

# North Carolina East OPTIMIST NEWS

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2005-06 First Family; Governor Ray Potter, Christine and girls ,Casey 11, and Catherine 7.

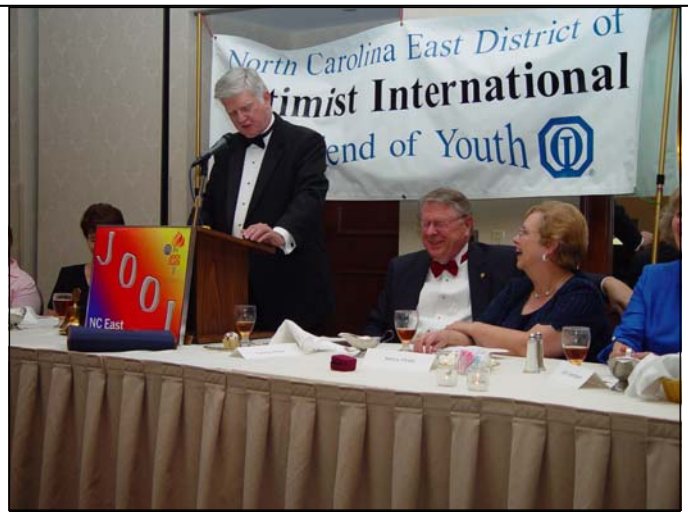
# 2005 Convention Pictures



2005-2006 North Carolina East District Officers, from left: Governor Designate, Ray Potter and Christine Potter; District Secretary/Treasurer Designate Allan Ludlum; Incoming Governor Elect, Gary Pender; Standing in back, International President Elect, Michel Listenberger; Lt. Gov. Elect Zone 3, Louwanna Pender; Nancy Hines; Governor, Yancey Hines; Trish Vern; Past Governor, Bob Verne; Lt. Gov. Elect, Zone 6, Barbara Timmons; Ronnie McLamb; Lt. Gov. Elect, Zone 5, Larry Webb; Elaine Webb; Keith Waters and Lt. Gov. Elect, Zone 1, Marie Jordan. Absent when picture was taken, Lt. Gov. Zone 4, Barbara Hester and Lt. Go. Zone 2, Don Harritan.



Governor Yancey Hines delivers the address which included a gracious thanks to everyone.



Governors Banquet Master of Ceremonies, Bob Chandler, laying it on Governor Yancey, while at the speaker's podium.



Andy Horne, right, President Whiteville Optimist receiving A & A award from A & A Committee Member, Dan Durham.



Governor Yancey and Lt., Gov. Marie listen while OI President Elect Michel Listenberger tries to give credence to the proposed restructuring of Optimist International.

# 2005 Convention pictures



Awards time at the B & G Homes Golf Classic



The cookee and cookette, flanked by two guitars. I'm not sure what they're doing but they have everyone's attention.



Boys & Girls Home officials presenting certificates to numerous clubs.



After the installation, it's fun and games. Some people more than others.



Will Medlin, Youngest player in the B & G Golf Tournament.



Don't know who's talking but not everyone is listening.



In the game of golf, they say it's all in the stance and swing. Putting it all in perspective are, Rich Cash, Mark Rador, Carlton Baird and Ben Spradley.

# Club & Zone Activities

## Zone 1, Spring & Summer 2005

**Myrtle Grove:** Baseball & Softball in full swing; Donated to Mile of Hope; Planning Fund Raisers; Hosted an AAU Tournament in May; Started serving meals on meeting nights.

**Wilmington:** Held Oratorical Contest

**Wilmington Cape Fear:** Sponsored Baseball and softball during spring & summer; Hosted Zone Oratorical contest; Held mater contest with proceeds to Boys & Girls Home; Held Tee Ball Tournament with proceeds to Childhood Cancer Program; Held Youth Appreciation in May; Planning Golf Tournaments.

**Wilmington Inner City:** Holding Tee Ball & Softball programs; Assisting with improving Maides Park; Participated in Relay for Life; Held clothes drive for needy families; Making plans to take kids to State Zoo in Asheboro.

**Winter Park:** Held Youth Appreciation; Held Essay Contest; Held Oratorical Contest; Built a second JOOI Club; Had approx 1000 sign up for baseball; Stared Wee Ball for 4 year olds; 13 Members attended OI Convention.

## Zone 2, Spring & Summer 2005:

**Whiteville:** Brad Johnson has been nominated for Pres. Elect; Sponsored Baseball program; Pres. Andy Horne held Crazy-T Shirt night; Awards given to Student of the Year; and Achievement in Education.

**Elizabethtown:** Present Scholarship to student at Bladen High School; Held Respect For Law Week program; Bob Mundy nominated for President Elect; Installation was held 1st meeting in October.

**Laurinburg:** Held Deaf & Hard of Hearing Oratorical; Contest. Awarded winners \$100; Sponsored Shrimp/Fish Fry for fundraiser. Served 2200+; Held Annual candy sale; Installed new scoreboard, new kitchen, new bathrooms, new bleachers, new bleacher pads and new grass sod in Optimist Park. Held Essay contest, held membership drive and built a new web site. [Www.laurinburgoptimist.org](http://www.laurinburgoptimist.org). Check it out. It's good.

**Spring lake:** No report

## Zone 3, Spring & Summer 2005:

**Carteret:** Had two contestants in the Zone Oratorical Contest; Planning *CANCER KIDS* cookout; Working with Eckerd's Wilderness Run camp for kids.

**Goldsboro:** Held Oratorical Contest; 10 members attended OI Convention in New Orleans; Sponsored players in Junior Golf.

**Grifton:** Sponsoring Little League Baseball team.

**Greenville:** Had boy winner in District Oratorical contest; Deeply involved in activities at McDonald House.

**Washington:** No information.

# Club & Zone Activities

## Zone 4, Spring & Summer 2005:

**Wilson Evening:** Oratorical contest; Concession stand for Library Opening; Sponsored events in Special Olympics; Held Cub Scout Pinewood Derby; Donated 2nd installment of \$2000 to Soccer Complex; Raised \$4000 selling BBQ Chicken for Barton College Ball teams.

**Golden Circle:** Held Oratorical Contest; Helped EOC with Chicken Sale; Held Essay Contest; Working on fund raiser for Childhood Cancer.

**Wilson Breakfast:** Held Oratorical Contest; Raffles Gas Grill as a Fund Raiser; Hosted Zone Oratorical Contest; Sponsored Superball Golf Fundraiser; Donated \$1000 each to Barton College, Beddingfield High, School Hunt High School and Fike High School.

**Tarboro:** Raised \$2700 from Golf Tournament; Held Law Enforcement week activities; Hosted Zone meeting.

**Edenton:** No report.

## Zone 5, Spring & Summer 2005:

**Rocky Mount Evening:** Held Tri-Star Baseball with 85 children participating; Set up and worked the fair booth; Participated in "Jake Day" at Rose Hill.

**Rocky Mount Breakfast:**

**Roanoke Rapids:** Sponsored Pitching Machine league; Manned concession stand at Concert in the Park; Awarded Hoyle Scholarships to 2 students; Roy Barnes is nominated for President Elect; Sponsored Tee Ball and Coach pitch; Club Brochures have been printed; Sponsored Gospel Sing to benefit cancer patients.

**Henderson:** No report

**Roxboro:** No Report

**Youngsville:** No report

## Zone 6, Spring & Summer 2005:

**North Raleigh:** Held Oratorical Contest; Held Essay contest; Organized JOOI Club; Prepared meals for Ronald McDonald House; Scheduled activities for Law Enforcement Week.

**Raleigh Dinner;** Took 2000 calculators to Boys & Girls Home for End Of Grade Testing; Headed up District Junior Golf Tournament; Held Essay contest with 5 contestants.

**Chapel Hill:** Raised \$8000 for CCC so far; Held Fishing Derby with Orange Country P&R; Held Easter Egg Hunt in Hillsborough; Held Fundraiser selling hot dogs at Duke Gardens.

**Raleigh:** Held Inter Club visit with North Raleigh; Participated in Mile of Hope; Held Oratorical Contest; Held Essay Contest; Continuing with Adopt-A-Highway program; Planning Take-A-Kid-Fishing event.

**Southeast Raleigh:** No report.



## Childhood Cancer Campaign

The Winter Park Optimist Club held a golf tournament on September 11th that raised one thousand dollars for the Childhood Cancer Campaign. The Garner Optimist Club golf tournament on October 9<sup>th</sup> raised \$4,500. The club plans to make donations of \$1,500 to each of the pediatric treatment centers at ECU, DUKE and UNC. Members of the Golden Circle Optimist Club have been making blankets for Ronald McDonald House in Greenville, and surgery dolls for the pediatric patients at ECU.

The Optimist Club of Chapel Hill has been making surgery dolls for the patients at DUKE and UNC hospitals. They will be helping the Cardinal Track Club stage an 8K road race on Thanksgiving morning. Part of the proceeds from the race will be donated to the Childhood Cancer Campaign. The club is also getting ready to start its yearly “Kisses for Childhood Cancer” fund raising project. The North Raleigh Optimist Club is continuing to provide meals for Chapel Hill’s Ronald McDonald House.



Thanks to all club members and friends for their help and support of the Childhood Cancer Campaign. Hospital staff and patients families tell us how important our efforts and contributions are to the children, their families, and the medical team treating them. Thanks also for all the pop tops collected. Ronald McDonald House in Durham continues to collect the tabs. This year I plan to weigh the tabs before turning them in to see what our grand total will be at the end of the year.

Trish Verne  
District Childhood Cancer Campaign Chair  
Phone: 919-942-4144

### 3rd Quarter A & A report: Zone Winners

Zone 1	1st	Winter Park	Zone 4	1st	Wilson Evening
	2nd	Cape Fear		2nd	Golden Circle
	3rd	Wilmington		3rd	Wilson Breakfast
Zone 2	1st	Whiteville	Zone 5	1st	Roanoke Rapids
	2nd	Laurinburg		2nd	Rocky Mount Evening
	3rd	Elizabethtown		3rd	Henderson
Zone 3	1st	Greenville	Zone 6	1st	Raleigh
	2nd	Goldsboro		2nd	North Raleigh
	3RD	Grifton		3rd	Garner

**Optimist International  
Foundation**



**Optimist International  
Foundation of Canada**

## **Optimist International Foundation**

The OI Foundation is the primary funding source for the Optimist skill contests (Essay, Oratorical, Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing or CCDHH), the Optimist Junior Golf Championships and the JOOI clubs. It is also a major funding source to the Childhood Cancer Campaign. Donations from you and your club are essential for continuing these important programs. Please note that donations made to the Foundation which are designated for the Childhood Cancer



Campaign are reserved for program and are not used for the projects listed above. So, when you and your club are planning your support to the Foundation, please consider the need for unrestricted donation to the OI Foundation so that our kids can continue to grow and learn by participating in these key youth service programs.

Each club is asked to appoint a Club Foundation Representative to serve as a contact point between the club and the Foundation. If you have not yet done so, please contact me or visit the OI Foundation website at [www.oifoundation.org](http://www.oifoundation.org).

Many thanks go to the clubs and individual Optimists who generously contribute to the Foundation every year. Your support helps our organization succeed in "Bringing Out The Best In Kids."

Bob Verne  
District Foundation Representative

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# Optimist International Junior Golf Championship 2005

**Carlton Baird**, District Chairman

The NC East Junior Golf Program was a tremendous success again in 2004-05.

We had two **beautiful** days of golf. The wind was a bit rough on Saturday but some low scores were shot. Sunday was an even more beautiful day. Prior to the tournament, we had over **90 entries**. By Saturday we had **88 entries** as several had withdrawn. Of the 88, **85 golfers came to play on Saturday**.

Players came from all over our NC East District from Cape Carteret down to Wilmington, Dublin, White Oak, Grantsboro; and west to Roxboro, Chapel Hill, Fayetteville, Whiteville, and many towns and cities in between. The entire district was well represented. Several players came from the NC

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## **Girls 14 to 15 Age Division**

On left: First Place Winner; Amy Otterson, Wilson; Sponsored by Wilson Breakfast Optimist. Average score 88.5

On right: First Runner up; Casey Narron, Wilson, Sponsored by Wilson Golden Circle Optimist. Average score 99.5

Pictures by Yancey Hines



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West District, because they wanted to play in a top quality event, and we had one player from Wyoming and Pennsylvania.

A special thanks to the following clubs that supported the program financially and also sponsored players: Rocky Mount Evening, Wilson Breakfast, Whiteville, Raleigh, Greenville, Washington, Wilmington Supper, Elizabethtown, Wilson Golden Circle, Roxboro, Wilmington Cape-Fear, Wilmington Winter- Park, Goldsboro, North Raleigh, Garner, and Raleigh Dinner. A very special thanks to Elwood King, Jr. and the **Garner Optimist Clubs cooking team** that did a super job preparing and serving Sunday lunch for the last two tournaments. If anyone went hungry, it wasn't due to the lack of food.

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Girls 16 to 18 Age Division

On left: First Place Winner; Ashley Denton, from Wendell. Sponsored by North Raleigh Optimist. Average score 84.

On right: First Runner up Kristen Billings, Wilmington; Sponsored by Wilmington Winter Park Optimist. Average score 85.

Pictures by Yancey Hines

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A personal thanks to our Optimist volunteers that took the time to help during the two days of the tournament. Allan Ludlum, Jerry Medlin, Past Governor Doug Taylor, Owen and Past Governor LuAnn Poole, Joe King, Rich Cash, Gene Hilliard, Tom Cooper, Jackie Young, Gary and Luwana Pender, Governor Yancey and Nancy, Past Governor Bob and Trish Vern, Billy Narron, Billy Wilder, Tom LaMont, Don Barringer, Dennis Marshall and Ken Dixon. We also had many friends and family members that helped and we appreciated their assistance.

I hope I didn't overlook anyone. Club and volunteer support was exceptional this past year.

This year, Optimist International will sponsor its **Inaugural Tournament of Champions** event De-  
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#### Boys 14 to 15 Age Division

On left: First Runner up: Sterling Bryant, Durham; Sponsored by Roxboro Optimist. Average score 78.5.

On right: First Place Winner: Samuel Stephenson, Raleigh; Sponsored by Garner Optimist. Average score 77.

Pictures by Yancey Hines

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**September 9-11, 2005.** This will be by invitation only and will offer our **district winners and runners-up**, that qualify, the opportunity to compete against winners from all other district qualifiers. **This Tournament of Champions competition will be at Doral Golf Resort, in Miami, Fla., home of PGA Ford's Tournament of Champions and all junior golfers will play on the Blue Monster Course. What a tremendous opportunity for our junior golfers.**

Thanks again for all the support for our Junior Golf youth program. Our Junior Golfers are an exceptional group of our tomorrow adults.

Carlton Baird, Chairman 2004-05



#### Boys 16 to 18 Age Division

On left: First Runner up; Jonathan Burke, Goldsboro; Sponsored by Goldsboro Optimist. Average score 76.

On right: First Place Winner: Ramsay Quinn, Wilmington, Independent Sponsor. Average score 75.

Pictures by Yancey Hines

## New Club Building

### SPREADING OPTIMISM IN THE N.C. EAST DISTRICT.....

As we begin this new optimist year I am VERY OPTIMISTIC that the Optimist members in the North Carolina East District will spread optimism to new communities like spreading butter or jam on bread, (smooth, fast and with a wonderful taste of satisfaction and delight).

In order for this service organization to grow and continue to “Bring Out The Best In Kids” we must and I repeat MUST see that optimism is extended to as many communities as possible.

I ask for your help in working with me harder than ever before to make this the year that spreading optimism succeeds in the North Carolina East. As one I cannot do it...but as a TEAM we will do it!

Find and locate that new community....whether Caucasians, Hispanics, African Americans, etc. and extend them the opportunity to be a family of optimists along with us.

The NC East District Convention will be held again at the Holiday Inn Sunspree Hotel in Wrightsville Beach September 14-17, 2006. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date.

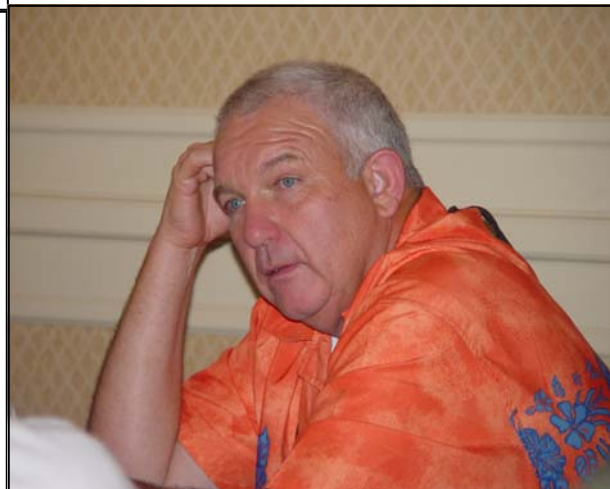
Carey Foster  
District Convention Chairman



I challenge each of our Past Governors, Lt. Governors, Presidents and members to step up to the plate and make this one of the most successful years in the North Carolina East District for building new clubs.

Let's make it happen.....LET'S DO IT FOR THE KIDS!

Sandy Cyphers  
New Club Building Chair



## Candidate Qualifications

### IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO PLAN FOR LEADERSHIP IN 2006-2007....

Governor Ray Potter has just begun his tenure in NC East, but the continued progress of our district depends on a succession of caring, able, and prepared leaders in the future. The positions of Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary-Treasurer and Finance Chair are central to our viability as a district and our power to help kids in our community. Big Responsibilities and Big Rewards. However, there are many other district roles that provide great opportunity for Bringing out the Best in Kids.



Yancey Hines District Candidate Qualifications Chair

Many roles, however, touch the kids more directly: Junior Golf, Oratorical, Essay, CCDHH, Youth Clubs, Boys and Girls Homes, and of course the Childhood Cancer Campaign.

Other roles build the strength of our clubs and the skills of our members: Activities (CPA project reports), Achievement and Awards, Club Services, New Club Building, Membership, Leadership Development, and PGI.

Some roles provide organization and information for everyone, both members and prospective members: District Bulletin and Web Master.

The role of Convention Ambassador provides the vital link to the annual Optimist International Convention.

Finally, the role that brings us the highlight meeting of our district year is played by the NC East District Convention Chair.

*Over the years many members have continued to serve – please keep it up and recommit yourselves to leadership service. It is needed now more than ever.*

*Over the years many members have postponed accepting roles of responsibility in the district for various reasons. He or She who hesitates now may lose that opportunity forever.*

*Organizational challenges in the Optimist World make it more important than ever that committed and caring leaders step forward now either for the first time or continue to step forward to provide the leadership of NC East.*

***Remember, to Bring Out the Best in Kids, we have to Bring Out the Best in Our District Leadership.***

## The Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina

The Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina appreciates the continued support from North Carolina Optimist East. Around 20 thousand dollars has been raised so far in the district for the much needed renovations to the Optimist cottage. In addition, Optimist Clubs are encouraged to send their gifts for general operating to Boys and Girls Homes before the first of the year, if possible, to help us with our current operating shortfall. The Homes are currently going through a downsizing to cut expenses during this difficult time. However, our childcare program at Lake Waccamaw continues to meet the needs of our children.



Max Stephenson,  
District Chairman



**Optimist Cottage  
Boys & Girls Homes**

The Optimist cottage currently is full with nine boys. Jason from Laurinburg is in the 3rd grade, Deandre from Fayetteville is in the 6th grade, Lane from Goldsboro is in the 6th grade, Chad from Currie is in the 9th grade, Quentin and his twin brother Trent from Laurinburg are in the 6th grade, Jesse from Supply is in the 6th grade, Rashad from Whiteville is in the 9th grade, and Brandon from Southport is in the 9th grade. Thank you North Carolina District East for making a difference in the lives of the children at Boys and Girls Homes!

The Cougar's Octagon Club of Lake Waccamaw held its first meeting of the Optimist Year at the Boys and Girls Homes Chapel Fellowship Hall on Thursday October 6, 2005. The Club plans to visit the Rest Home in Lake Waccamaw in October as their service project for the month and will provide a turkey dinner for a needy family in Columbus County in November. The Club raised \$140 over the summer from a car wash that will provide for the monies for their November service project. Markis Howard is this year's President, Brandon Turner from the Optimist Cottage is Vice-President. Antonio Boykin is Secretary and Juanita Guthrie is Treasurer.

Picture by Larry Hewett; Notes from the desk of Tom Lamont



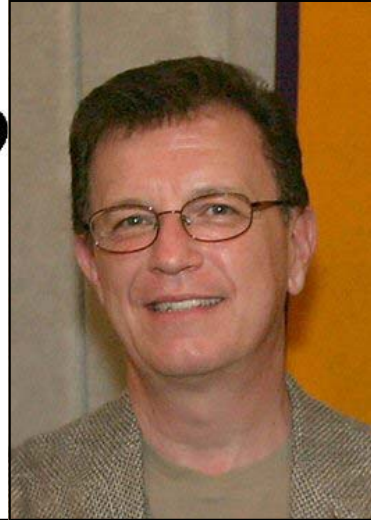
A group of students from Boys & Girls Home who attended the Winter Park sponsored cookout and entertainment on Friday evening at the District Convention in August.



The Laurinburg Optimist donated a large refrigeration unit (background) for the Optimist cottage at Boys and Girls Home in Lake Waccamaw. From left, Ron Riggins, Pres, Laurinburg Optimist; Tom Lamont, BGH Civic Club Coordinator B&G Home; Donald Greene, (back row) B&GH Maintenance; Bill Thompson, B&GH President; Eric Bush, B&GH Maintenance; and Rocco Wadsworth, B&GH VP-Plant Operations.

Picture by Larry Hewett.

District Essay Contest 4/30/05  
John Sadler, Chairman 2004-05



The winners of the District Essay Contest: Theme: "The Power Of One"

First Place: Michael Rotolo, Henderson Optimist.  
Second Place: Brittney Luchene, Raleigh Optimist.  
Third Place: Miller Taylor, Elizabethtown Optimist.

Their individual Essays in their entirety are printed in this edition of the Bulletin.



First Place

The Power Of One  
By Michael Scott Rotolo, Jr.

When I think about "The Power of One", several things come to mind: God, our president, my pastor, my parents, etc. As I begin to reflect heartily on this topic, I realize just how much power a teacher holds and how a single teacher can change an individual's life. A teacher has the power to influence people's lives, raise self esteem, promote tolerance and ensure that students achieve their true potential.

I agree with Dr. Hiam Ginott who says "A teacher possesses a tremendous amount of power that can make a child's life miserable or joyous. As a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration, a teacher can humiliate, humor, hurt or heal". As leaders, teachers have the power to pass the torch of knowledge, lift hearts from defeat and awaken those who sleep.

A teacher has the power to persuade students that learning is not an imposition, an interference, a theft of freedom, but an excitement and the key to a greater freedom than they have ever known. A teacher must possess the vigor to motivate, the fullness to laugh, the courage to control, and the red hot intensity to inspire! I believe that a teacher has the power to lead students to places that they didn't know existed and to build them back up when society tears them down.

What power does a teacher have in the world? In the eyes of the students, the teacher is the world! A good teacher will change the lives of students forever. When a teacher holds  
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the power to change the life of a child, a teacher holds the power to change the world. The students of today, could be the teachers of tomorrow. Great careers can often be traced back to the influence of one teacher. A teacher can offer freely—hope, strength, love and the power to make a person change and become successful.

Images of violence, anger and greed often engulf students in today’s world. A powerful teacher makes students feel safe and models the value of kindness, the power of patience, the reason for courage and the importance of dedication. Therein lies the power to give students words, images and ideas to build their lives. A teacher pulls forth the inner potentials each learner possesses and is given the awesome power to lay the foundation for the world’s future. I remember my teachers for what they were rather than what they taught. That is the power of a teacher, that is the “Power of One.”



Second Place

### The Power of One By Brittany Luchene

Throughout history, there have been many people who have significantly demonstrated the power of one person to make a difference and have become well-known because of the changes they have made in the world. However, people often overlook those behind these famous history makers, the people who influenced the lives of those prominent men and women of history and shaped them into who they became. The power of these people is just as significant as that of the famous, and great example of that power is the story of Nancy Edison and the huge influence she had on the success of one of the greatest inventors of history.

When Thomas Edison’s education first began, he was not a very good student and his school teacher called him “addled” and basically told his mother that he was incapable of learning. Nancy Edison was outraged and immediately started home-schooling him. Nancy knew her son’s true potential and nurtured his growing curiosity by reading her favorite literature and history books to him. Thomas soon developed a great love for these subjects but was hungry for more. Trying to satisfy his ever-growing appetite for learning, Nancy taught her son to use the local library. She encouraged and guided him in his reading and it was not long before Thomas discovered his love for science (Life, Powell).

As years went by, Thomas’s love for , as well as his knowledge of, science greatly expanded, and with the constant encouragement from his mother, he soon began creating his own inventions. By age twenty-one, he received his first patent for his Electrical Vote recorder. At age thirty-two, Edison perfected the most famous invention, the first commercially practical electric lamp. By the end of his life, Edison had amazingly acquired 1,093 patents for his invention. Many of these inventions, such as the phonograph and the Kineto-

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graph, paved the way for the creation of numerous modern conveniences we take for granted every day (Beals, Inventions).

Thomas Edison was truly one of the greatest inventors of all time, but he would not have accomplished what he did nor would we have the technology we have today without the love and dedication of Nancy Edison. Thomas Edison once said this about his mother, “My mother was the making of me. She was so true, so sure of me, and I felt I had someone to live for, someone I must not disappoint” (Life). Nancy Edison did not invent some amazing gadget that has changed the world, but she did give the encouragement, education and confidence needed to someone who did. Nancy Edison’s story proves that you do not have to become famous or do anything extraordinary to make a difference in the world. Because of her love, dedication, and faith in her son, a boy thought to be incapable of learning became a genius and completely transformed our modern world. Nancy Edison is a prime example of the power of one.

Third Place

The Power of One

By Miller Taylor

History is made by the few people that aren’t afraid to change the world. The power of one person is limitless. One person can change the rules, start a revolution, and make a difference. The individual person can provide the spark that ignites the flame that changes our lives and the world.

A few special inventors have done just that by designing not only what we use, but also how we live. From how we get to work, to how we light our homes, the imaginations of the inventors have always made significant impacts on society. One such inventor, Ben Franklin, was a founding father of our country. There are few people, if any, that have contributed more to society than he. He not only helped to write the constitution, but he also made one of the most important discoveries of the modern world when he used his fable kite to first harness the power of electricity. Franklin also invented the Franklin stove, the bifocals and the lightning rod, in addition to publishing a paper and yearly almanac.

Some other important inventors who exhibited their individual power include the Wright Brothers and Henry Ford. These men were able to take an idea and use it to transform the world to their liking. This trait of shaping the world shows how powerful the individual can be. Ford’s pioneering of manufacturing processes laid the foundation for our economic society and the Wright brothers ignited the explosion that propelled all the way to the moon.

The most important scientist of recent history, Albert Einstein, contributed to the scope of not only the world, but also the universe. Einstein pulled away the cosmic veil that hid many of the secrets of the universe, and his discoveries will revolutionize the world today. Studying everything from the smallest particle to even our all-encompassing universe,

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Einstein left his brilliant mark on every branch of science. His theories remain poignant, even a century after their conception, and still aid in today's never ending search for knowledge.

Artists such as Leonardo de Vinci have served as catalysts of creativity for entire generations. Not only an artist, but also an architect, scientist and inventor, de Vinci helped to create the feeling of his era. Creating such prominent works as “The Mona Lisa” and “The Last Supper”, de Vinci is probably that most famous and influential artist that ever lived. The artistic quality of his works serves to illustrate just how prominent and powerful an individual can be with a singular creative vision.

To be great and remembered, above all else, one must be an individual. These brave people, inventors and artists who were not afraid of being different, are the architects of our society. Whether they challenged the way we look at life, reinvented the way we live, or made our lives more pleasurable through artistic creations, they all possessed the power of one.

Picture unavailable for Miller Taylor. Edit.



## OI International Convention

Ellen Foster, Chair

The Optimist International Convention will be July 5-8 2006 at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in

Nashville, TN.

More information will be presented later. You can also go to [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org), click on members, and then convention to get information, registration, and housing forms.



### Al Ludlum, Web Master

A note from the web master to ask ALL optimists. If you have an e-mail address please e-mail it to me at [aludlum@nceast-optimist.org](mailto:aludlum@nceast-optimist.org) and if at any time they see a problem with web site links or wrong information to also email me about the corrections.



District Oratorical Contest

Tommy Peele, Chairman 2005-06

The District contest will be held during the third Board meeting April 29, Sheraton Hotel, Research Triangle Park.



1st Place Girls Oratorical, Paris Furst

1st Place Boys Oratorical. Philip Barefoot



District Oratorical contestants for the girls contest held at Hilton Hotel in Greenville, April 30, 2005. Front row from left: Alyssa Torres, Paris Furst, First Place Winner, Wilmington Winter Park Optimist and Charlotte Rastas, Wilson Breakfast Optimist. Back row from left: Kendra Erickson, North Raleigh Optimist, Celeste Gore, Whiteville Optimist and Stockton Brewer, Roanoke Rapids Optimist.



District Oratorical contestants for the boys contest held at Hotel Hilton in Greenville, April 30, 2005. Front row from left: Bradley Burlison, Wilmington Optimist; T. J. Tuck, Henderson Optimist; Back Row from left: Jonathan Council, Whiteville Optimist; David Erickson, North Raleigh Optimist; Phillip Barefoot, first place winner, Greenville Optimist and Joseph Brinkley, Wilson Breakfast Optimist.

# BINGO

On Friday night, at the 1st District Board meeting in Wilson, there will be a Bingo game immediately following the Executive Board meeting. , Clubs are asked to bring gifts for the event.

**NC EAST DISTRICT OF OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL  
FOURTH QUARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
AUGUST 20 2005  
WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA**



Thurman Murphy, District Secretary/Treasurer 2004-2005

Governor Yancey Hines called the meeting of the N.C. East District Board of Directors to order at 8:45 AM.

Gary Pender led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ray Potter gave the invocation.

Yancey Hines recognized the Past Governors that were present.

Yancey Hines recognized first time attendees.

Bob Verne made some remarks about the following members that have deceased this year: David Walters, Larry Slater, John McClain, Frank Bowman, John Cline, Pops Bowden and Eleanor Bulard.

Avery Roberts, Mayor of Wrightsville Beach, gave welcome remarks.

The Third Quarter Meeting minutes were presented by Thurman Murphy and were approved subject to the correction that Garner and Raleigh Dinner were represented at the meeting. Peele/Bender

The Third Quarter Financial Report was presented by Thurman Murphy and was approved subject to the correction that year-to-date Jr. Golf Income is \$10,013.00 rather than \$3,900.00. Pender/Moore

Gary Pender reported that OI Foundation contributions are approximately \$8,100. The goal for this year is \$20,000. He presented prints to clubs that have given at least \$500 this year.

Max Stephenson reported on Boy & Girls Home and encouraged clubs to increase contributions to Boys & Girls Home.

Tom Lamont gave an update on activities at Boys & Girls Home. The Optimist Cottage is in need of some major renovations. N.C. East has given \$9,547 and N.C. West has given about \$12,000 this year for cottage improvements. Change canisters are now available for display at businesses. There will be an Optimist Day at the facility in April or May. Tom announced the following contributions today: Golf Tournament - \$1000, 5x12 - \$360, club checks - \$3750 and cottage renovations - \$4150.

Wayne Sidelinger Newsletter Editor, asked for email and address updates for next Optimist year.

Allen Stallings, Membership Chair, presented training certifications to members that participated in training at the OI Convention. Banner patches and new member pins were given to several clubs.

Ellen Foster, PGI Chair, recognized Beth Moore, Jimmy Moore and Brenda Hatchell for completions of PGI Steps.

Yancey Hines recognized the chairpersons for Oratorical, CCDHH and the Essay Contest.

Jerry Medlin, New Club Building Chair, reported that Rocky Mount Breakfast is close to chartering a new club in Enfield. He encouraged everyone to continue working to build new clubs before the end of September.

Walt Armentrout, JOOI Chair, reported that Sandy Cyphers built two JOOI clubs and Barbara Timmons built one club this year.

Ed Taylor reported that the submission of CPA books is no longer a requirement for Honor Club, but he urged clubs to continue to submit CPA books for judging.

Carlton Baird reported that for this year's Jr. Golf Tournament, there were 90 players and 21 qualified to go to the OI Jr. Golf Tournament.

Cary Foster presented the Third Quarter A & A awards. The top ten clubs for the quarter were: Wilson Evening, Winter Park, Whiteville, Roanoke Rapids, Golden Circle, Greenville, Wilson Breakfast, Rocky Mount Evening, and Cape Fear. Henderson and Raleigh tied for tenth place.

Trish Verne gave an update on Childhood Cancer and recognized several clubs that have raised significant funds this year for Childhood Cancer.

Bob Verne, Candidate Qualifications Chair, announced that Gary Pender has been nominated as Governor Elect for 2005-2006. A motion was made and approved to accept the nomination. Verne/Hedgepeth

Governor Elect Ray Potter gave a few remarks and said that he is very excited about next year.

Mike Listenberger, OI President Elect, gave information about the proposed Organizational Renewal Plan, 501(c)3 status, and amendments to the bylaws that were adopted at the OI Convention.

The floor was opened for questions about the proposed Organizational Renewal Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM with the recitation of the Optimist Creed.

Thurman Murphy, Jr.  
Secretary-Treasurer

3rd Quarter A & A Report:

1st	Wilson Evening	6th	Wilson Breakfast
2nd	Winter Park	7th	Rocky Mount Evening
3rd	Whiteville	8th	Cape Fear
4th	Roanoke Rapids	9th	Henderson/Raleigh (tie)
5th	Golden Circle		

Club Winners

Carey Foster, Chairman 2004-2005

# 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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