masonboro
10. Elizabethtown

Top 3 Lt. Governors

1. Jacky Young, Zone 3
2. Linda Davenport, Zone 6
3. Tommy Peele, Zone 5

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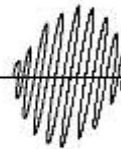
## Candidate Qualifications Committee

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.

## Bulletin Editor

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**COMMUNICATION CONTEST**  
*for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing*  
OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

**Theme:** *'United We Stand In Optimism'*

The District CCDHH will be held at 9:30 Saturday morning May 16th. The two contests, oral and signing will follow each other. Winners in each contest will be announced at the Oratorical Luncheon. Awards and trophies will be presented at that time.

Allen Stallings  
CCDHH Chairman



From **Roanoke Rapids**  
News Letter

make you afraid to cough.

If you are choking on an ice cube, pour boiling water down your throat. It will melt the ice.

For a tooth ache, hit your thumb with a hammer and you will forget about the pain in your tooth.

Avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables by getting someone to hold them for you.

To avoid an argument on lifting and lowering the toilet seat, just use the sink.

To reduce high blood pressure, just cut yourself and bleed for a while and it will reduce the pressure in your veins.

Life is like toilet paper, the closer you get to the end, the faster it goes.

A mouse trap on top of the alarm clock will prevent you from using the snooze button.

The main reason that the human race has never achieved it's potential is "meetings."

If you have a bad cough, just take a dose of laxatives. It will

Never take a laxative and a sleeping pill on the same night.

## MEMBERSHIP

LuAnn Poole,  
Membership Chair  
N.C. East Optimist District  
is working on several programs to increase the membership. International President Bill Teague spoke at the second district meeting in Greenville about "Adopt A Club Program". If a club has 25 members or more they may adopt or sponsor a club of 24 or less and help them to attain membership equal to a net gain of 11 over their beginning membership as of Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 2002. Please see page 4 in your Recognition Handbook or check the OI web site, click on membership for more information.



### MEMBERSHIP PINS

*I need for all Presidents to notify me if any members in your club have recruited 5 members (not charter members) during this year. I will notify OI so that the 5 member pin will be mailed to you.*

### ACCUMULATIVE SPONSOR MEMBER PIN

*Pins are available for members who have sponsored 10,25,50 and 75 or more members. Please read page 7 in your Recognition Handbook or OI Web Site to order them.*

### ZONE RANKING IN MEMBERSHIP

<b>Zone 1</b>	<b>Plus 19</b>
<b>Zone 2</b>	<b>Plus 9</b>
Zone 3	even
Zone 4	Plus 10
Zone 5	Plus 17
Zone 6	minus 6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Plus 49</b>

Top Club- Cape Fear Zone 1 Plus 15

### KEEP YOUR ROSTERS CURRENT

*Governor Sandy has requested that all clubs keep their rosters current. Please consider the drop and add approach*

(Add a new member, then drop your member)

Sandy does not want any surprises in the month of September. We still have time to make up for those members that have been dropped.

### INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Win a **FREE** night at our convention at Wrightsville Beach August 21-24 2003.

Be the top recruiter for new members this year to win this prize.


Win a **FREE** jacket with the OI logo.

Sponsor 5 or more members to win.

### MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS CARDS

*Wayne Sidelinger of the Wilson Club has offered to print business cards for any members who are interested in using it as a great tool to gain members.*

Cards will include the OI logo, your name, address, phone number and your location of where and when your club meets on the front. the Optimist Creed is printed on the back. Use this card



**Wilson Evening Optimist**  
PO Box 663  
Wilson, North Carolina 27893

**'Friend of Youth'**

Meets weekly, Something Different  
Restaurant, Thursday, 6:45pm.  
Except 2nd Thursday at Parker's  
BBQ Restaurant

**Wayne Sidelinger**  
1104 Windemere Dr. NW  
Wilson, NC 27896  
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**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.

along with an application to hand out to friends to visit your club.

Contact Wayne at 252-237-6778 or email him [wsidelinger@nc.rr.com](mailto:wsidelinger@nc.rr.com). Cost is \$1 per sheet containing 10 cards.

A data base is required.

## Youth Clubs

**Headline:  
Summertime  
is Jr. Club  
Building Time**

Want to build a Junior Optimist Club? Take it from an old school administrator, summer is the best time to get schools to try something new.

Why? First, all other times are too late. Schools at every grade level have their club schedules set before the first day of school. Summer is when principals have time to think about something else besides the 3 B's of education: Books, Buses, & Bad Boys.



know a teacher who is enthusiastic about forming a club. (You don't know an enthusiastic teacher? Well, go out and get one as a member. They make great Optimists – teachers today can't survive unless they are Incredible Optimists!)

How to find the principal? If you are just searching, go to the N C. Depart-



ment of Public Instruction Web site and look up your county. (Go to [www.dpi.state.nc.us](http://www.dpi.state.nc.us), then to the "N. C. Schools List" page, then select either your county or city; and click on a school's web site.) You might be surprised how many schools have individual web sites with not



Yancey Hines  
Youth Club  
chairman

only the principal's name and phone number, but also all kinds of information about student activities and clubs. Some good school web sites are Goldsboro HS, New Hanover HS, Rocky Mount HS, and one of my favorites, J.H. Rose HS in Greenville.

Who else to contact? While you're waiting for summer, contact me ([nhines@nc.rr.com](mailto:nhines@nc.rr.com)) or Optimist International ([www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org)) and request a club planning kit. This JOOI kit is absolutely one of the best guides OI has ever published. You can also email OI chief JOOI contact person. She's great.

REMEMBER, WHY DO YOU START AND SUPPORT A YOUTH CLUB? Because kids are our future – the future leaders of our country, our community and, most often, our clubs. Go build a future.



**District Convention August 22-25  
2003  
Holiday Inn Sunspree  
Wrightsville Beach**



Front entrance to the Sunspree



Playground for the under 5 crowd.



The ocean as viewed from the Sunspree boardwalk.



View from the verandah looking over the large swimming pool to the ocean.



View from the walking deck overlooking the pool and the ocean front side of the hotel.



One of the spacious lobbies adjoining the meeting rooms.

On the shore of the Atlantic Ocean, where the accommodations are truly designed for comfort and convenience. All rooms feature microwave, coffee maker, in room safe, hairdryer, ironing equipment, two line phones with messaging and daily in room coffee.

5 Recreational pools, health and fitness center, ocean front volleyball court, gift shop, inside parking, arcade and game room and ocean front terrace.

These and many other exciting adventures await you. Reserve your room now. Call 877-330-5050.

Registration and reservation forms will be mailed out by the convention committee approximately July 1.

Doug Lamm, Convention Chairman



The Goldsboro group. Probably discussing how they are going to wrangle an invitation to the Wilson Evening Shrimp-a-roo



This picture has no significance, he just looks like a good example of a person in deep serious thought.

“There must be more than one way out of the doghouse”



## Pig For Sale

Miss Piggy was the star of the Luau in Atlantic Beach 2001.  
Best offer accepted at May District Board Meeting.  
Check may be made to OI Foundation or Boys & Girls Home.  
See Sandee Spradley at the meeting for details.

**Don't forget to dress up for the Friday night wing-ding at the May Board meeting in Raleigh May 17.**



President Richard Cash and the Raleigh Dinner Optimist receive an award from Boys and Girls Home for leading the district in donations.



Personal Growth Involvement chair, Trish Verne will make her report at the next board meeting and that report will be in the next issue of the bulletin.

**New Club Building needs a boost. Make that new contact today**

Board Meeting  
North Carolina East District Optimist  
International  
Second Quarter Board  
Meeting  
February 22, 2003  
Greenville, NC

The following members of the Board of Directors were present:

Governor Sandy Cyphers, Secretary/Treasurer Walt Armentrout; Lt Gov. Zone 1&2 Allen Ludlum; Lt. Gov. Zone 3 Jacky Young; Lt. Gov. Zone 4 Ray Potter; Lt. Gov. Zone 5 Tommy Peele; Lt. Gov. Zone 6 Linda Davenport; Past Gov. Carey Foster; Past Gov. LuAnn Poole; Gov. Elect Bob Verne; Charlie Smith Pres. Cape Fear; Bruce Phillips Pres. Elizabethtown; Gary Pender Pres. Goldsboro; Charles Ross Pres. Greenville; Tommy Haithcock Pres. Henderson; Becky Jernigan Pres. North Raleigh; Bobby Murray Pres. Raleigh; Jackie Cleslinski Pres. R. Rapids; William Shaw Pres. Rocky Mount Breakfast; Ed Taylor Pres. Rocky Mount Evening; William Taylor Pres. Wilmington; Harry Hale Pres. Winter Park; Rich Cash Pres. Raleigh Dinner; Allen Stalling Pres. Wilson Evening;

Mark Smith Pres. Whiteville;  
**Guest;**  
**Optimist International President William Teague of Leicester, NC**

Governor Sandy called the meeting to order at 8:30am Saturday February 22, 2003.

Invocation was given by Past Gov. Max Stephenson.

Pledge Of Allegiance---ALL

Governor Sandy welcomed all and introduced the Past Governors.

Minutes --- approved.

Financial report – approved.

Candidate Qualifications Chairman, Carey Foster introduced Yancy Hines candidate for Governor Elect, 2003-2004. Lt. Governors will be

elected at the third quarter boardmeeting.

Committee Chairs gave their report.

**BREAKOUT SESSION**

10:30 – 10:45 O.I.J.G.C. -----Jerry Medlin

10:45 - 11:00 Boys & Girls Home-----Al Martin

International Convention, Chair Worth Starling gave information where convention will be held in Kansas City for 2003 July 13-16.

District Convention will be held in Wrightsville Beach on August 21-24 , 2003 Chair Doug Lamm advised everyone to attend, this will be the best.

New Club Building- President William Teague of O.I. talked about new clubs and what it means to a Community and what it means to the youth.

Don Harritan presented the A and A Awards for the first quarter 2002-2003 year . The top club was Goldsboro, Top Lt. Governor , Jacky Young.

International President William Teague , talked about membership, new club , youth clubs and Optimist International.

Bob Verne, Governor Elect, asked that you send him a completed job request form if you want to be a committee chair, or if you would like to host a district meeting. Also asked that you help Gov. Sandy out this year.

Governor Sandy thanked all that came to Greenville and to the Greenville Club for their hosting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm with the Optimist Creed.

2002—2003 Secretary/Treasurer

Walt Armentrout



Clubs earning 5 member recruiting pins: From left: Charles Ross, President Greenville; Harry Hale President Winter park; Charlie Smith, President Wilmington Cape Fear; Gary Pender, President Goldsboro; Ed Taylor, President Rocky Mount Evening; Allen Stalling, President Wilson Evening; Alan Ludlum, Lt. Gov. Zone 1 and Tommy Peele, Lt. Gov. Zone 5.

**"Governor's Challenge"**

Reminder to all optimist Past Governors, Lt. Governors, District Chairmen, Presidents, Officers and Board Members...Extend the hand of membership to an individual. The success of this challenge would bring into this district organization 155 NEW MEMBERS.

All it takes is ASKING. So as your Governor I ask each of you to help this organization stay alive and growing for today, tomorrow and for future generations of KIDS.

Hand of Membership Incentive

Every East District Optimist member that extends the hand of membership to a new optimist member before September 30th will have his/her name placed in a drawing for a ocean front weekend and dinner at Myrtle Beach, SC. Drawing will take place at October District Meeting.

**IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT! ATTENTION CLUB PRESIDENTS.....HONOR CLUB RECOGNITION.....**

SUCCESS is a state of mind, if you want success, start thinking of yourself as a SUCCESS. With these words it is my hope and desire that each of you serving in the leadership role as President will strive to have your club recognized as an "HONOR CLUB". Settle for NOTHING LESS!.....Officer Elect Reports due, May 20th.....Please do not hesitate to submit these forms prior to that date.....This is part of being an Honor Club and Distinguished Club requirement.....If you already know who your President and Secretary/Treasurer will be for next year....please send it now...if not...make sure it is mailed before the 20th.....

**PLEASE....PLEASE.....PLEASE...TAKE CARE OF THIS.**

Please support Boys & Girls Home by contributing through the 5 by 12 program. Your tax deductible contribution provides food, clothing and the necessities for the boys of the Optimist cottage. With all that's happening in the world today, your help is needed like never before. Please fill out a 5 x 12 card and send them with a check to the Home.

Everyone submitting a 5 x 12 this year will have a chance at winning a weekend stay at an ocean-front condominium at Myrtle Beach. Also, the club president with the largest percentage of members participating will win a special prize.

Good luck and thank you for thinking of the children

Sandy Cyphers, Governor



# 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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