

North Carolina East OPTIMIST NEWS



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Optimist International President Yves Berthiaume and Ginette were guests of the NCE District during the 2nd Quarter Board meeting In Research Triangle Park. We feel fortunate they were able to include NCE into their busy schedule.

Believe in Leadership for the Children

Dear Fellow Optimists,

I hope you are as excited as I am about the up-coming NC East District meeting in Greenville, April 29-30th. We will meet old friends, recent friends, and brand new ones from our schools and from Georgia.



Speaking of Old: the Governor's *Youngest, Oldest and Newest Contest* happens all over again in Greenville. Winners get neat Optimist prizes and a refund of their registration fee. I believe we MUST honor those members who got us here and those members who will take us forward in the great work we do. Make sure your club brings a potential winning entry.

Speaking of Young: *Our young winners in the Oratorical and Essay Contests will join us and be honored at the luncheon. We are still working to hold a CCDHH Contest, but the finalists in the Boys and Girls' Oratorical Contest will be ready to go. Jan Edgerton, District Oratorical Chair, has been working hard on her favorite Optimist activity and this should be an outstanding competition. Each boy and girl who wins receives a \$1,500 college scholarship. John Sadler, District Essay Chair, will introduce his winners at the luncheon and the first place winner will read his/her essay to us. The Essay winner will be entered in the OI contest where there are scholarship prizes of \$2,000, \$3,000 and \$5,000.*

Speaking of New: *Thanks to the hard work of Walt Armentrout and his sidekick Sandy Cyphers, many members of our new JOOI District will join us in Greenville. On Saturday morning they will tour East Carolina University. Then they will join us for the Oratorical Contest, and share our luncheon when we name both the Oratorical and Essay winners. We hope this experience will be an incentive for many of them to take part in these contests. After our luncheon, these young people will hold their own JOOI District Meeting where they will get to know each other, share projects and plans, and elect their permanent JOOI District Officers for next year.*



International President displaying a gift from the Governor

New Visitors: *OI Vice President David Elster and his lovely wife Teresa will join us from Georgia. David will attend all meetings and address us at our luncheon. David is an outstanding leader in OI and a significant part of the great Georgia Optimist District.*

New Initiatives for New Clubs: *Top Guns will attend the meeting in force. Building on the Top Gun Training we received at our last meeting, at least five areas are targeted by Jerry Medlin's Top Gun New Club Builders. The Henderson Optimist Club has already begun working to develop a club in Oxford. People and plans are in place to build additional clubs in Creedmore/Butner, Enfield, the*

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Shalotte area, and the Grifton area. Efforts continue in the Apex field, and there is strong interest in building a club among the Hispanic population in at least one area of the state. Jerry and his team have been and will be busy over the next few months flying around the state to build our district.



New Golf Champions:
The hard-working OIJGC Chair Carlton

International President Yves Berthiaume and Ginette, receive a memento from NCE presented by Governor Yancey and Nancy.

Baird will announce the winners in our NC East tournament at the meeting. They represented us so well last year. This year it should be bigger and better than ever. We will be looking forward to hearing from Carlton.

Finally – New Members? *Allen Stallings, District Chair, will bring special recognition for those who have brought more Optimists into the fold. I hope each of you reading this letter will try to make his job an even bigger one: GO GET A NEW MEMBER BEFORE APRIL 29th!*

In Optimism, Yancey Hines, NC East District Governor

THIRD QUARTER “NOW” INCENTIVE

If your Club recruits at least three New Members as a result of a NOW program you hold during the third quarter, International President Yves Berthiaume will recognize your efforts with a special NOW banner patch. To qualify, just hold a NOW program, sign up at least **Three new Members** and fill out the NOW Report form on the OI web site. On the Internet, go to http://www.optimist.org/Forms/NOW_Report.pdf to complete the document to apply for the award.

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION TIP

Lack of time to participate is one of the most frequently given responses for dropping membership. Pre-empt the excuse by communicating testimonials from Members who haven't been very active but still find that membership is valuable.

Explanati0n for the weird looking hats: President Yves has always appeared in a ball cap with something attached. In Quebec and St. Louis it was a ponytail. In Jamaica it was corn rows. So, I thought in North Carolina, given our special connection with pork barbeque, it ought to be a pig hat! They were concocted by Trish Verne. The Garner Club already wants a set for their barbeque fund raiser next year. (I wonder what they will give Yves in California? in Texas?)

Thanks to Jim Hines for contributing the pictures on pages 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6.

NC East District 2003-2004 Awards

Childhood Cancer Campaign: Receiving Certificate & Banner Patch.

- a. 43210 Greenville
- b. 43355 Raleigh
- c. 43502 Chapel Hill

Community Service Awards : Receiving Banner Patch.

- a. 43210 Greenville
- b. 43215 Henderson

Zone Recruiters of the Year: Receiving Certificate.

- a. **Louwanna Pender** - Goldsboro
- b. **Gilbert Johnson** - Youngsville
- c. **Randy Wagner** - Myrtle Grove
- d. **Jim Casey** - Chapel Hill



Bob Verne
Governor 2003-2004

District Recruiter of the Year: Receiving Certificate & Banner Patch.

- a. **Randy Wagner** - Myrtle Grove

Honor Clubs: Receiving Certificate & Banner Patch)

Zone	Honor Club	President	Secretary	Treasurer
1	Wilmington Supper	Richard Murnock	Sherri Lawrence	Andy Black
2	Elizabethtown	Emery White	Bruce Phillips	Richard Glenn
2	Laurinburg	Ken Harrell	Bear Hughes	Dan Wilkes
3	Goldsboro	Louwanna Pender	Jacky Young	
3	Greenville	Charles Ross	Jean Garris	Hubert Garris
3	Washington	Patricia Peebles	Leland Baker	
5	RMount Breakfast	Carlton "Gene" Parker	Carlton "Gene" Parker	
5	Henderson	Larry Webb	Thurman Murphy	
5	Roanoke Rapids	Marion Barnes	Carey Foster	
5	RMount Evening	Ray Goodwin	Tom Hedgepeth	
6	Raleigh Luncheon	Gary Turner	Richard Shirk	
6	Chapel Hill	Jim Casey	Gary Schrum	

Distinguished Club Award, receiving Certificate, Banner Patch, Watch.

Distinguished Club: Goldsboro

Louwanna Pender President
Jacky Young Secretary/Treasurer



NC East District 2003-2004 Awards

District Committee Chair Awards Receiving a Commemorative Plate.

Name	Position
Don Harritan	Achievement & Awards Chair
Ellen Foster	Activities Chair
LuAnn Poole	Assistant to the Governor Club Services Chair
Nancy Phillips	Boys & Girls Homes Chair
Wayne Sidelinger	Bulletin Editor
C. A. Tanner	Childhood Cancer Campaign Chair
Joel Wolf	CCDHH Chair
William Mills	Convention Chair
Charlene Edwards	Essay Contest Chair
Doug Lamm	Finance Chair
Carlton Baird	Junior Golf Chair
Darrell Fulcher	Leadership Development Chair
Ben Spradley	Membership Chair
Tommy Rogers	New Club Building Chair
Billy Edgerton	O.I. Ambassador
Roy Barnes	Oratorical Contest Chair
Allan Ludlum	Web-Master
Joe King	Youth Clubs Chair
Patricia Verne	Director of Personal Growth

District Officers Receiving a Commemorative Plate.

Yancey Hines	Secretary/Treasurer Governor-Elect
Sandy Cyphers	Immediate Past-Governor Candidate Qualifications Chair
Carey Foster	Past-Governor OI Foundation Chair 2 plates

District Lt. Governors Receiving a Commemorative Plate

Harry Hale	Lt. Governor –Zone 1
Mark Smith	Lt. Governor - Zone 2
Allen Stallings	Lt. Governor - Zone 4

Lt. Governors Receiving Honor Certificate and Commemorative Plate.

Edward Taylor	Honor Lt. Governor - Zone 5
Patricia Verne	Honor Lt. Governor - Zone 6



Ellen Foster Receiving Award



Carlton Baird Receiving Award



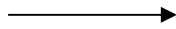
Allan Ludlum Receiving Award



Carey Foster Receiving Award

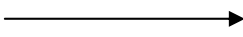
Distinguished & Outstanding Lt. Governor receiving a Commemorative Plate, Certificate, Glass Plaque, Clock.

Gary Pender
Distinguished and Outstanding Lt. Governor - Zone 3



TIME IS TICKING AWAY...DON'T

WAIT TOO MUCH LONGER OR YOU WILL MISS OUT ON THE FUN THAT THE NORTH CAROLINA EAST DISTRICT GROUP PLANS TO HAVE IN NEW ORLEANS...YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD TO PARTY...AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THE 2005 OPTIMIST CONVENTION WILL BE...A TIME TO PARTY, A TIME TO MEET OLD FRIENDS, A TIME TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS, A TIME TO TRADE PINS, A TIME FOR TRAINING, A TIME FOR ENTERTAINMENT, A TIME FOR LOUISIANA FOOD (YOU KNOW CAJUN AND THOSE DELICIOUS CRAWDADS), A TIME FOR SIGHTSEEING, A TIME FOR POSSIBLY TAKING A CHANCE AND ALSO A TIME FOR RELAXING AND ENJOYING THE SCENERYI HOPE THAT THE NORTH CAROLINA EAST OPTIMISTS WILL BE WELL REPRESENTED IN THE BYOUS. MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND AND BE PART OF A YEAR TO REMEMBER.....LETS SEE WHO COMES BACK TO NORTH CAROLINA WITH THE MOST BEADS.....FOR INFORMATION CONTACT SANDY CYPHERS, O.I. AMBASSADOR AT 910-779-4867. DON'T LET TIME CONTINUE TO TICK AWAY...YOU WILL BE LEFT BEHIND...AND WE WOULDN'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN TO ANY OPTIMIST.....

Hilton Hotel, New Orleans 



OI Ambassador, Sandy Cyphers



**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.

Thursday night the Past Governors Association will be having their semi-annual get-together.

Zone 1 will be hosting the Friday night family

Doug Lamm, Convention Chairman



fun and entertainment.

Saturday morning members will be entertained at the Old Timers Breakfast.

Saturday night will be the Governor's Banquet & Ball.

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

Past OI Vice President Bruce Phillips will be conducting the training.

Our OI representative for the convention will be Optimist International President Elect, Michael Listenberger.



New Club Building

Jerry Medlin, New Club Building Chair



The New Club Building activity is picking up steam and there are 6 areas identified for possible New Clubs to be built. The TOP GUN TRAINING at the last District meeting was very successful and proof of the success will be how many new clubs we organize this year. The TOP GUN MEMBERS that were trained will be assigned to each Zone so when New Club Building activity is going on in their respective areas, they will be close by to help show them the way. We are asking each Lieutenant Governor to bring the form with the Name of the Community that a new

Club is being worked on or will be worked on and the nearby Optimist Club in that area. That form is in the TOP GUN BOOK under Certified Club Builder Operations, which is Tab 2. We will talk about this at the Executive meeting on Friday Night and I will have a passout with useful information on how to organize New Clubs. We will also have this for the presidents on Saturday.

Jerry Medlin



The NCB team that presented the program on February 18-19.. From left, Gov. Yancey, Keith Pruitt, Nick Prillaman and Ed White, Henderson Club member.



Some pictures need no caption.



Left, **Emily Sivers**, Governor NCE JOOI and **Jennifer Turnage**, President of the newly formed Wake Forest/Roseville JOOI club, working the registration table at the 2nd Quarterly board meeting, Research Triangle, Feb. 18-19, 2005

JOOI CLUBS

Many exciting things are happening in the NCE JOOI. Thanks to Bob Verne for the new club in Chapel Hill. The name is Octagon Club of Chapel Hill High. The President is Latova Rone, Sec/treas Claire Darling, Advisor Patricia Dallen, Chair-Person Bob Verne, Chapel Hill Optimist. They have established a good slate of programs for their first year.

Wake Forest/Rolesville Junior Opti-



Barbara Timmons, North Raleigh Optimist, club chairperson for the Wake Forest / Roseville JOOI club



Walt Armentrout, District Chairman Junior Optimist Clubs

mist. They had their charter night March 17. A big crowd was in attendance President Jennifer Turnage, Sec/Treas Dori Lucas, Advisor Susan Kuzora, Chair-Person Barbara Timmons, North Raleigh

Optimist. A great JOOI club, thanks to Barbara.

Winter Park Optimist President Sandy Cyphers met with a select group of boys and girls from the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina on Wednesday April 13, 2005 to introduce the opportunity to create an Octagon Club on the campus at Lake Waccamaw. The group of 25 young people accepted the challenge of starting the service organization on their campus and have scheduled a follow-up meeting for Wednesday April 20th, 2005 to begin the process. Many of the residents in attendance also indicated they were interested in running for an office in the club. This wonderful opportunity for the children of Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina will give them the chance to give back to the local community, develop leadership skills, provide social development, and have fun all at the same time. Thank you Sandy Cyphers and Winter Park Optimist for giving the children of Boys and Girls Homes this great opportunity!

The new Roland Grise Middle School Jr. Optimist is going GREAT! They have been busy working on numerous projects in and around the school...they are continuing to visit the nursing

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home and making items to take to those individuals that cannot get out...they also are planning on donating money to the Boys & Girls Home from their fundraising projects. Tom Lamont from the Boys and Girls Home visited with them several weeks ago and explained to them exactly what the Boys & Girls Home did for kids...The Winter Park Optimist recognized their advisor Mrs. Wendy Kraft and Principal William Hatch with an appreciation plaque at their Youth Appreciation Banquet and Awards Reception the first of April. They meet every Monday and have over thirty five kids.

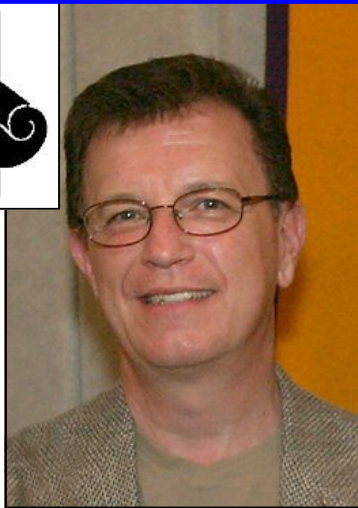
The JOOI Clubs will meet in Greenville on Sat. April 30, 2005. They will tour the East Carolina University that morning and have a meeting in the afternoon.

Walt Armentrout, JOOI Chairman



The Essay Contest winners will be at the Greenville Board meeting to receive their awards. The first place winner's Essay has been forwarded to the OI office for the International competition. All 3 essays will be printed in the next issue of the bulletin.

John Sadler,
District Essay Chairman



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All District Con-
tests on April 30,
Hilton Hotel, in
Greenville.



District
Oratorical
Chair, **Jan
Edgerton,
Goldsboro.**
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Theme: **“My Hero Is...”**

North Carolina East Optimist

continues to make a difference for children at Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina. In February **Tom Lamont**, the Director of Civic Club Development was invited to speak to the Roanoke Rapids Optimist Club, The Rocky Mount Evening Optimist Club, and the Roland-Grise Jr. Optimist Club in Wilmington. The Elizabethtown Optimist Club also visited the Optimist Cottage in Lake Waccamaw for a fried chicken dinner with the boys!

In March, Tom traveled to Wilson to do a program for the Wilson Breakfast Optimist Club. Meanwhile the Winter Park Optimist Club invited children from the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina to participate in the Optimist Essay and Oratorical contests. Brandon Turner, one of the boys in the Optimist Cottage won the Oratorical contest at Winter Park and finished second at the Zone Oratorical held at Cape Fear Optimist. What a wonderful opportunity for this young man to experience public speaking for the first time. We as Optimists should be very proud of Brandon! This year's topic was "My Hero is". Brandon's hero is Jesus and he delivered a wonderful speech that would touch your heart. Elton Locklear from the Boy's Home and Brandon also wrote essays. This year's topic is "The Power of One". In the Winter Park competition Elton won first prize and Brandon finished in third. Elton's essay is excellent and powerful! Brandon presented his winning entrée at the club's Youth Appreciation Day with over 90 people in attendance and Elton read his essay to club members at one of their regular meetings in April. The Winter Park Optimist Club also purchased a suit for Brandon to participate in the Zone Contest and provided two of the boys in the cottage with Valentine's Day presents and every boy received a basket full of candy for Easter. Thank you Winter Park for making a difference!

But Optimist didn't stop there. Carlton Baird and the Dinner Optimist Club of Raleigh stepped up for the Boys and Girls Home's School on campus for 4th grade through the 8th grade. The club purchased 18 calculators for the children to use to do their math work in class and for testing. Thank you so

much for this wonderful gift!

The Cape Fear Optimist Club is also doing a special fundraising project for Boys and Girls Home. They are holding a matter growing contest. They provided the

bucket and the plant for a \$20.00 donation for Boys and Girls Homes. The winner will be the person who grows the biggest tomato plant! What a neat idea! Thanks Cape Fear! And a really big THANK YOU to all the clubs that have made contributions so far this year!!!

If your club wants a Boys and Girls Homes Program, or wants to visit our campus for a dinner or just to see the Optimist Cottage and the boys, please Contact Tom Lamont at 910-646-3083 or e-mail him at tom.lamont@boysandgirlshomesofnc.org

Total Club contributions as of April 14, 2005 are \$13,034.75. That's great, but we still need your help! Our focus continues to be operating costs so your contributions are greatly needed. If any clubs would like to help us with a canister campaign, (Boys and Girls Homes will supply the cans. The club just helps to collect the change and money donated at the businesses, restaurants and other sites set up with the cans.)

Please let **Tom Lamont** know and he will get you more information-----

Max Stephenson
Chairman,
Boys & Girls Homes of NC



Tom Lamont, Boys & Girls Home of NC

Gary Pender, District OI Foundation Chairman

The District OI Foundation committee held it's annual auction on Friday night during the 2nd Board meeting weekend. Net proceeds were over \$700. I would like to thank every club and member who donated items for the auction and all those that found something of interest to bid on. This year's auction makes up about 5% of the total OIF goal.

I would like to express my gratitude to Rich Cash, from the Diner Optimist, who graciously donated his talents as an auctioneer and to members of the Goldsboro Optimist who assisted me, to make the event a success.



We are well on the way to achieving our goal for this year and will, in all probability, set another record for investing in the foundation. A high percentage of the funds donated are returned to us in the form of scholarships to the Oratorical and CCDHH contest winners. The OIF also funds the multitude of

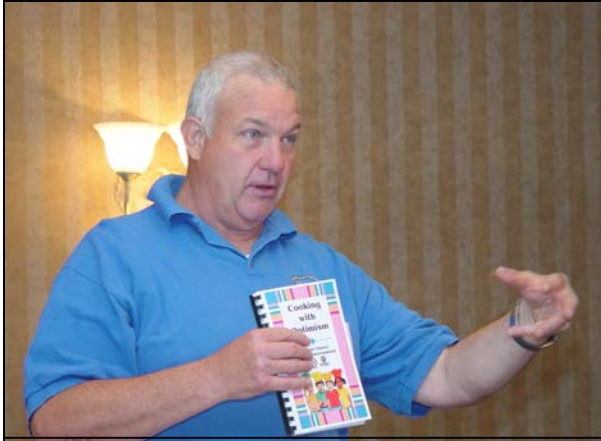
materials that clubs receive to promote the OI endorsed programs.

Congratulations to Past International President Les Craft, who has been elected to the OI Foundation Board of Directors. Les will serve in the Past International Presidents position for the year 2005-06. Two Board Members are rotated out each year.



Members listen to the chant, chant, chant of the auctioneer, making him work tirelessly for bids.

**District A&A Chair 2004-2005
Carey Foster**



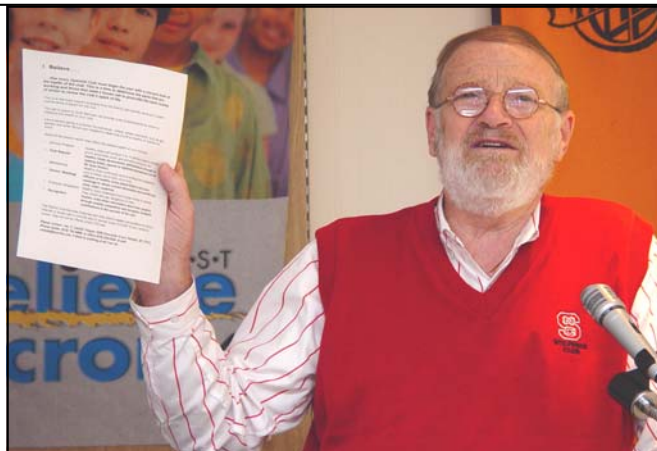
PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT THE SECOND QUARTER A&A FORMS ARE DUE BY APRIL 15TH FOR EXTRA POINTS. DUE TO THE DISTRICT MEETING BEING THIS MONTH, IN ORDER TO GET CREDIT FOR THE MEETING, I MUST HAVE THEM BY MAIL DELIVER ON APRIL 25TH. I HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED REPORTS FROM MANY CLUBS ALREADY. THANKS FOR YOUR PROMPTNESS.

First Quarter A&A Report

ZONE	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
1	WILMINGTON	WINTER PARK	CAPE FEAR
2	WHITEVILLE	ELIZABETHTOWN	LAURINBURG
3	GOLDSBORO	GREENVILLE	CARTERET
4	WILSON EVENING	GOLDEN CIRCLE	WILSON BREAKFAST
5	HENDERSON	ROANOKE RAPIDS	ROCKY MOUNT EVENING
6	NORTH RALEIGH	RALEIGH	CHAPEL HILL

TOP 10 IN DISTRICT

- 1 - HENDERSON
- 2 - WILSON EVENING - ROANOKE RAPIDS (TIE)
- 3 - GOLDSBORO
- 4 - WINTER PARK
- 5 - NORTH RALEIGH
- 6 - GREENVILLE
- 7 - WHITEVILLE
- 8 - RALEIGH
- 9 - ROCKY MOUNT EVENING
- 10 - ROXBORO



District Club Services Chairman, Carlyle Teague



Optimist International Junior Golf Championship

Carlton Baird, District Chairman

OPTIMIST JUNIOR GOLF

By the time the bulletin is printed and distributed, the NC East District Qualifying tournament will have been played. Our tournament is set for April 16-17 at Keith Hills Country Club in Buies Creek, NC. The Dogwood trees, Azaleas and other blooming flora should be in full beauty. What a beautiful time of the year for a Youth outing. The weather is predicted to be golf perfect, with sun shining and temperatures in the mid 60's Saturday and 70's for Sunday. For those Optimists who did not make the tournament????? well maybe you can attend next year.

Thanks to our East District clubs that went to bat and sponsored golfers for the event. Our tournament could not have been the success it is (was) without their assistance, hard work and support.

The Rocky Mount Evening and Wilson Breakfast Optimist Clubs sponsored four players each.

The Whiteville, Raleigh, Greenville, Washington, and Wilmington Supper Optimist clubs sponsored one player each.

The Elizabethtown and Wilson Golden Circle Optimist clubs sponsored two players each.

The Roxboro Optimist sponsored seven players.

The Wilmington Cape-Fear Optimist sponsored three players.

The Wilmington Winter Park Optimist sponsored six players.

The North Raleigh Optimist and The Opti-

mist Club of Goldsboro sponsored five players each.

The Dinner Optimist Club of Raleigh sponsored ten players.

The Garner Optimist Club sponsored six players and served lunch Sunday for all of our players and their guests.

I hope I didn't leave anyone out.

We received entries for over ninety golfers this year. We had golfers from the NC West District and one golfer from Pennsylvania in addition to our NC East resident golfers. Girls and boys from 14 to 18 years of age competed in their separate divisions.

More than fifteen of our Optimists and others volunteered to help at the tournament.

And this is (was) just the beginning.

Our Qualifying players will have the opportunity to advance to the Championships round at PGA National Golf Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida in July. There they will compete against some of the best junior golfers from around the world.

Our winners and runners-up will also have the opportunity, if they qualify, to play in the inaugural Optimist Tournament of Champions event in December. This invitational tournament will be played at Doral Golf Resort and Spa in Miami, Florida in December. All golfers will play Doral's Blue Monster course. Doral is the home of the PGA Tour's Ford Championship.

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OF OUR NORTH CAROLINA EAST OPTIMIST CLUBS AND INDIVIDUAL OPTIMISTS THAT HELPED MAKE 2004-2005 JUNIOR GOLF YEAR SUCCESSFUL.

Carlton Baird,
Junior Golf Chairman

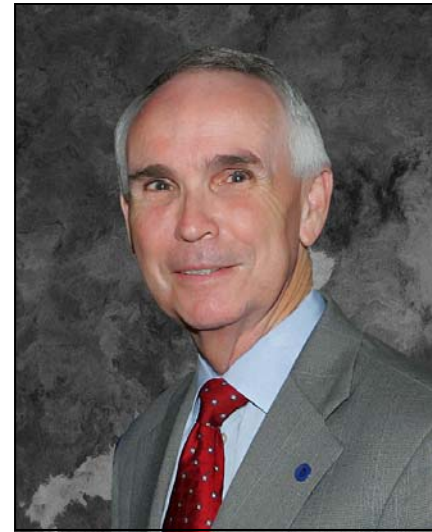
**NC EAST DISTRICT OF OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
FIRST QUARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2005
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

The following clubs were represented:

Zone 1: Winter Park, Wilmington Cape Fear
Zone 2: Whiteville, Laurinburg, Elizabethtown, Spring Lake
Zone 3: Greenville, Goldsboro, Grifton
Zone 4: Wilson Evening, Wilson Golden Circle
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: None
Zone 3: Washington, Carteret
Zone 4: Chowan-Edenton, Tarboro, Wilson Breakfast
Zone 5: Nashville Evening, Youngsville
Zone 6: Southeast Raleigh



Thurman Murphy, District Secretary/Treasurer

Governor Yancey Hines called the meeting of the N.C. East District Board of Directors to order at 8:36 AM.

Guests at the meeting were OI Certified Trainer Nick Prillaman, Past Georgia Governor Keith Pruitt and OI President Yves Berthiaume.

Governor Elect Ray Potter gave the invocation.

Yancey Hines introduced the Past Governors that were present.

The First Quarter Meeting minutes were presented by Thurman Murphy and were approved with the correction that Winter Park and Garner were represented at the meeting. Turner/Pender.

The First Quarter Financial Report was presented by Thurman and was approved with the correction that District Convention Receipts in the amount of \$1376.00 should have been shown as District Meeting Receipts. Turner/Pender.

Lester Craft, OI Foundation Board Member, told about an article in the February Sports Illustrated about the basketball family of an Optimist member.

Thurman Murphy presented a report on the available Optimist web sites and urged Optimist members to use the sites.

Thurman Murphy presented a report on the 501(c)(3) status and the advantages of this designation. He urged clubs that have not applied for the tax exempt status to do so immediately. Yves Berthiaume also gave some information about this and urged all clubs to take advantage of this.

Yancey Hines presented a report prepared by Eric Pierce from the Henderson Club on the NCAA policy concerning students accepting money for certain actions. Non athletic competition such as the Oratorical Contest would not jeopardize any athletic participation at college.

Ray Barnes presented the revised 2004-2005 budget. Two new line items, 445 New Club Building Training and 446 Leadership Development have been added. The budget was approved as presented. Vern/Louwanna Pender.

Gary Pender, OI Foundation Chairperson, reported that \$768 was raised from the Friday night auction. Checks for the OI Foundation from clubs total \$4315. Cary Foster presented banner patches to clubs for last year's contributions to the OI Foundation.

Cary Foster presented the A & A awards for the first quarter. The Henderson Club was the No. 1 club for the first quarter.

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PGI Chairperson, Ellen Foster reminded clubs to complete the PGI recognitions form. She recognized several Roanoke Rapids members for achieving several PGI levels.

Ellen Foster announced the CPA winners for last year.

Trish Verne, CCC Chairperson, reported that OI has already given Johns Hopkins Hospital \$250,000 of the \$990,000 pledge. The Chapel Hill Club has raised over \$6,000 so far this year for CCC.

Ed Taylor gave a report on Activities and Awards for this year.

Max Stephenson urged clubs to have a joint meeting with other civic clubs and invite Tom Lamont to the meeting for a program on Boys & Girls Home.

Tom Lamont presented awards to clubs for contributions to Boys & Girls Home last year. Tom announced that there will be a work day at the home in late April or May. Approximately \$6,000 was collected for Boys & Girls Home during the "alter call".

Billy Edgerton spoke on the Oratorical Contest in the absence of Janis Edgerton. The N. C. East web site has last year's information on Oratorical, CCDHH and the Essay Contest. Everyone should go the optimist.org site for information about these contests. The District Oratorical Contest will be held April 30 at the Third Quarter Board Meeting in Greenville.

Jerry Medlin, New Club Building Chairperson, introduced Keith Pruitt and Nick Prillaman and thanked them for leading the New Club Building training on February 18. The following areas have been targeted for new clubs: Kinston, Oxford, Enfield, Western Wake County, Shallotte and Butner-Creedmoor. We now have 16 certified new club builders in N. C. The goal is five new clubs this year.

Nick Prillaman spoke on the Top Gun Program for building new clubs.

Yancey Hines introduced Ed White, member and Charter President of the Henderson Club. Ed spoke on some his Optimist experiences over the years and the satisfaction he has received for working with the youth.

Allen Stallings gave a report on membership and introduced Keith Pruitt, former Georgia Governor, who gave an example of a closing speech for a NOW meeting.

Walt Armentrout reported that Garner hosted a N.C. East JOOI District meeting on February 5. Emily Siver and Jennifer Turnage, President of the Wake-Forest Rolesville JOOI Club. Emily Siver was elected Governor of the N.C. East JOOI District. Both of these young ladies had some brief remarks about JOOI.

Doug Lamm announced that the District Convention will be held at Wrightsville Beach on August 18-20, 2005. Rooms are \$139 and \$159. He urged members to attend.

Carlton Baird, Jr. Golf Chairperson, reported that the Jr. Golf District Tournament will be held at Buies Creek April 16, 17. The entry fee is \$75 (\$50 for the golfer and \$25 from the sponsoring club), although the sponsoring club may pay the entire \$75. There were 67 golfer in the tournament last year. Carlton needs about 20 volunteers for the tournament and he needs 6 corporate sponsors.

Sandy Cyphers, OI Convention Ambassador, reported that 51 Optimist members have indicated that they will attend the OI Convention in New Orleans.

Ray Potter, Governor Elect, gave a few remarks and he is in the process of getting project chairpersons.

Bob Verne, Candidate Qualifications, gave a report on the efforts to get Lt. Governors and a Governor Designate candidate.

Yancey Hines introduced OI President, Yves Berthiaume, who gave an inspiration speech on Optimism.

Nancy Hines and Trish Verne led the group in singing the Canadian National Anthem and our National Anthem. The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 PM with the recitation of the Optimist Creed.

Thurman Murphy, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer



It is with a great deal of sadness that we report the death of Rev. John Cline on March 18, 2005. John was a member of the Raleigh Optimist and a Past Governor of North Carolina East District. John leaves a legacy of true optimism in the hearts of everyone that knew him.



Frank Bowman, passed away on February 25. Frank was a member of the Garner Optimist, and a Past District Lt. Governor. Frank was very active in club and district activities and will be greatly missed.



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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