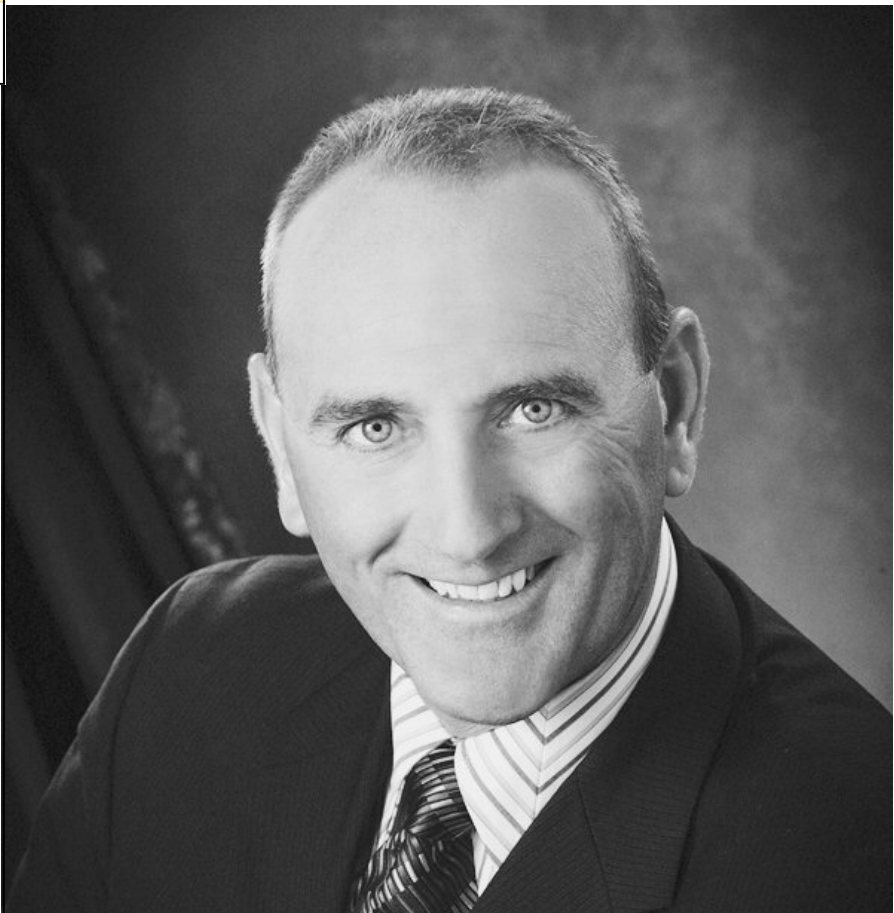


North Carolina East OPTIMIST NEWS

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Yves
Berthiaume,
President
Optimist
International
will be our
guest at the
February
District Board
Meeting. He
will address the
Board at the
Saturday Morn-





Believe in Leadership for the Children

“TWO HEADS ARE BETTER THAN ONE, EVEN IF ONE IS CABBAGE!”

Boy, do we have some good heads coming to the District Board Meeting at the Sheraton in RTP in February! Count them:

*First, our **International President from Quebec, Canada, Yves Berthiaume** and his vivacious wife **Ginette**, will share their infectious personalities with everyone in sight. Yves is a hard-working, informed, funny, and passionate Optimist. Spreading Optimism isn't his job; it's his life. Expect a firm handshake and a warm French-Canadian-style hug. You will never forget the experience.*

Second, **Past Governor Bob Verne** will be celebrating our NC East leaders from last year at the luncheon Saturday. Last year was a very good year and we always need to celebrate success and leadership. Come break bread with Bob and Trish.

Third, our friend from Georgia, **Nick Prillaman**, will return to begin training our own **“TOP GUN”** cadre of North Carolina Certified New Club Builders. “Top Gun” is already working in Georgia where Governor **Jerry Loose**, with Nick's help, has already built three new Optimist Clubs this year. Five to seven more are targeted before the year's end. Remember, growth is our future and our legacy to the children.

Fourth, we will hold another **Governor's Youngest, Oldest, and Newest Contest**. Nice prizes will be awarded to winners in each category of the Y-O-N contest at the luncheon Saturday.

Fifth, our own **Gary Pender** will hold an entertaining (and hopefully) profitable auction for the OI Foundation Friday night. Bring your great items for auction and bring your donations for the Foundation that funds the communication contests and the Childhood Cancer Campaign, among many other great Optimist causes.

Sixth, **NC East Web Master Allan Ludlum** will present a workshop on “Building Your Own Club Web Site.” Allan has built the best district web site in all Optimism. Bring a club member who can take what Allan teaches and greatly improve your club's communication in the club, within the community and among potential new members. His course will last about one hour immediately after the Saturday Luncheon.

*Last, **YOUR HEAD** should be one of those in attendance. Why? Because when we put our heads together as a district we can do so much more for the children. Scholarships, Golf, Childhood Cancer Campaign, and a new JOOI District. Anything else? Learning more about Optimism. Renewing old Optimist friendships and making new ones. I believe it will be an experience you will never forget. I BELIEVE IT! DON'T YOU?*

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Dear NC East Optimists,

Congratulations and a big thank you to all the NC East Optimists for a very successful 2003-2004 Optimist year! Through the Optimist programs in our District last year, tens of thousands of kids were helped. They grew, they learned, they matured, and they had FUN! And it was all made possible through the strong efforts of our dedicated Optimists. Through our hard work, we lived our theme this year: We were important in the lives of our youth!

On Saturday, February 19, at the Awards Luncheon after our second quarter District board meeting, we will be taking some special time to celebrate our successful year. We will be recognizing and offering our thanks to those special people in the clubs and in the District leadership who worked so hard to make this year so great.

I am looking forward to thanking each of you personally for your support and fellowship you provided over the year to me as Governor, and for your dedication and commitment to your fellow Optimists and to the kids you served.

You are urged to make room in your busy calendars for this special luncheon. We will look back on our accomplishments and look forward to new opportunities to help our kids achieve better, richer lives through Optimism.

On a personal note, Trish and I look back on this year with fondness for all the fine people we met, the kids we helped and the great teamwork and fellowship we enjoyed with some truly fine Optimists. We had some fun times! Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve as your Governor.

Bob Verne
Immediate Past Governor

OPTIMISTS!

Now is the time for dedicated NC East Optimists to step forward and grab the brass ring! Several District offices for the 2005-2006 year are still open. This is an exciting opportunity for qualified individuals to help more kids than you ever thought possible.

A number of Lt. Governor positions need candidates. To be a Lt. Governor a candidate must be an Optimist in good standing and have held or be currently holding the office of club president. Come be a part of Governor-Elect Ray Potter's new team of District leaders.

Most importantly, we also need a qualified NC East Optimist to serve as Governor-Elect for the 2005-2006 year. This is an outstanding opportunity to lead the effort to help many thousands of kids. This is an important position, and the rewards are great. It is very satisfying to know that your efforts influence the lives of so many kids for the better.

The requirements are simple. In order to be nominated for Governor-Elect, the candidate must be an Optimist in good standing and have served as Lt. Governor for a full year.

I'll be glad to answer your questions and help you find a way to help more kids by serving as a district officer. Call me at 919-942-4144.

Bob Verne
Candidate Qualification Committee Chair



OIJGC

ANOTHER HOLE IN ONE FOR NC EAST JUNIOR GOLF IN 2005

Arrangements for our **NC East District Qualifying Tournament** have been finalized. **Tournament Dates** are **April 16-17, 2005**. This year we will play at **Keith Hills Country Club in Buies Creek, NC**. Keith Hills is one of the top courses in North Carolina and will provide a very challenging two days of competitive golf for our junior golfers.

An information packet has been mailed to all Lt. Governors and Club Presidents outlining our tournament. This packet includes the guidelines for 2005, pertinent information, applicable forms, and tournament poster. Feel free to duplicate this information as needed. Please pass this information to your Junior Golf Chairs after reviewing.

Boys and girls in the **14-15** and **16-18 age divisions** will be competing again this year. Entry fees for our golfers will remain the same as last year. We are planning for a larger turnout this year and have tee slots for 88 players.

Deadline for entries is April 4, 2005.

Now is the time to make your contacts and start recruiting players. Golfers that have previously played in our tournaments, and qualify to play this year, will receive a personal invitation to compete again this year. These players may be contacting their sponsoring Optimist Club soon, as I am already receiving entries from new golfers. Make your calls soon; don't rely on them to call you.

Tournament Corporate Sponsors are needed for our Qualifying Tournament so it can continue as a self-supporting program. The NC East District had only six Corporate Sponsors last year. Contact your sponsors as soon as possible and sign them up. The minimum fee for each sponsor sign is \$100.00. We will accept more!!! Sponsors will also be listed on our web-site.

www.nceast-optimist.org



Volunteer club members are also needed to help during the tournament. **Starters, course marshals, scorers, photographers, canteen cart operators, and other helpers** are needed to work both days of our tournament. For the tournament to run smoothly we need **about 20 volunteers** each day. Please mark your calendar accordingly and let me know if you plan to attend and can help. I promise that this will be a very rewarding experience.

We will be serving an afternoon meal at the conclusion of the tournament. We will have a hungry group of golfers, families, and volunteers to feed. The Garner Optimist Club handled the feed last year and did an outstanding job. After play, we will award trophies and announce the winners.

A complete review of our Junior Golf Program will be presented at the District Meeting. I encourage all to attend.

Please contact me if you or your club is interested in assisting at our NC East District Qualifying Tournament.

**Carlton Baird, NC East District OIJGC
Chairman**

8825 Green Level Ch. Rd.

Cary, NC 27519

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E-mail: cbbaird@bellsouth.net

Editors Note:

The club activity page has been omitted this issue in order to print an excerpt from the Winter Edition of the Optimist magazine.

Bright Junior Golfers Find Success On and Off the Course NC East Representative Posts Academic Honors

In fall 2004, the American Junior Golf Association announced its HP Scholastic Junior All-Americans to honor junior golfers who excel on the golf course as well as in school. Two of the 20 golfers named as Scholastic Junior All-Americans were participants in the 2004 OIJGC.

Brooke Goodwin of Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina, ranks first in her class of 362 students at Fuquay-Varina High School. Brooke was a first-time participant at the 2004 OIJGC, making the final cut and finishing 22nd (out of 101) with scores of 79-87-75-81-322. Brooke placed second in the girls 16-18 division for the North Carolina East District Qualifying Tournament and was the top finisher residing within the District boundaries, which provided her with an expenses-paid trip to the OIJGC courtesy of the North Carolina East District.

Carlton Baird, Junior Golf Championships Chair for the District, said he knew Brooke was a great golfer when he watched her play during the District qualifier, but he did not learn about her academic achievements until he spent time talking to her parents during the 2004 OIJGC.


"The school Brooke attends is a pretty big school, so it's that much more impressive that she is at the top of her class," Baird said. "And on top of that, she's a really sweet girl and comes from a very nice family."

Trevor Carle of Santa Rosa, California, ranks first in his class of 508 students at Santa Rosa High School. The 2004 OIJGC was Trevor's first time competing in the tournament. Trevor missed the final cut and finished in a tie for 83rd (out of 222) with scores of 81-78-77-236.

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FUN! FUN! FUN! I know each of you could stand some FUN in your life....I know I could. Well plan on plenty of FUN at the Optimist International Convention in New Orleans July 6th-9th when the North Carolina East District



hits the skies, roads, motel and convention center. I hope that many of you have already made plans to attend. If

you have never been to an Optimist Convention...YOU HAVE MISSED OUT! This year's convention will be one of the very best ever...with so much to do...the entertainment, the beads, the training, the beads, the friendships you make, the beads, the places to go, the beads, the warm summer weather, the beads, the Cajun food, the beads, and to top off the convention the President's Ball...we North Carolina East Optimists will all look good that night....with all those fine duds. The rooms are reasonable (\$95.00), the airfare is reasonable (approximately \$175.00 round trip) and the food is reasonable...so MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND...bring the family and make a family vacation of it...Let's show those other states of Optimists just how proud we are to be from the North Carolina East District.

Just remember FUN, beads, FUN, beads, FUN and more beads...For further information contact me at (910)799-4867 **Sandy Cyphers, International Convention Ambassador.**



Doug Lamm, Convention Chairman



**District Convention August 18-21, 2007
Holiday Inn Sunspree
Wrightsville Beach**

Governor Yancey and the Zone 1 Optimist clubs, along with the 2005 Convention Committee, encourage you to mark your calendars for August 18 thru August 21, 2005, 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.

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

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



WHAT IS AN OPTIMIST JOOI CLUB ?

With special guidance and support from a sponsoring Optimist Club, your Optimist JOOI Club completes fun projects and activities to improve the community and



Walt Armentrout, District Chairman Junior Optimist Clubs

better the lives of its residents.

As soon as you're a member you'll also have opportunities to polish your leadership skills, manage money and practice good citizenship. The "hands-on experiences will help you prepare for college and adulthood.

WHAT IS "JOOI"

JOOI" stands for Junior Optimist Octagon International. It's the umbrella organization which links your local Optimist JOOI to others throughout North America much like Optimist International, JOOI is governed by District Officers. Each year, Optimist Youth members attend District and International convention to elect their peers to fill these important offices.

There will be a JOOI Conference February 5th at the Garner Optimist Club House. Ronnie Dunn, Optimist International JOOI Committee Chair and Sandy Cyphers, Committee member will oversee the program.

The Winter Park Optimist has recently built a JOOI Club at Roland Grise Middle School with 38 members.

**Walt Armentrout
District JOOI Chairman**

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 February 18 to get a preview of the plans to build new clubs.

To help the Clubs with the organization process, we are having a NEW CLUB BUILDING Training session on Friday, February 18 from 1:00 PM to 8:00Pm at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel where the 2nd Quarterly Board meeting will be held the same weekend. **Nick Prillman** from Atlanta Georgia will be leading the training and is an excellent trainer and a certified New Club Builder for Optimist International. This will be an excellent opportunity to get some excellent information on New Club Building so let's have representatives from every club in the NC East District. I will be calling all Presidents and Lt. Governors to get a list of names of the attendees so we can be sure we

have space for everyone and a planned Dinner for the attendees will be included.

Let's make this the best year ever in NC East District New Club Building efforts.

Jerry Medlin

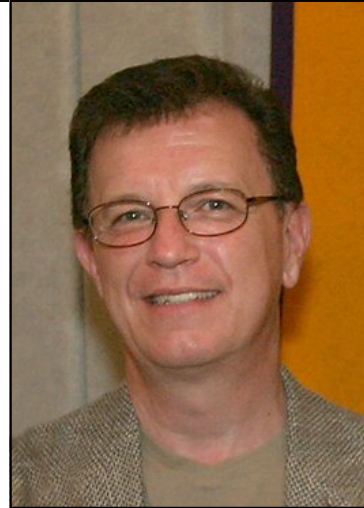


Nick Prillman

John W. Sadler, Jr. District Essay Contest Chair

Greetings, Club
Essay Chairs
and Committee
Members!

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

I look forward to seeing you at the Sheraton in Research Triangle Park.



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Random photos take at the 1st Quarter Board Meeting in Laurinburg.



**PGI Chair
Ellen Foster**

If any member of your club has achieved a new level in the PGI program,

please inform Ellen Foster so that she can send the information to OI.



**District
CCDHH
Chair, Shirley
DeBlois, Grif-
ton
252-524-
5225**

All District
Contests on April
30, Hilton Hotel
in Greenville.



**District
Oratorical
Chair, Jan
Edgerton,
Goldsboro.
919-734-
5555**

Theme:
“My Hero Is...”



A Report from **Max Stephenson** on NC Boys & Girls Home.

Here are 3 major items needed as soon as possible:

1. A 5 ton Air Conditioner is needed for the kitchen and the pantry area. The Optimist Cottage has cooks that prepare meals for the Optimist, Rotary, Kiwanis and Jaycee cottages. Industrial type cooking facilities are used and there is considerable heat generated in this area. Window units are inadequate. The cost of a 5 ton unit is approximately \$4500. This does not include installation.
2. Four bedrooms are in dire need of renovation. The cost would be approximately \$2000.
3. Three new computers are needed for the cottage, They currently have one functional computer for the residents and one for the staff. There is an additional computer setup for word processing only, but it needs a printer. The game room is set up with four hookups for a computer lab but only one computer is there now. The cost would be approximately \$2000.

If each club will give \$300 the 3 major items would be funded. Of course this would be in addition to their usual maintenance donations.

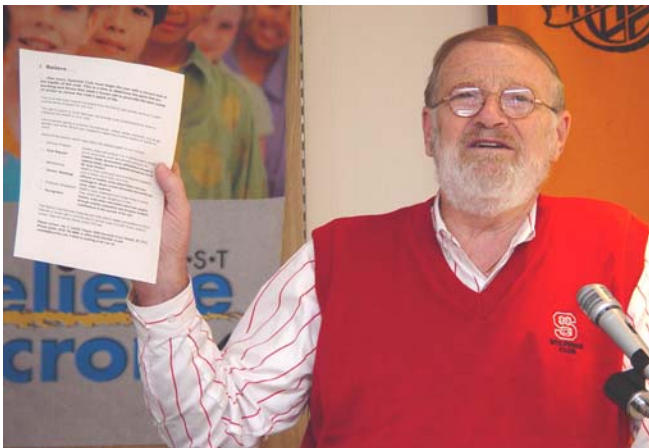
I have addressed the 3 major items, but they also need many smaller inexpensive items such as:

- Large plastic containers to hold cereal, grits, etc.
- Tupperware Rubbermaid items for food storage.
- Additional cooking utensils.
- 4 speed food processor .
- Electric knives.
- New vacuum cleaner.
- Twin bedspread & linens.
- Shower Curtains.

There will be more things needed in the future, but I will address those later. Let's get behind Tom Lamont and get our cottage in tip-top shape.

Thanks,

Max Stephenson, Chairman Boys & Girls Home of NC



Carlyle Teague
Club Services Chairman

I am available to assist any club that is having organization problems. Call or Email me so we can get together on a time and place.

Tel: 919 782 5406

Bus: 919 834 5544

Email carlylet@touchnc.net

District OI Foundation Representative for 2004-05 year is Gary Pender, Goldsboro Optimist Club. 919-734-0793

THE OI FOUNDATION AND YOU
MAY BENEFIT
ON FRIDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 18,
2005
READ THE FOLLOWING VERY
CAREFULLY!



All NC-East Members and guests are encouraged to attend and participate in the OI Foundation Auction on Friday night, February 18, 2005, immediately following the board meeting.

Members may participate by donating items for auction and by purchasing items auctioned that night.

All clubs and members are encouraged to donate new or used items with an attached tag on each item with the monetary value and your name and club on said tag.

If you are not attending please send with a member who will be arriving for the District Meeting on Friday night, you will receive credit for the item(s).

Each donor receives personal OI Foundation credit for the amount of money paid in total that night.

Also, each donor receives personal OI Foundation credit for the amount of money spent in total that night on purchases on the auctioned items!

**DON'T MISS OUT
FUN, FELLOWSHIP, BARGAINS, AND OTHER TREASURES OF
YESTERYEARS!**

Payment can be made by cash, check, Visa, Master Card or Discover

Registration is not required to attend the Auction

Don Harritan
District A & A Chairman 2003-2004

4th Quarter 2003-04

Top Ten Clubs

1. Chapel Hill
2. Goldsboro
3. Winter Park
4. Roanoke Rapids
5. Whiteville
6. Raleigh
7. Rocky Mount Breakfast
8. Rocky Mount Evening
9. Wilson Evening
10. Cape Fear



Top Three Lt. Governors

1. Zone 6 Trish Verne
2. Zone 5 Ed Taylor
3. Zone 3 Gary Pender

Top Two Clubs From Each Zone

Zone 1

1. Winter Park
2. Cape Fear

Zone 2

1. Whiteville
2. Laurinburg

Zone 3

1. Goldsboro
2. Greenville

Zone 4

1. Wilson Evening
2. Wilson Breakfast.

Zone 5

1. Roanoke Rapids
2. Rocky Mt. Breakfast

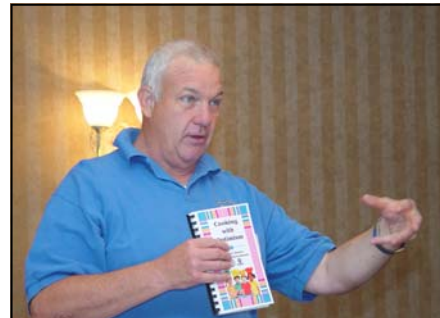
Zone 6

1. Chapel Hill
2. Raleigh

Change is inevitable except from a vending machine.

District A&A Chair 2004-2005
Carey Foster

I have received 19 A&A reports to date. If any club has not sent theirs in as of yet, please do so as soon as possible so that I can get the certificates



printed. I plan to start working on them the first week in February. Also, please include me in your news letter if you send one out. I have only a couple of clubs that send theirs to me.

I have included the attachment for the 3 on 3 basketball fundraising tournament for the Childhood Cancer Campaign. Please include it in the bulletin. We would like as many clubs as possible to send teams or members to help with officiating, scorekeeping, gate, and concessions.

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have any film.

He who laughs last, thinks the slowest.

A day without sunshine is, well, like night.

When the chips are down, the buffalo is empty.

CHILDHOOD CANCER CAMPAIGN

CCC Awareness Month

Once again, June has been designated CCC Awareness Month. An updated proclamation can be downloaded from the OI website: <http://www.optimist.org/Publications/proclamationCCC.pdf> Please promote CCC Awareness Month at your meetings. Clubs are asked to download a copy of the proclamation and urged to take the proclamation to their local governments (i.e. city/county/state/provincial legislative bodies), requesting the government entity adopt a resolution recognizing June as Optimist International Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Last year, several clubs were successful in getting city councils and state legislatures to adopt the resolution. We are anxious to hear from those who are successful in completing this task, so we can publicize it to the membership.



OI Childhood Cancer Campaign Programs

The leaders of the CCC have been trying to develop a District fundraising event that would be unique to our organization and easily replicable by every District. The Nebraska District has come up with an event that has the promise to fulfill this objective. The Nebraska District raised over \$35,000 for two cancer camps in the 4th quarter of the '03-'04 Optimist year through a special event called "The Un-Run". Information will be available at the district meeting on how to conduct this fund raiser.

Under our agreement with Johns Hopkins, we are committed to a maximum of \$920,000. Our partnership is in effect until 2009, or until Optimist International's financial obligation to this partnership has been met. In less than a year, OI is more than half way toward reaching that goal.

The OI Board of Directors authorized the creation of matching grants funds from OIF-CCC's unrestricted revenues for U.S. clubs. The matching grants funds will be available to clubs who are attempting to complete ambitious CCC-related projects in their communities.

NC East District Club Programs

The Chapel Hill club has held an 8K race, "The Gallop and Gorge", on Thanksgiving morning in conjunction with the Cardinal Track Club. Proceeds from that were \$3,100.

They have also raised about \$3500 through their "Kisses for Childhood Cancer" campaign.

The Optimist Club of Roanoke Rapids will be sponsoring a USSSA Hall of Fame 3 on 3 basketball event on March 4-6. Age groups are 9 and under to 18. NC East clubs are encouraged to sponsor one or more teams. For more information please contact Cary Foster at PO box 1220, Roanoke Rapids, 27870 or TEL - 252-537-4235 or EMAIL - cfoster2@webtv.net use "Optimist" or "3 on 3" in subject. Proceeds will go to the Childhood Cancer Campaign. The top four finishers in each age group will qualify to play in the World Championship to be held at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex in October.

The Raleigh Optimist Club is planning the "Mile of Hope" weekend activities to be held on May 7-8. This project needs financial and volunteer support from NC East Optimist clubs. Information will be available at the next district meeting. You may also contact Ed Moore - TEL 919-782-6471 (H) or 919-782-6473 (W).

Has your club appointed a CCC chairman? If not, please do so and let me know who that may be so that I can better help your club get the information you need to succeed.

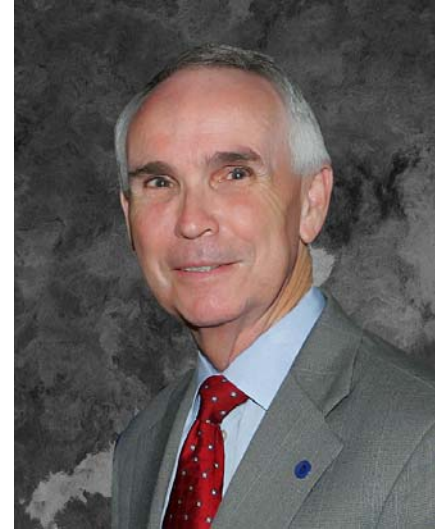
Do you have any new contacts, projects, or updates for the resource guide? How has the guide helped your club? What new information should be included in the next edition? How can we help your club?

Please let us know how your club is participating in the Childhood Cancer Campaign.

I urge each club to have a representative at the district meeting to get the information available on many of these projects.

Trish Verne, Chair

**NC EAST DISTRICT OF OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
FIRST QUARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2004
LAURINBURG, NORTH CAROLINA**



The following clubs were represented:

- Zone 1: Wilmington Cape Fear, Wilmington, Winter Park
- Zone 2: Whiteville, Laurinburg
- Zone 3: Greenville, Goldsboro
- Zone 4: Wilson Evening
- Zone 5: Henderson, Rocky Mount Evening, Roanoke Rapids, Roxboro, Rocky Mount Breakfast
- Zone 6: Chapel Hill, North Raleigh, Raleigh Dinner, Raleigh

The following clubs were not represented at the meeting:

- Zone 1: Masonboro, Myrtle Grove, Wilmington Inner City, Wilmington Supper
- Zone 2: Elizabethtown, South Brunswick, Spring Lake
- Zone 3: Grifton, Washington, Carteret
- Zone 4: Chowan-Edenton, Tarboro, Wilson Breakfast, Wilson Golden Circle
- Zone 5: Nashville Evening, Youngsville
- Zone 6: Garner, Southeast Raleigh

Governor Yancey Hines called the meeting of the N.C. East District Board of Directors to order at 8:35 AM.

Guests at the meeting were OI Certified Trainer Nick Prillaman, and Governor NC West Pat Grieves.

Governor Yancey Hines led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary-Treasurer Thurman Murphy gave the invocation.

Yancey Hines introduced Pat Grieves, NC West Governor, who gave a few remarks.

The Fourth Quarter Meeting minutes were presented by Yancey Hines and were approved as presented. Hedgepeth-Peele

The Fourth Quarter Financial Report was presented by Yancey Hines and was approved as presented. Horne-Foster

Yancey Hines announced that he will pay for the registration for the youngest, oldest and newest member in attendance at the Second Quarter Meeting.

Roy Barnes presented the proposed budget for 2004-2005. The proposed budget was approved as presented. Redding-Taylor

OI Foundation Chairperson Gary Pender reported that "Building a Future Where Every Kid Counts" is this year's theme for OI Foundation. The goal of OI Foundation this year is a 5% increase in contributions. Carey Foster will be a Distinguished OI Foundation Chairman for last year. Carey Foster presented prints and/or banner bars to the following clubs: Elizabethtown, Garner, Greenville, Chapel Hill, Roanoke Rapids and Wilson Evening.

Don Harritan, 2003-2004 A & A Chairman, gave his report and presented the A & A Awards for the Fourth Quarter.

PBI Chairperson Ellen Foster gave information about the PGI Program and encouraged members to participate in this program.

CCC Chairperson Trish Verne reported on planned CCC activities for this year. The "New Normal" video has been distributed to doctors' offices and cancer centers. Trish has put together a resource booklet on CCC that is available to all clubs. She asked that all clubs appoint a CCC Chairperson.

Yancey Hines announced that Janis Edgerton is Oratorical chairperson and Shirley DeBlois is CCDHH for this year.

John Sadler, Essay Chairperson, announced that the essay topic this year is "The Power of One."

Activities Chairperson Ed Taylor gave a report and offered his assistance to all clubs.

Tom Lamont spoke for Boys and Girls Home. He thanked all clubs for scholarships, funds, and all other forms of support. The "work day" on October 6 was a success with following activities taking place: yard work, painting, hanging pictures and power washing. The following immediate needs for Boys and Girls Home were identified:

5 ton A/C unit for kitchen - \$4500-\$5000
4 boy's bathrooms renovation - \$2000
3 additional computers

Max Stephenson, will ask each club to contribute \$300 to fund these projects. Tom also identified other needs such as carpet, new roofs and vehicles. Several clubs gave checks for Boys and Girls Home.

Nick Prillaman installed the 2004-2005 officers.

New club Building Chairperson, Jerry Medlin announced that training for New Club Building has been proposed for this year. This training will possibly take place at the Second Quarter District Meeting.

OI Certified Trainer Nick Prillaman introduced a new program, "Ten Steps to New Club Building."

Club Service Chairperson Carlyle Teague gave a report and urged clubs to call him if he can be of service.

Bob Verne, 2003-2004 Governor distributed membership pins to members that recruited new members during the fourth quarter.

JOOI Chairperson Walt Armentrout gave a report on JOOI clubs. Jerry Medlin and Linda Davenport gave a testimonial on the assistance provided their club by their JOOI Clubs.

OI Convention Chairperson/Ambassador Sandy Cyphers announced that the OI Convention will be held in New Orleans July 6-9. She is going to try to get more members to attend the convention this year. OI has booked only 600 rooms at the convention headquarters, which is fewer rooms than usual. She urged members to reserve rooms early.

Jr. Golf Chairperson Carlton Baird reported that last year's program was a great success and he has already started making plans for this year. Fourteen and fifteen year olds are now eligible to participate. He asked that every club president appoint a Jr. Golf Chairperson.

Doug Lamm announced that the convention will be at Wrightsville Beach Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort.

Governor Elect Ray Potter gave a few brief remarks.

Candidate Qualification Chairperson Bob Verne said that only one Lt. Governor has committed for next year and no one has come forward for Governor Designate yet.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM with the recitation of the creed.

Thurman Murphy, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer 15

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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