



North Carolina East OPTIMIST NEWS

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Dear NC East Optimists,

Thank you for choosing me as your Governor for the 2003-2004 Optimist year. This is a great responsibility and an outstanding opportunity to help the youth of eastern North Carolina in an even greater way than I could before.

We have such a great opportunity in Optimism to make a positive difference on people's lives. With the benefit of the programs provided by Optimist International and our own drive and ingenuity, we can provide a great service to the kids in our communities... and have a lot of fun and get a whole lot of satisfaction in the process.

Each of us leaves a legacy of one kind or another. I believe we will not be remembered by our words, nor by our good intentions, but by our kind deeds. So, let's do the right thing.

* Work to help your club expand its service to kids.

* Recruit a new member or two to allow your club to do more projects to help kids.

* Go out and build a new Optimist club in a new community and spread



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District Officers for 2003-2004



From left, Trish & Governor Bob Verne, Nancy & Secretary/Treasurer Yancey Hines, Past Governor Sandy Cyphers and Son Dennis, Ellen and Past Governor Carey Foster, Governor’s Assistant Lu Ann Poole and Owen.



Lt. Governor Zone 5, Ed Taylor and Judy; Lt. Governor Zone 3, Gary Pender and Louwana; Lt. Governor Zone 1, Harry Hale and Pamela; Lt. Governor Zone 4, Allen Stallings . Not pictured, Lt. Governor Zone 6, Bobby Murray.

<p><i>(Continued from page 1)</i> the philosophy of optimism and the benefits of optimist service to new people. As you have probably observed, every new governor chooses a theme. This serves to focus our thinking and the activities of the district during the year. My theme is "Be important in the lives of our youth". I chose it because I believe that there can be no more important emphasis than on the kids. As Forest Witcraft said, "A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But the world may be different, because I was important in the lives of our youth."</p>	<p>Thanks for all you are doing to help the kids of our District. See you at Lake Waccamaw! Bob</p> <hr/> <p>Robert D. Verne Governor 2003-2004, NC East District</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">District Convention</p> <p>Mark your calendar for August 20-22, 2004 for the North Carolina East Optimist Convention in Atlantic Beach, NC. Make plans now to attend. More information at the February Board Meeting and the next news letter.</p> <p>William Mills, Convention Chairman</p> </div>
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First Quarter District Board Meeting

The District board meeting for the first quarter of the new Optimist year is coming up very soon, October 17-18. This will be a special meeting at a special location, the campus of the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina in Lake Waccamaw. Here we will get a chance to tour the campus and meet the boys from our own Optimist Cottage. On Saturday afternoon after the luncheon, we will be co-sponsoring with the NC West Optimists an afternoon of fun activities and games for all the kids of the Boys & Girls Homes, ending in a cook-out for the kids and Optimists late on Saturday afternoon.

We will need Optimists to help staff the activities. You have a great opportunity to help a lot of kids have a lot of fun, and in the process, have a lot of fun yourself. Bring your own kids to join in the fun.

Note also that this will be the first time in many years that we will be meeting jointly with the Optimists from the NC West District. Please join us in welcoming the 2003-2004 NC West Governor Bob Freeman and his wife Jane. Let's show him and all the other NC West Optimists our warm NC East hospitality!

Our honored guests this weekend will be International Vice President Guy Templin and his wife Sue. Guy will be meeting with us and giving us an update on the activities at O.I. headquarters.

At the 2003 District Convention, I promised that you would be offered great educational opportunities at each District meeting. The special focus for this meeting will be the Childhood Cancer Campaign (CCC). A number of clubs have asked for more information on how they can get more involved in the CCC. Help is on the way! Bob O'Donnell, the Optimist International Director of the Childhood Cancer Campaign will be at our meeting

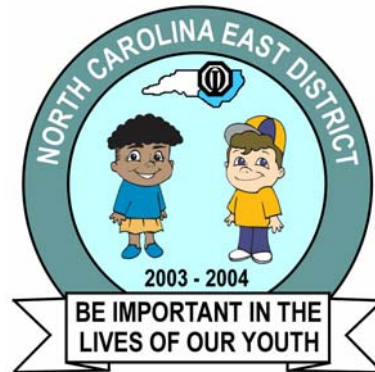
to address us about the CCC and conduct a detailed workshop to show us how our clubs can get involved in helping kids through this program.

Meeting and hotel registration materials were sent to club leaders and district leaders in early September. Although the deadline for advance hotel reservations was September 24, a few rooms might still be available.

Call the Best Western Inn in Whiteville at (910) 642-2378 for reservations. The deadline for advance meeting reservations is October 10th. Send your meeting registration to 2003-2004 District Secretary-Treasurer Yancey Hines by the due date if at all possible. We must commit the numbers of seats and meals we need the week before the meeting. Although we willingly allow at-the-door registrations, significant numbers of them will put us at risk of not having enough space or meals.

We are trying out some new ideas at this District meeting in an attempt to bring more benefit to our members. This will be a great meeting with lots to offer all Optimists. Don't miss it!

Bob Verne, Governor



Zone 5

Clubs in Zone 5: Henderson, Roxboro, Youngsville, Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount Evening, Nashville, Rocky Mount Breakfast and Northampton County. Ed Taylor, Lt. Governor.

Roanoke Rapids: Furnished Umpires and concession stands for the Pitching Machine Event, sponsored T-ball and coach pitch, presented the Hoyle scholarship to 2 students, manned concession stand at Concert in the park, sponsored Challenger T-ball league.

Rocky Mount Evening: Presented awards at Special

Olympics, Held Youth Appreciation Banquet, Tri Star Baseball, Sold tickets at the Blooming Festival, Served Hot Dogs to kids celebrating "Jakes Day," Helped with the "Wind Tunnel" at PROJECT GRADUATION. Installation Banquet was 9/23. Nashville: Youth Appreciation Banquet, Special Olympics, Sold tickets at the Nashville Blooming Festival.

Youngsville: Held Fall Golf Classic on Sept. 19. RM Breakfast: Now meeting at Benvenue Country Club, sponsored baseball tournament.

Zone 1

Clubs in Zone 1: Wilmington, Wilmington Supper, Winter Park, Inner City, Masonboro, Myrtle Grove and Cape Fear. Harry Hale, Lt. Gov.
No reports

Zone 2

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

Laurinburg

Elizabethtown .

Whiteville : Sponsored little League Baseball, sponsored two scholarships, presented Achievement in Education award, Selling Optimist T Shirts for \$10, purchasing Food Lion Card in order to support School Band.

Zone 3

Clubs in Zone 3: Goldsboro, Washington, Greenville and Carteret. Gary Pender, Lt. Gov.

Greenville. Engaged in Corporate Fund Raising, Established a Honor and Associate membership in their club, held Installation Banquet Sept. 29, held a Adopt A Street project in August, attended a joint Zone meeting in Wilson., awarded two \$500 scholarships, celebrated Respect for Law Week by honoring officers, raffled a grill for fund raising, moved their meeting place to Players Grill, donated \$150 to local school for bike safety program, donated \$100 for Care Packages for soldiers in Iraq.

Goldsboro: Sponsored Bicycle Rodeo, working on starting a youth club at Dillard Middle School, sponsored God & Country Day at Eagle Heights Church, sponsored "Hot Dogs in the Park", helped out with Habitat for Humanity, raffled a Gas Grill for fund raising. sponsored baseball clinic.

Washington:

Carteret:

Zone 4

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

Wilson Evening: Held a family picnic at Wedgewood Country club, have 5 new members for the year, sponsored the annual Shrimp-A-Roo, manned the Concession stand at Easy Riders event, voted to park cars at the Wilson County Fair this year, co-sponsored Respect for Law Banquet, held Chicken Barbecue cookout for Barton college baseball team, sponsored walking event in Special Olympics.

Golden Circle: Co-sponsored Respect for Law, attended Shrimp-A-Roo, had concession stand at Wilson County Fair,

Edenton:

Wilson Breakfast: Co-sponsored respect for Law.

Zone 6

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

North Raleigh: Sponsored Golf Tournament, Working on a new Optimist club in Cary, Visited the Ron McDonald house as a group, honored a Raleigh police officer for Respect for Law week, participated in the WUNC fund raiser.

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Chapel Hill: Held a Duke Gardens fundraiser, Celebrated 5th anniversary of Chapel Hill Optimist May9, Held NOW meeting June 4, fishing derby June, WUNC fund raising, bicycle safety rodeo.

No information from:

Garner, Raleigh, Southeast Raleigh, Raleigh Dinner.

Junior Golf Championship OIJCG-2003

The 2003 Optimist International Golf Championship Tournament for the North Carolina East District was held at the Wedgewood Public Golf Course in Wilson, NC. On May 3-4.



Erin Hughes, North Raleigh club, listening to instruction from Golf Chairman Jerry Medlin. Flanked on the right by Neil Wilkinson, Cape Fear and Wes Dodson, Cape Fear.



Erin Hughes, left, Blythe Worley, Greenville and Lauren Harling, Laurinburg pose for a picture prior to teeing off.

Blythe Worley, the District Girl Winner, tied for seventh out of 83 players, in the Florida Tournament. The Boy Winner, Luke Hopkins, Cary NC, ties for 3rd place out of 197 players. Lauren Harling tied for 12th out of 83 players in Florida. Philip Chauncey, North Raleigh Optimist, finished 15th out of 197 in Florida. Andrew Buegler, Raleigh Dinner Optimist, ties for 49th out of 197 players.

Junior Golf Championship OIJCV -2004

For the year 2003-2004, I would like to see the NC East District expand our junior golf program and have more Optimists involved. By doing so, we can reach out and work with many more youth golfers in our communities. I would like for us to expand our qualifying tournament this year to include boy and girl golfers in the 14-15 age and 16-18 age divisions. This would increase our contact with our youth golfers by over 100% and expand our dedication of service to the youth of our communities. After all, isn't this one of the reasons we decided to be Optimists and to become more involved in working with the youth of our communities?

In order to accomplish this goal, we as Optimists, need to become more involved in such a worthy and rewarding O. I. sponsored project. The individual clubs and zones are needed to help make this and all other O. I. sponsored projects a success.

I would like to open up a bidding process to interested clubs and zones for them to work with our OIJGC committee and have them submit bids to host the NC East District Qualifying Tournament. This will assist in the tournament's successful operation. Please let me know if there are quality courses in your area that would work with us and also sponsor our two day tournament.

Club members and volunteers are needed to assist at the tournament in the capacity of marshals, scorers, starters, and canteen cart operators. Donations of drinks, water, food, and snacks will be needed on the course for our golfers and volunteers. Medical trained personnel, such as nurses or paramedics, are a requirement. Also needed are meal preparers and food suppliers to feed everyone after each day of competition. There are many clubs in our district who have access to outdoor grilling equipment and can provide grilled chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, barbecue, etc. and drinks to feed our hungry group. Reasonable motel accommodations must also be recommended and be within a reasonable proximity of our course of play. Bids must be received by December 1, 2003.

Once our golf committee has received these bids, we will contact the clubs and zones. We will work with you and the golf courses to pick the most suitable venue for the tournament and then set dates. This process needs to be finalized by January 1, 2004. Then we can all start rounding up our competing golfers.

We are also asking all interested clubs and zones to find sponsors for our tournament. This will defray our expenses and help make this a self-supporting program. More details regarding the sponsors will be provided at a later date.

Continued support from our clubs, zones, and individual members is necessary in order to remain successful.

Refer all bids and recommendations to:

OIJGC Chairman
Carlton A. Baird
8825 Green Level Church Road
Cary, NC 27519

cbbaird@bellsouth.net

**International Convention
2004**

St. Louis, Mo.

Convention poses





ESSAY

Charlene Edwards, Chairperson
 The 2004 Essay Contest topic is "Being the Best I Can Be."

The contest is open to students under age 19 as of December 31 of the 2003-2004 school year.



Clubs, submit your winning entry to the District no later than February 28, 2004. The three top District winners will receive a plaque and a US Savings Bond. 1st place winner, \$500 US Savings Bond. 2nd Place winner, \$300 Savings Bond. 3rd place winner \$100 Savings Bond. District winners will be announced April 15, 2004. The District 1st place winning Essay will be forwarded to O. I. for the International competition. For more information please contact; Charlene Edwards 252-443-6053

At right, Past OI President JC and Ann Boone, relax in the lobby between training sessions. We were fortunate to have the best in the business for our officer training.



The Governor's ball Congo Line, the earlier version of line dancing.



The Imitations, who entertained for three hours Saturday night, perform their rendition of the Blues Bros.



The head table at the Governor's Ball. From left, Gov. Elect Bob & Trish Verne; OI Representative Dr. JC and Ann Boone; Sec/Treas Elect and MC Yancey and Nancy Hines; Governor Sandy and her son Dennis Cyphers

District Oratorical Contest



The District Oratorical Contest was held May 16 in Raleigh.



Girls Oratorical Contest: From left; Charlotte Rastas, Wilson Evening, Zone 4; Tiffany Hunter, Henderson, Zone 5; Winner, Rachael Hughes, Laurinburg, Zone 2; Krista Stepney, Raleigh, Zone 6; Kara Metkalf, Zone 1.



Boys Oratorical Contest From left; Parris Smallwood, Wilson Evening, Zone 4; Deron Hall, Zone 1; Clay Brooks, Laurinburg, Zone 2; Pareteek Singla, Greenville, Zone 3; and winner, Zachary Simmons, Raleigh, Zone 6.

PGI

Personal Growth & Involvement Program offers members the opportunity to become more knowledgeable and better able to assist a club in its future advancement. Through the communications training and the self development modules, members have the opportunity to grow and learn. Involvement in club activities, increased attendance, leadership development, recruitment of new members are some of the benefits a club will receive as its' members complete the six requirements for each level.

Recent PGI honors go to the following people.

Level 1

Christine Ratcliff, Chapel Hill
Clarence Ratcliff, Chapel Hill
Daniel Vinson, Goldsboro

Level 2

James Casey, Chapel Hill

Level 3

Franklin Bowden, Chapel Hill
Hattie Frederick, Goldsboro
Louwanna Pender, Goldsboro

Level 5

Gary Pender, Goldsboro
Bob Verne, Chapel Hill

Level 7

Carey Foster, Roanoke Rapids

Need more help to get your club started? The materials are free—the rewards are priceless. Let me know how I can help. Call me at 919-942-4144 or Email: rverne@nc.rr.com. You may also contact Karen West at Optimist International office 1-800-500-8130.

Trish Verne
PGI Chair

A&A (Achievements & Awards)

There is one change that will be incorporated into the A&A program this year. Points will be awarded for those clubs that have the reports submitted on time. The blank report forms will be mailed to all club secretaries who are listed in the District Directory. Please let me know if the report forms should go to some other person. Also, blank report forms are available on the District Web Site if you do not get them by postal mail.



The A&A awards as presented at the August Board meeting in Wrightsville Beach.

Top 10 clubs for the 3rd quarter:

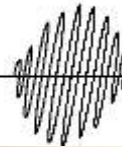
1. Wilson Evening
2. Goldsboro
3. Rocky Mount Evening
4. Whiteville
5. Henderson
6. Laurinburg
7. Raleigh
8. Youngsville
9. Roanoke Rapids
10. Greenville

Top 3 Lt. Governors

1. Alan Ludlum, Zone 2
2. Ray Potter, Zone 4
3. Jacky Young, Zone 3

Top two clubs from each zone:

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| Zone 1 | 1. Masonboro | 2. Cape Fear |
| Zone 2 | 1. Whiteville | 2. Laurinburg |
| Zone 3 | 1. Goldsboro | 2. Greenville |
| Zone 4 | 1. Wilson Evening | 2. Golden Circle |
| Zone 5 | 1. Rocky Mt Evening | 2. Henderson |
| Zone 6 | 1. Raleigh | 2. Chapel Hill |



COMMUNICATION CONTEST
for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing
OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL



The District CCDHH Oratorical Contest was held in Raleigh May 16, 2003.
From left: Randie Webb, Raleigh Zone 6; Kimberley Hamilton, Winter Park, Zone 1 and the Winner Laci Hines, Henderson, Zone 5. Participating in the contest but unavailable when picture was take, Andrew Tessin, Raleigh, Zone 6.



2003 District Essay contest Winner, Niki Korola, Carteret Optimist Club, Morehead City.

Don Harrigan
A&A Chairman
1108 Woodland Drive
Whiteville, NC 28472
Email dharrigan@intrstar.net
Phone: 910-642-6467

Friday Night at the convention



The Cape Fear Optimist brought their mobile concession stand and spent the evening serving hot dogs, hamburgers and various other sundries.



Joining the chow line, Yancey Hines, front, Ben Spradley pushing J.C. Boone and past Governor Carey Foster, protecting his mouth.

Candidate Qualifications Committee

Sandy Cyphers, Chairman
Please be reminded that anyone who would like to run for Governor of NCE District for the 2005-2006 year, please send me a resume.

On left, the Greenville delegation posing for a picture at the Governor's Banquet.



MEMBERSHIP

Tommy Rogers,
Membership Chair

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 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. Cost is \$1 per sheet containing 10 cards.

A data base is required.



Lt. Gov. Zone 5 Tommy Peele apprehensive about the time factor which will end the pause that refreshes.

Leadership Training Darrel Fulcher, Chairman

Early this year Governor Bob Verne's vision of training Optimist members of our district would not stop at the District Convention. A program was developed to conduct training at each District Conference that would assist club services all year long.

Plans for the Convention were first and foremost during the early months of planning. Governor Bob gave me all the tools to select a training team and Optimist International provided the written training materials and modules for Lt. Governors, Presidents and Secretary/Treasurers.

Lesson plans, training materials, location and times were identified with the assistance of the District Convention Team and success was in our hands.

The Lt. Governor training was lead by Past Governor LuAnn Poole and Governor Bob Verne. All Lt. Governors were present for the training and we all learned something new from their ideas and experiences from their zones.

The Presidents training was lead by Lt. Governor Jackie Young and Past Optimist International President Lester Craft. Nearly 50% of the districts new presidents were present for Friday's training and 60% were in attendance for Saturday's training. Information and feedback from this training has all been positive and clubs are planning more project and membership drives in their communities.

Secretary/Treasure training was lead by Don Harritan and Past Governor Billy Edgerton. We received somewhat of a surprise at this training, that 100% of the attendees were current or past secretary/treasurers in their clubs. All of the secretary/ treasures found new information and reporting ideas that would aid to their clubs service to kids and communities.

Without doubt the Convention highlight was

the emphasis and enthusiasm of Optimism that Past Optimist International President J.C. Boone shared with our new officers throughout the convention. Service to kids and opportunities to invite new members to our organization is always important to J.C. We were blessed to have J.C. and his wife Ann to help with our convention.

Lt. Governors Training Retreat: Governor Bob Verne organized a retreat for the Lt. Governors in Wilson, N.C. The all day (8 hour) training program was of an open format where Lt. Governors shared tips for completing reports (district, club and S/T reports), promoting growth, and most important service to the children of our district.

New Club Building Chairman; Tommy Rogers presented the new club growth plan to the LT. Governors with an emphasis on starting early and increasing the service of Optimist in new communities.

Governor Bob Verne presented his plans for a successful year. Governor Bob pointed out that the Lt. Governors will be the key point on contact in the zones and should make themselves present at all District and Zone Meetings, at new club building planning meetings, new member installations and club service projects conducted by clubs in their zones. Another key item pointed out to the LT. Governors was to use the District Committee Chairpersons to assist with club opportunities and at zone meetings.

Governor Bob and his team put together one of the best District Directories we have had access to and began distribution at the District Convention.

Training Format for District Conference Meetings:

First Quarter Conference: Boy's and Girl's Home, Lake Waccamaw, N.C.

Topic: Childhood Cancer Program

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Presenter: Bob O'Donnell from Optimist International

Format: Both the East and West Districts of North Carolina will be in attendance. This is going to be a great time to share ideas and success stories from clubs that have already started this program in their communities. The Childhood Cancer Program is the fastest growing program hosted by Optimist International.

Bob O'Donnell will bring the upbeat presentation from St. Louis and is ready to assist presidents on the club level to make their local program a success.

Second Quarter Conference: Sheraton at the Research Triangle Park.

Topic: Improving Your Communication Skills and Fundraising (two module presentation)

Presenter: Carolyn Cox; Optimist International Certified Trainer.

Format: Our guest certified trainer from Optimist International will bring a new and widely received training program to assist Optimist Club Members improve their communication skills and become better stewards of our organization. We will also provide information and ideas to assist clubs with organizing, conducting and reaping the successes of their fund raising activities.

Third Quarter Conference: Holiday Inn; Rocky Mount, N.C.



Training faculty meeting.

Topic: Problem Seeking and Problem Solving

Presenter: Jack Creswell; Optimist International Certified Trainer

Format: Have you ever learned you were the last one to get the bad news and felt as though if I had known I would have helped? Help is on the way. A certified trainer from Optimist International will point out the signs for us all to see how we can make a difference. To point out the opportunities to improve is only a fraction of the plan. Our trainer will also provide information of how to be successful with problem solving.

Fourth Quarter Conference-Annual Convention: Atlantic Beach, N.C.

Topic: Motivation and Success

Presenter: To Be Named

Format: You don't want to miss this. Governor Bob Verne and the North Carolina East District are finalizing plans to bring to our District; one of the nations most well respected motivational speakers. International corporations and groups seek the services of a unique Optimist that will inspire you to become a better servant of your community, your home and point out the opportunities that each of us have to be true Optimist.

Please call or E-mail if you have any questions.

Darrell Fulcher



Lt. Governors training class.

Fourth Quarter Board Meeting
N. C. East District Optimist International
Saturday, August 23, 2003
Wrightsville Beach. NC

Minutes as recorded by the Secretary.

The following members of the Board of Directors were present: Governor Sandy Cyphers; Sec/Treas Walt Armentrout; Zone 1&2 Lt. Gov. Alan Ludlum; Lt. Gov. Zone 3 Jacky Young; Lt. Gov. Zone 4 Ray Potter; Lt. Gov. Zone 5 Tommy Peele; Past Gov. Carey Foster; Past Gov. LuAnn Poole; Gov. Elect, Bob Verne; Gov. Assistant Doug Lamm; Bobby Murray, Pres. Raleigh; Tommy Rogers, President, Nashville; Charlie Smith, Pres. Cape Fear; Madeline Jefferson, Pres. Chapel Hill; Tommy Haithcock, Pres. Henderson; Charles Ross, Pres. Greenville; Harry Hale, Pres. Winter Park; C. A. Tanner, Pres. Garner; Cash Rich, Pres. Raleigh Dinner; Bill Taylor, Pres. Wilmington; Bruce Philips, Pres. Elizabeth-town; Ed Taylor, Pres. Rocky Mount Evening.

Gov. Sandy called the meeting to order at 8:45am.

Invocation was given by Yancey Hines.

Pledge of Allegiance, all.

Gov. Sandy Introduced Mayor Roberts of Wrightsville Beach who welcomed the Optimists and gave a short political speech.

Minutes of February Board meeting was given and approved.

Financial report was given and approved.

Candidate Qualifications Chairman, Carey Foster, reported one candidate for Governor Elect. He nominated Yancey Hines for the position. Yancey was elected by acclamation.

Approval was given to the next administration to move the bank account.

Alan Ludlum reported on the District Web Site.

Max Stephenson gave the memorial service for Optimist members who passed away during this Optimist year.

Chair, Trish Vern, reported on the progress of the PGI program and how you, as an Optimist member, can become involved.

Youth Clubs Chair, Yancey Hines, reported on Youth Clubs and explained how you can build one.

Kevin Lee, from the Zimmer Cancer Center in Wilmington, gave a talk on 'Children with cancer' in their institution.

Winter Park donated \$3000 to the Zimmer Cancer Center for children's cancer.

Jerry Medlin gave a report on the OIJGC in Florida.

LuAnn Poole gave a report on membership. She emphasized that every effort should be made not to lose members. All clubs should have active programs to prevent loss of members. She also encouraged all clubs to achieve honor status and complete their '5 new member program' before September 30.

New Club Building Chair, Jerry Medlin, reported that three new clubs were in the building stage.

Optimist Foundation Chair, Worth Starling, said he had no awards at this time. Worth held alter call for OIF donations.

OI Convention Chair, Worth Starling, reported that NCE had 37 members in attendance at the OI Convention in Kansas City this past July.

A&A Chair, Don Harritan, gave out A&A awards for the past quarter. No. 1 club was Wilson Evening. No. 1 Lt. Governor was Jacky Young, Zone 3.

Doug Lamm gave his report on the convention. He said we had 195 registered at the time of the report. Probably the highest convention registration since becoming NCE District.

Wayne Sidelinger gave report on District Bulletin. He encouraged clubs to issue a club bulletin and mail him a copy.

Activities Chair, Charlene Edwards told the group that the deadline for CPA books is September 30. Clubs must submit a book as one of the Honor Club requirements.

Our OI Representative for the convention was Past OI President, Dr. J. C. Boone.

Gov. Sandy gave closing remarks.

Optimist Creed

Respectfully Submitted,

Walt Armentrout,
Secr/Treas.

OI Foundation

Thursday night at the convention Governor Sandy hosted the Thursday Night meal and entertainment held at the Wrightsville Beach recreation center. A chicken dinner was served and entertainment present by a local ladies singing group. Sandy presented everyone with a gift at the conclusion of the nights entertainment.



The Goldsboro crowd.



The Wilmington crowd.



The Wilmington Inner City club crowd.

I plan to do a cook book as an OI Foundation fund raiser and would like to get a start on typing the recipes. The form is easy to follow and I would like to get at least one or two recipes in each category from each club. So the book would have 300-350 items. There will also be pages explaining the Foundation, Optimist international, the District and a list of the clubs in the District.

The form to use is on next page, page 16 Either copy the page or detach it from the bulletin. There is printing only on one side.

My Email and address is on the form as well as directions and a deadline.

Thanks,

Carey Foster, Chairman

Presidential Freedom Scholarships are Available to US Optimist Clubs.

OI has recently learned of a scholarship program that might be beneficial to young people in your community. The Corporation for National and Community Service is owned by the USD Government and awards \$500 matching scholarships to students in conjunction with local groups.

The Corporation offers scholarships to students, provided there is matching fund from an organization such as ours. One of the goals of the Corporation is to build and strengthen the concept of volunteerism and community service—totally in line with optimism.

The Corporation is funded \$5 million , or enough for 10,000 scholarships each year.

The scholarships are available to students who have been impartially selected by their high school and may be either a junior or senior, complete 100 hours of leadership in community service, write a brief essay on a topic selected by the Corporation and receive a matching \$500 from your club. Two students from every high school in the nation may receive these awards.

For more information on the program go to the website at <http://www.nationalservice.org/scholarships>.

OI FOUNDATION COOK BOOK

TYPE _____

TITLE _____

SUB TITLE (IF WANTED) _____

INGREDIENTS:

METHOD:

SUBMITTED BY (NAME AND CLUB) _____

TYPE - A: APPETIZERS, RELISH, AND PICKLES B: SOUP, SALAD, SAUCES

C: MEATS/MAIN DISHES D: VEGETABLES

E: BREADS, ROLLS, PASTRIES F: CAKES, COOKIES, And DESSERTS

G: BEVERAGES, MICROWAVE, MISCELLANEOUS

MAIL TO: CAREY FOSTER

1208 CHARLOTTE ST.

ROANOKE RAPIDS NC 27870

OR EMAIL TO: cfoster2@webtv.net

DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 15TH



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.



NCE District Bulletin
1104 Windemere Dr. NW
Wilson, NC 27893

