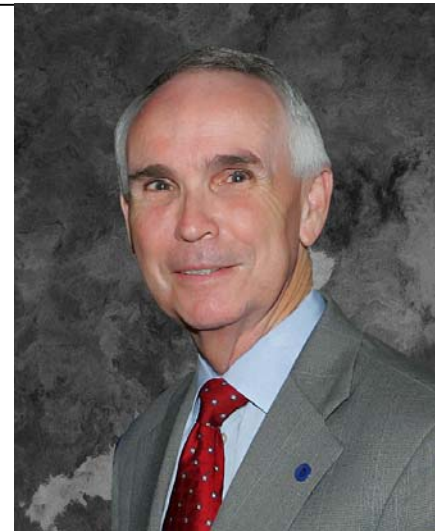


North Carolina East OPTIMIST NEWS

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Congratulations to newly installed NCE District Governor, Yancey Hines and District Secretary/Treasurer, Thurman Murphy. Yancey and Thurman were installed during the Governors Banquet at the Annual Convention in Atlantic Beach on August 21st. Ronnie Dunn, Optimist International Representative, officiated.



Hello fellow Optimists,

“Believe in leadership for the children.” This is our chosen motto this year. Good things don’t just happen. They require solid leadership.

Doing things the way we have always done them is comfortable, but the world changes –

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sometimes daily. As we begin our new Optimist year we should celebrate the victories and successes of the past. Indeed, make sure you look back to compliment and reward those who came before you. Never, never resist the temptation to praise the past.

Yet, I urge you to make a “big thing” about the beginning of a new Optimist year and the induction of new officers. Ceremonies (with good food) are history’s way of marking life’s important transitions. Looking to the future never reflects poorly on the past. The bride and groom were perfectly good people before they got married. But the occasion of their wedding ceremony and reception celebration shows everyone that a new beginning has taken place. A new beginning that mixes the success of the old relationship and the potential for great things to come.

The success of a club lies directly on the shoulders of its chosen leaders. As we all know, leadership is earned and learned. You were chosen because you earned the respect of your peers. I urge you to strengthen your leadership skills by learning as much as you can about Optimist International, NC East and your Zone.

Learn by reading (OI has EVERYTHING on line at www.optimist.org or by fax to you)

Learn by meeting (Attend OI conventions; District & Zone meetings; visit other clubs)

Learn by asking (Call your Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary/Treasurer, and/or OI)

Learn by listening (Seek the council of your fellow club members and other Presidents)

Next, though leadership can and should be exercised from any position in a club, we expect the president to create an atmosphere and structure that guarantees success. Above all, plan. Never go to a meeting without a written agenda. Set aside a time each week to call key people: members with upcoming projects, members responsible for programs, and especially missing members. It never hurts to hear from the president, does it?

Above all, leaders, do those things that will make this a special year in your life. You have earned the respect of your peers who selected you. Now go out all year long and prove that they were right to entrust the future of their club to you. Believe in Leadership for the Kids!

Good luck,

Y. C. H.

Governor, NCE



Above, new officers for the coming year. From left: Gary Turner, Lt. Gov. Zone 6, Carol Turner: Richard Austin, Lt. Gov. Zone 2, Denise Austin; Robert Chandler, Lt. Gov. Zone 5, Berry Chandler: Doug Lamm, Lt. Gov. Zone 4, Wanda Lamm: Darrell Fulcher, Cape Fear Optimist and Marie Jordan, Lt. Gov. Zone 1.



Trish Verne, Chapel Hill Optimist, Bob Verne Immediate Past Governor; Sandy Cyphers, Past Governor; Christine Potter, Ray Potter Governor Elect; Nancy Hines, Yancey Hines, District Governor, ; Lois Murphy, Thurman Murphy, District Secretary/Treasurer; Louwanna Pender, Lt. Gov. Zone 3, Gary Pender, Goldsboro Optimist.



Ronnie Dunn, Past Optimist International Vice President addresses the convention at the Governor's Banquet.



2003-04 Governor, Bob Verne, far corner, anchors the receiving Line, joined by his family and OI Rep. Ronnie Dunn and her husband, Wayne Dunn.

Zone 1

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

Masonboro:

Myrtle Grove:

Wilmington Inner City:

Cape Fear:

Wilmington Supper:

Winter Park: Collecting cell phones to raise funds for families of soldiers in Iraq

Wilmington: Donated \$620 to a student for eye surgery; Each member has designated which charity to donate their \$150. Donations have been made to Cape Fear Group Homes, Journey Resources, Ronald McDonald, B & G Homes, Coastal Enterprises. Club will attend B&G Home on Nov. 1.

Zone 2

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

Laurinburg : Elizabethtown : Whiteville :

South Brunswick Island: Spring Lake:

Zone 3

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

Greenville. Held street cleanup Sept. 20; Donated \$300 to Ronald McDonald house; Concession stand at ECU football games; Change of meeting night considered.

Goldsboro: Washington: Carteret: Grifton:

Zone 4

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

Wilson Evening: Ray Potter elected Gov Elect; Donated \$500 to the NCYSA Soccer team; Parked cars at fair.

Edenton:

Wilson Breakfast:

Tarboro:

Golden Circle: Concession stand at fair. Held Installation Banquet. Four members attended the convention at Atlantic Beach.

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 concession at Concert in the Park 9/10 and Flag Football 9/21 and Relay for Life. Sponsored Punt, Pass & Kick Contest; Promoting PGI in the club.

Nashville:

Youngsville:

RM Breakfast: Held Golf Tournament on August 19-21.

Henderson: To sponsor T-Ball at the YMCA Concession stands for both football and soccer. Myrtle Beach trip is scheduled for Nov.13-14. Club has produced a historical DVD of club activities.

Rocky Mount Evening: 10 members attended the convention in Atlantic Beach; Booth at the Rocky Mount Fair to start 9/20.

Zone 6

Clubs in Zone 6: Raleigh, Raleigh Dinner, North Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Southeast Raleigh and Garner. **Trish Verne, Lt. Gov.**

North Raleigh: State Fair Concession stand starts Oct. 15; We have 35 members signed up for a Jr. Optimist Club.

Chapel Hill: Participated in the Orange Country Recreation programs, Bike & Fishing Rodeo, Dash & Splash, Voices of Praise Gospel Festival, signed up 7 new members in Sept., distributed 150 free tickets to the UNC/W&M Football game.

Raleigh: Working on a new club in Apex with the Dinner Club, Held Installation Banquet at Optimist Farm, three members attended the International Convention.

Southeast Raleigh :

Raleigh Dinner: Joining Raleigh club to sponsor a club in Apex.

Garner:

No report from Lt. Governors on Optimist clubs that show no activity.

District A&A Chair
Carey Foster



A&A reports will be sent out near the end of each quarter. Please return them by the second week in the new quarter. If any club has any suggestions for changes in the form, please contact me or Governor Yancy.



OI Foundation

I would like to thank each club that supported the OI Foundation this past year. Your donations continued the success of supporting scholarships, JOOI clubs, printed materials and the Childhood Cancer Campaign with the partnership with John Hopkins. According to my calculations, we reached our goal for this year. I hope to have a final report at the district meeting. Please continue your support during the coming year.

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Note: I would like to receive a copy of every 'Club Brochure' in the NCE District. Many clubs have them and I would like to set up a scrapbook to display them at meetings.

Club Bulletin Editors, please send me a copy of your Bulletin or News Letter. To the above address.

Publication Dates:

First Quarter 10/1/04

Second Quarter 1/9/05

Third Quarter 4/9/05

Fourth Quarter 7/6/05

District OI
Foundation representative
for 2004-05 year is
Gary Pender,
Goldsboro Optimist
Club.
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**Achievement and Awards
2003-04**

**Don Harritan
Chairman**



- 2nd Quarter winners
Top Ten Clubs
1. Wilson Evening
 2. Goldsboro
 3. Winter Park
 4. Whiteville
 5. North Raleigh
 6. Roanoke Rapids
 7. Rocky Mount Evening
 8. Cape Fear
 9. Chapel Hill
 10. Raleigh

Top 3 Lt. Governors

1. Zone 4 Allen Stallings
2. Zone 3 Gary Pender
3. Zone 1 Harry Hale

Top 2 Clubs From Each Zone

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| Zone 1 | 1. Winter Park
2. Cape Fear |
| Zone 2 | 1. Whiteville
2. Elizabethtown |
| Zone 3 | 1. Goldsboro
2. Greenville |
| Zone 4 | 1. Wilson Evening
2. Chowan-Edenton |
| Zone 5 | 1. Roanoke Rapids
2. Rocky Mount Evening |
| Zone 6 | 1. North Raleigh
2. Chapel Hill |

Doug Lamm, Convention Chairman



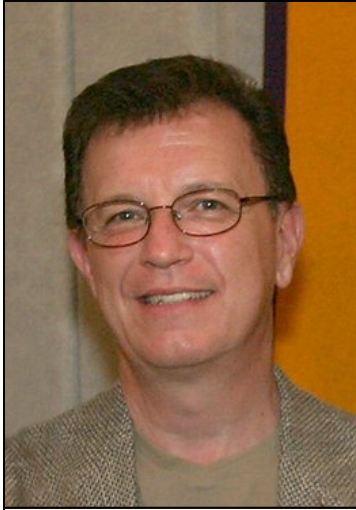
Governor Yancy has selected the sight for the District Convention this year and it will be at Wrightsville Beach on August 18 through 20 at the Holiday Inn Sunspree. This is the same location as 2003. It will be a good time to start planning a mini vacation with your kids and grandkids. With the new law

in effect, schools will still be out for the summer and there will be a lot of activities scheduled for the youth.

Please mark your calendar for August 18-20, 2005 and let's have a great convention. Governor Elect Ray Potter is already working on training for this convention.

Please get in touch with Doug Lamm if you have any suggestions for ways to improve this year's convention.





Greetings, Club Essay Chairs and Committee Members!

Hopefully, you have already begun planning for this year's essay contest. In talking with Optimists at the District Convention at Atlantic Beach in



August, some clubs have wonderful plans for publicizing and promoting the essay topic to both teachers and students. This year's topic promises

to be a powerful and stimulating one—**"The Power of One."** You can download the seventeen pages of "general information" in PDF format from the Optimist web site (www.optimist.org). When you get to the homepage, go to **"Members;"** then, **"Clubs & Districts;"** then, **"Programs/Activities;"** then, **"Essay Contest,"** and finally **"Complete Contest Rules—click here."** This page contains lots of valuable information in addition to the link to the downloadable "general information."

At the October meeting in Laurinburg, I will have a brief presentation on specifics for conducting the essay contest. The date to remember: **Monday, February 28, 2005—all essays are due to me. My home address: 4755 Old Watkins Road, Oxford, North Carolina 27565. My phone number: (252) 492-9745. My email address: sadlerjw@gloryroad.net.** Please email me or phone me if you have any questions. The essay winner will be announced in March, 2005. **Please pay special attention to page 14 in the general informa-**

tion. This page must be filled out and sent to me with your first place essay entry.

I look forward to seeing you in Laurinburg later this month.

John W. Sadler, Jr.
District Essay Contest Chair



Wilson Evening Optimist Installation

New Club Building



Jerry Medlin, New Club Building Chair

We will have a new twist on New Club Building this year. Getting some new clubs is a must if we are going to grow the District in Membership numbers.

Come to the District Meeting on October 23rd to get a preview of the plans to build new clubs.

Jerry Medlin,
District New Club Building Chrm.

Club Officer Installation Pictures



Rocky Mount Breakfast



Goldsboro



Wilmington Winter Park



Wilson Golden Circle

Atlantic Beach Convention



Atlantic Beach Convention Pictures



**NC East District of Optimist International
Fourth Quarter Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, August 21, 2004
Atlantic Beach, North Carolina**



Yancey Hines, Sec/Treas
2003-2004

These clubs were represented at the meeting: Wilmington Cape Fear, Wilmington Supper, Wilmington, Wilmington Winter Park, Elizabethtown, Laurinburg, Whiteville, Goldsboro, Greenville, Washington, Grifton, Wilson Golden Circle, Wilson Evening, Rocky Mount Breakfast, Henderson, Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount Evening, Raleigh Dinner, Garner, North Raleigh, Chapel Hill, and Raleigh. (22)

Guests at our District Convention were Ronnie Dunn and Wayne Dunn, both Optimist International Certified Trainers.

These clubs were not represented: Wilmington Inner City, Myrtle Grove, Wilmington-Masonboro, Shallotte-South Brunswick Islands, Greater Spring Lake, Carteret, Wilson Breakfast, Chowan-Edenton, Tarboro, Roxboro, Youngsville, Northampton County, Nashville, and Southeast Raleigh. (14)

Governor Bob Verne called the meeting of the N. C. East District Board of Directors to order at 8:45 A.M. The governor then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Doug Lamm offered the Invocation. This was followed by a recognition of NC East Past Governors by Bill Edgerton.

Joe Stroud, Mayor of Atlantic Beach, welcomed Optimists to the city.

The Minutes of the Third Quarter Meeting were presented by Yancey Hines.

The Third Quarter Financial Report was presented by Yancey Hines, and they were accepted as presented pending final annual audit.

Carey Foster, OI Foundation Chairman, reported on the Optimist Foundation and gave out awards to clubs for outstanding contributions to the Foundation. He reported on the progress of the NC East Cookbooks. Several clubs tendered donations at this time. Finally he reported that the preceding night's Scavenger Hunt had earned \$150.00 for the cause.

Nancy Phillips and Tom Lamont spoke for the Boys and Girls Homes. Tom reported that recent cuts in support for the home have made it necessary for the organization to redouble its efforts in fund raising. He requested financial support for the Home's "operations," not just its endowment. He characterized the situation as a crisis. Max Stephenson reported that the Golf Tournament on Thursday had raised \$610.00 for the Homes. Mention was made of the 5x12 program that also supported the facility. Several clubs offered donations at this time and individuals tendered their 5x12 pledges.

Wayne Sidelinger reported on distribution of the District Bulletin. He requested help with correct and up-to-date names and addresses. He also offered to make business cards for members as a recruiting tool.

Ben Spradley, Membership Chair, recognized individuals (Chapel Hill's James Casey) and clubs (Myrtle Grove) that had demonstrated significant growth in membership. A drawing was held for prizes.

New Club Building was discussed in the absence of District Chair Tommy Rogers. Carlton Baird brought an update on efforts in the Apex-Western Wake County region. Other potential areas were noted.

It was noted that new Youth Clubs were being chartered in Chapel Hill and in other areas. These charters should be completed soon.

Ellen Foster, Community Projects Awards Chair, reported on current guidelines. She reminded members of this year's deadline (end of September) and requested members to volunteer to judge the entries. Several members

District Oratorical Chair, Jan Edgerton, Goldsboro.
919-734-5555
District CCDHH Chair, Shirley DeBlois, Grifton
252-524-5225



Theme: **“My Hero Is...”**

stepped forward to fill these positions.

Carlton Baird, OJGIC Chair, reported on the success of this year’s program and tournament. Sixty-seven golfers competed in two age brackets for both boys and girls. Twelve of the 18 who qualified participated in the international tournament in Florida. In all, 797 young golfers competed in the event. He requested that more NC East Optimists volunteer to work with the actual tournament next year.

Don Harritan, District Achievements and Awards Chairman, submitted his report.

Darrell Fulcher, Leadership Development Chairman, reviewed the various activities provided NC East Optimists this year.

Sandy Cyphers, Chair of the Candidate Qualification committee, reported that the district was still without a candidate for Governor-Elect for 2005-2006. She requested strong support to solve this problem quickly.

Yancey Hines, Governor-Elect for 2004-2005, spoke briefly.

Governor Bob offered comments on his year. He thanked everyone for their support. He reminded the assembly that Optimists are in the business of helping kids. He borrowed a thought from the Walt Disney Corporation that maintains they are in the “happiness” business. He concluded that we too as Optimists are in the “happiness business” for the sake of the youth of our communities. Next Governor Bob introduced Michael Angelo Caruso who would provide some of the training later in the day.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15

At 11:31 the meeting was reopened for special circumstances. At this time Lt. Governor Harry Hale nominated Ray Potter as Governor-Elect of the NC East District. The nomination was seconded by Jackie Young. The selection was approved unanimously.

The meeting was closed at 11:34

Yancey C. Hines
NC East District Secretary-Treasurer, 2003-2004

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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