



North Carolina East OPTIMIST NEWS



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Zone winners in the 1st quarter A & A contest were, from left: 1st Place, Zone 6 Lt. Governor, Barbara Timmons; 2nd Place, Zone 5 Lt. Governor, Larry Webb, and 3rd Place, Zone 4, Lt. Governor, Barbara Hester



Winners in the A & A club contest for the 1st Quarter, from left: 1st place, Jimmy Lamm, Wilson Evening; 2nd place, Jerry Medlin, North Raleigh; 3rd place, Dick Shirk, Raleigh; 4th place Candy Nichols, Greenville; 5th place not shown, Elizabethtown); 6th place, Judy Harritan, Whiteville; 7th place, Mike Kidder, Henderson; 8th place, Dan Durham, Roanoke Rapids; 9th place, Carlton Baird, Raleigh Dinner and 10th place, Steve Perkins, Goldsboro.

Club activities by Zone

Zone 1, Lt. Gov. Marie Jordan.

Cape Fear: Held a Benefit Pancake Breakfast for Wesley Pusey and raised over \$5400, Softball, T-Ball and Baseball for both boys & girls is under way.

Winter Park: Over 800 kids are expected to participate in spring ball teams, Youth Appreciation awards & Reception, Oratorical Contest, held food drive, donates monthly to the Landen Ryan family, a cancer victim, Christmas tree sales, Celebrated Optimist Week (Feb. 21-26 with 5 days and nights of scheduled activities).

Wilmington: Contributed \$200 to Mile of Hope.

Zone 2, Lt. Gov. Don Harritan.

Whiteville: Youth Appreciation program, Essay Contest; Oratorical Contest, Organizing Spring Baseball, Communities in School Basketball, Easter egg hunt, Respect For Law program.

Laurinburg: Oratorical Contest, Baseball Program, Girls Softball.

Elizabethtown: Tennis camp and Tournament, Essay Contest, Oratorical Contest.

Spring Lake: Childs Car Seat Program, Coat Collection Program, Baseball program.

Zone 3, Lt. Gov. Louwanna Pender.

Carteret: Boys & Girls club, Eckerd Youth Camp.

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Goldsboro: Christmas Tree Sales, Oratorical Contest, Donated Annual \$1000 Endowment to Wayne Community College.

Greenville: Donate breakfast items to Ron McDonald House, selling coupons as a money raiser, highway cleanup, fund raisers for CCC program, Oratorical Contest.

Washington: Building Skateboard Park in Greenville as a memorial to the son of one of their members.

Zone 4, Lt. Gov. Barbara Hester

Wilson Evening: Christmas Tree Sales, Pinewood Derby, Hot Stove Baseball Banquet, Oratorical Contest. Barton College BBQ Chicken Sale.

Wilson Breakfast: Now meeting At Something Different Restaurant, Christmas Tree Sales, Started Scholarship program with High Schools, Youth Bowling team, Golf Tournament, Oratorical Contest.

Tarboro: Christmas Tree Sales, Sponsored Golf Tournament, Essay Contest, Oratorical Contest, CCC Program.

Chowan-Edenton: Hosted 2nd Zone meeting, Helped several families at Christmas, Christmas Tree Sales.

Golden Circle: Visited Ron McDonald House, gave dolls and blanket to cancer patients, Christmas Wreaths & Bows, Essay Contest, Oratorical Contest.

Zone 5, Lt. Gov. Larry Webb.

Henderson: Attend & Win program at 5 schools, Held yard sale, Tri Star Basketball Tournament.

Roanoke Rapids: Christmas Tree Sales, Oratorical Contest, Church Golf Tournament, Ball teams registration commencing, Easter Egg Hunt, held stew sale, Essay Contest.

Rocky Mount Evening: Youth Appreciation Day, Tri-Star Baseball and Football, Christmas Tree Sales, Fair Booth, Blooming Festival. Oratorical Contest.

Rocky Mount Breakfast: Donated \$100 to Mile of Hope, Little League Baseball Tournament, Oratorical Contest, Youth Appreciation Banquet.

Roxboro: Golf Tournament, CCC Program, Baseball Program.

Zone 6, Lt. Gov. Barbara Timmons.

Chapel Hill: Gallop Gourmet, Kisses for Cancer, Rainbow Soccer, Adopted 3 families for Christmas, purchase basketball backboards for needy families, Bowling party, UNC-TV Festival, Easter egg hunt, fishing rodeo, Essay contest.

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Garner: Golf Tournament, Christmas Tree Sales, Basketball program, Youth Appreciation, BBQ plate sale, Essay Contest, Beach music Festival.

North Raleigh: State Fair Booth, 4H Club judging, Learning together center, Zone Essay Contest, Meal for Ron McDonald House, New JOOI Club at Wakefield High, UNC-TV Festival, Annual Golf Tournament.

Raleigh Dinner: New JOOI club at Knightdale High, Christmas Tree Sales, Donated \$16,000 to B&G Homes, Youth Appreciation Week provided scholarships of \$5000, \$3000 and \$2500, Golf Tournament.

Front row: from left, Lt. Gov. Barbara Timmons, JOOI members, Margaret Potter, Jennifer Timmons and Justin Timmons.



CCC Chair, Trish Verne, is promoting ways for clubs to inexpensively create dolls to give away to children afflicted with cancer. Trish and the Chapel Hill club have taken the lead in establishing the CCC program in North Carolina East District. Her club has raised several thousands of dollars that have been donated to the CCC program.

The CCC program is priority No.1 in Optimist International, with the hope and desire to rid cancer in children the world over.

Trish is challenging every club in the District to establish a committee to promote the CCC program. She is offering to visit every club that desires help in getting something started.



Mile of Hope—A Childhood Cancer Campaign “Get-A-Way Weekend” May 5, 6, & 7, Atlantic Beach. The Mile of Hope weekend provides an escape from the medical procedures and hospital visits facing young cancer patients. Now in its 16th year, this event brings a little sunshine, joy and optimism into the lives of these special children and their families. Often this weekend is the only vacation as a family, and for some it is their last.

Approximately 20 families arrive on Friday evening and enjoy a dinner and program. Guests are treated to a fun filled weekend with activities, entertainment, great food and lodging. From sandcastle building to

local events and tours, the Mile of Hope is a brief escape from the stressful routine of cancer treatment. It is an unforgettable weekend for everyone involved.

The Mile of Hope is an opportunity for Optimist to reach out and touch the lives of children with cancer.

Your club’s financial commitment is needed to help make the 2006 Mile of Hope weekend a success. Mile of Hope program is a project of the Raleigh Optimist and Ed Moore the Chairman.



Mile of Hope
c/o The optimist Club of Raleigh
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Raleigh, NC 27611
Ed Moore Chairman 919-782-6471



When in Nashville, stop by.

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The Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina



Tom Lamont

The Chapel, the most impressive structure on the campus, is symbolic of the emphasis the school puts on religion and faith.



62 Optimists were at Boys & Girls Home on Saturday, the 25th of March to donate their time, money and products. Whiteville led the way with the most members and Raleigh Dinner led the way with the most money. Carlton Bair, left, is shown receiving thanks from Tom Lamont, Director for Civic Club Development at B&G.



The First Annual Optimist Day Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, Inc. Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina

The First Annual Optimist Day at Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina at Lake Waccamaw was held Saturday, March 25, 2006. Optimists from all over the state attended for fun and fellowship and a chance to see first hand the renovations to the Optimist Cottage and our beautiful campus. There were planned activities for everyone that came.



Nancy Phillips, Elizabethtown, a long time supporter of B&G Homes.



North Carolina East Governor, Ray Potter, left and North Carolina West Governor, Richard Highland, take a break from the clean up activities. NCE members had the least distance to travel and outnumbered the West 2 to 1.



Closing the deal on a great purchase.

Trish Verne purchases an heirloom at the country store. Many visiting Opti-

Bill Thompson, OIC of B&G Homes gives thanks to all the Optimists, both East & West Districts, who attended the First Annual Optimist Day.



Guess Who?



Max Stephenson, District Boys and Girls Home Chairman.

Membership

The February OI membership report shows North Carolina East with a net gain of 16 members. The starting membership on October 1 was 1213. Added this year 76; dropped this year 60. Current membership 1229 (Includes 25 members in the new JOOI Advisory Club).



Allen Stalling, District Membership Chairman

Clubs & Zones showing a **net gain**:

JOOI Advisory Club	25
North Raleigh	6
Garner	5
Cape Fear	4
Laurinburg	2
Chowan-Edenton	2
Whiteville	1
Chapel Hill	1
Greenville	1
Raleigh Dinner	1
Greater Spring Lake	1
Zone 1	0
Zone 2	4
Zone 3	0
Zone 4	0
Zone 5	0
Zone 6	33 (includes New JOOI Advisory Club)

District Membership Incentive

Club Members: Recruit 3 or more new members—receive one jacket.

Presidents: Club net gain of 3 or more new members—receive polo shirt and cap.

Lt. Governor: Zone membership net gain of 9 or more new members—receive shirt & cap or jacket.

All clothing articles will have an Optimist Logo.

Zone figures do not show loses—only net gains.



Walt Armentrout, District Activities Chairman, is promoting the CPA book at the Board Meeting.

Ellen Foster, OI Ambassador, outlining OI Convention activities. The Nashville Tennessee location will be a sell-out, so everyone is encouraged to register and reserve rooms early. North Carolina East will have the largest delegation for a national convention in several years.



S.O.I.N.C.E. (Spreading Optimism In NC East)

Once again I ask????????????????

WHERE OH WHERE CAN THOSE NEW CLUBS BE, OH WHERE OH WHERE CAN THEY BE? I am in search for them and hoping I can depend on each of you

to help in the search....the search is not like a snipe search..they are REAL! They truly do and can be found to exist. The same community, the same county, the same city, an adjoining county...they are out there to be built..It just takes interest, motivation, patience, enthusiasm and most of all OPTIMISM! We need to spread optimism in North Carolina East....we can do it! Yes we can....want you get on the winning team with me and let's make it happen? Let's MAKE IT HAPPEN FOR THE EAGER BEAVERS OF THE N.C. EAST...Give me a call if I can assist or if you would like for me to visit your club. I'm ready to BUILD....just need a lot to build on...

Sandy Cyphers,
NCB Chairman (910)799-4867



We can all be cheering for the winning team...the Eager Beavers of the N.C. East District...

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 and if at any time they see a problem with web site links or wrong information to also email me about the corrections.

Annual Optimist International Foundation

Rich Cash, Raleigh Dinner Optimist, auctioneer, assisted by Carlton Baird, Raleigh Dinner Optimist, chanted his way through several tables full of goodies to earn dollars for the OI Foundation. For over two hours the beck and call was made to an attentive and buying audience. Something over \$600 was raised.



Local advanced learning institutions represented in the offerings. I believe Carolina Tarheel memorabilia brought the most interest even though the Duke Blue Devil conjured up the best smile.





Optimist International Foundation

At the second quarter District meeting in Rocky Mount we held an auction on Friday evening to benefit the OI Foundation, raising a total of 630. Many generous Optimists donated a wide variety of items for the auction. Thank you! Special thanks go to ace auctioneer Rich Cash from the Raleigh Dinner Optimist Club who moved the proceedings along and made the affair a fun evening.

At the luncheon on Saturday we picked the winner of the Foundation 50-50 raffle. Joe King from the Optimist Club of Raleigh was the lucky winner and received the winner's share of \$145. The same amount went to the Foundation.

Currently the US donations to the OI Foundation are lagging behind last year by more than 14%. Our support of the Foundation is crucially important to fund the key programs of the Childhood Cancer Campaign, the Oratorical Contests, the Essay contest, the JOOI clubs and the other OI-sponsored youth service pro-



grams. Many thanks go to the individuals and clubs who donated to the Foundation so far this year. Your generosity is important and is much appreciated. But there is still a long way to go if we are to successfully fund this year's programs. So when you and your club plan which charitable organizations you will support, please put the OI Foundation high on your list. Consider a special fund-raiser benefiting the Foundation. We need your help.

Yours in Optimism,

Bob Verne
District OI Foundation Representative.



Pictures of Gaylord Hotel and Riverboat Cruise, site of OI Convention In July 2006



Winners of the NC East Junior Optimist Golf Tournament

Thanks to Yancey & Nancy Hines for contributing the photos of the Junior Golf Tournament. At press time, information on sponsoring Optimist clubs was not available. All of the photos originally contained Ken Dixon presenting the awards, but for the sake of space he was axed out of all but one. His final report will be in the 4th quarter Bulletin.



Austin Rhymer, runner up, boys 16-18 year old.



Brian Denton, Runner-up boys 14-15 year old.



Sharlene Gale, Champion, girls 16-18 year old.



Courtney McKim, champion, girls 14-15 year old.



Gwen Cindel, Runner-up, girls 16-18 year old



Brandon Jobe, Champion, boys 14-15 year old.



Keith Hill, tournament coordinator.



Lee Bedford, winner, boys 16-18 year old.



Jessica Hook, runner-up, girls 14-15 year old.



The NC East Junior Optimist Tournament was played again this year at Keith Hills Course #1, Buies Creek, NC on April 22-23, 2006.
Ken Dixon



Governor, Ray Potter, Junior Golf Chairman, Ken Dixon and District Secretary/Treasurer, Allan Ludlum



District Youth Clubs Chair
Barbara Timmons



The Saturday morning, Feb. 18th, Board of Directors meeting.,



The Garner Optimist club Chefs serving the NC East Junior Golf Championship

NORTH CAROLINA EAST DISTRICT - OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

SECOND QUARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Holiday Inn, Rocky Mount, N.C.
Saturday, February 18, 2006

The following members of the Executive Board of Directors were present:

Ray Potter	Governor
Gary Pender	Governor-Elect
Allan Ludlum	District Secretary-Treasurer
Yancey Hines	Immediate Past Governor
Bob Verne	Past Governor
Don Harritan	Lt. Governor Zone 2
Louwanna Pender	Lt. Governor Zone 3
Barbara Hester	Lt. Governor Zone 4
Larry Webb	Lt. Governor Zone 5
Barbara Timmons	Lt. Governor Zone 6

Governor Ray Potter called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by All
Invocation given by Yancey Hines
Governor Ray Potter recognized first time attendees.

1st Quarter District Board Meeting Minutes report, given by Allan Ludlum. Motion to accept was made by Jerry Medlin of North Raleigh – Seconded by Louwanna Pender of Goldsboro - Approved.

1st Quarter Financial report, given by Allan Ludlum. Motion to accept was made by Carey Foster of Roanoke Rapids – Seconded by Linda Watson of Wilson Golden Circle - Approved.

2005-2006 Proposed Budget, given by Wayne Sidelinger. Motion to accept was made by Max Stephenson of Greenville – Seconded by Louwanna Pender of Goldsboro - Approved.

4th Qtr OI Foundation Awards were given out by Gary Pender.

2005-06 OI Foundation information & Alter Call was given by Bob Verne. Amount raised at the OI Foundation auction was \$628.00. 150 items to bid on & 21 bidding members. 50-50 Raffle was being conducted today with the drawing at lunch.

2005-06 1st Qtr A&A Awards were handed out by Don Harrington.

PGI program information, given by Ed Taylor. Level 10 pin awarded to Carey Foster.

NC East Web site information, given by Allan Ludlum, also asked to please send club info & photo and any incorrect information that needed to be corrected.

Childhood Cancer Campaign & Alter Call along with a wealth of information, given by

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Trish Verne.

Oratorical Contest information, given by Tommy Peele.

CCDHH information, given by Gary Turner.

Essay Contest information, given by Candy Nichols. Also a change in her address 116 Galahad Dr., Greenville, NC 27858.

Activities - CPA information, given by Walt Armentrout.

Boys and Girls Homes report & Alter Call, given by Max Stephenson /Tom Lamont. Collected today \$5080.00.

Break was taken at 10:35 am, meeting reconvened at 11:00 am.

Newsletter information, given by Wayne Sidelinger. Wayne asked for photos.

Membership report, given by Allen Stallings. Told clubs to keep checking the T-Shirts & Incentive for a Jacket or Golf Shirt for Club presidents that net +3 members until 9-30-06.

Club Services report, given by Doug Lamm. Doug also said if any clubs need any help or attention please call.

JOOI Clubs report & update, given by Barbara Timmons.

OI Convention/Ambassador - Carey Foster handed out reservation forms for OI Convention and gave a short report on convention.

Junior Golf report, given by Ken Dixon. Ken said possible dates would be April 22& 23, 2006. Keith Hills CC would host the tournament again this year.

Remarks from Governor-Elect, Gary Pender.

Candidate Qualifications information was given by Yancey Hines.

New Club building information and score for Coach RAY was given by Sandy Cyphers.

2006 NC East Convention information was given by Carey Foster, more information to follow as date gets closer.

Closing remarks by Ray Potter.

Meeting closed with the Optimist Creed by membership.

Allan Ludlum
District Secretary-Treasurer



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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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