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Top Lt. Governors, A&A, 4th quarter, 2005-06: From left; No 1, Barbara Timmons, Zone 6; No. 2, Marie Jordan, Zone 1(Standing in for Marie, Jimmy Moore); No. 3, Tie; Barbara Hester, Zone 4 (Standing in for Barbara is Celia Wise); and Don Harritan, Zone 2.



Club A&A winners, 4th quarter, 2005-06: No. 1, North Raleigh, Jerry Medlin; No.2, Wilmington Winter Park, Jimmy Moore; No. 3, Whiteville, Don Harritan; No.4, Wilson Evening, Jimmy Lamm; No. 5 Raleigh Dinner, Carlton Baird; No. 6, Raleigh, Dick Shirk; No. 7, Chapel Hill, Carolyn Mason; No. 8, Wilmington, Bill Taylor; No. 9, Roanoke Rapids, Jim Whitmire, No. 10, Wilmington Cape Fear, Robin Bass.

Top clubs in each Zone:

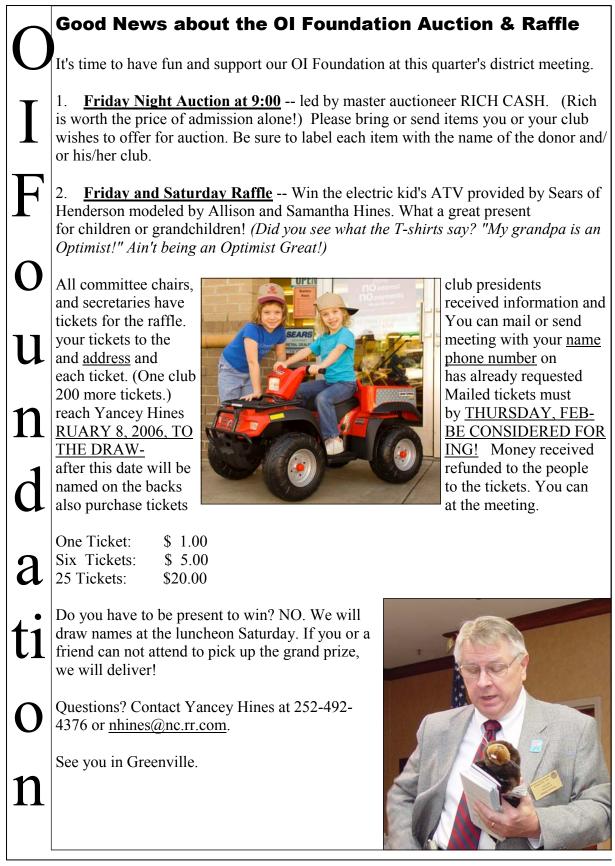
- Zone 1:
- Zone 2:
- Whiteville
- Zone 3 Goldsboro
- Zone 4 Wilson Evening
- Zone 5 Roanoke Rapids

Front Cover. OI Vice President Keith Middleton is shown receiving a gift from Governor and Louwanna Pender. As a memorabilia of Goldsboro, NC Keith was presented with a Goldsboro tapestry and a pair of commemorative mugs

Wilmington Winter Park



Worth Starling, A&A Chairman



NC East District Newsletter

From F. Carlyle Teague, New Club Building Chairman

The 2006-07 Optimist year is moving right along and the activities in many of the clubs in the NC East District are making impressive strides in serving the needs of the youth in their respective communities. New members are being invited to join many of these clubs and activities are being served by these new members.



We appreciate the community needs which are being met by these clubs. But let's face it, there are many communities all across eastern North Carolina which are being neglected as a result of the absence of an active Optimist Club.

Is there an Optimist who cannot think of such an opportunity to spread the benefits of Optimist Club membership?

Governor Gary and the entire district team are standing by to assist wherever we are needed to assure a successful effort to spread Optimism through the building of new Optimist Clubs. Why don't you take a moment right now and identify a location that would benefit from an initiative from your club to start a new Optimist Club. The District has a wealth of experience building new Optimist clubs. That experience can help you do a job that we all know needs to be done.

You can be sure that your efforts to spread Optimism through a new Optimist Club will bring untold benefits to your target community. It can also add a new spark of enthusiasm in your own club. Wouldn't your club benefit from that spark?



Personal Growth & Involvement Chair, 2006-2007, Ed Taylor

Optimist International Essay Contest



"I Want to Make A Difference Because..." is the topic for the 2006-2007 Essay Contest.

- Essay should be 400-500 words.
- Additional contest details can be found on the Optimist International website (<u>www.optimist.org</u>).
- Deadline for each Club to submit its winning essay (only one per club) to the NC East District Essay Chairman is **February 28**, **2007**.
- Entries should be sent to:

Judy Harritan, Essay Chairman NC East District-Optimist International 1108 Woodland Drive Whiteville, NC 28472.

 Questions may be sent via email to <u>jharritan@ec.rr.com</u> or you may call Judy at 910-642-6467.

NOTE: If you have not already done so, please advise Judy whether your club will have an essay entry. Please include an email address for the Club President and/or the Club Essay Chairman. This will assist in planning and reporting results for the District Contest.

ESSAY CONTEST IMPORTANT DATES

February 28, 2007 Deadline for NC East District contest

April 10, 2007 District winners to be notified and invited to attend 3rd Quarter District Meeting

May 5, 2007 3rd Quarter District Meeting in Cary

May 2007 International Essay Contest winners announced by OI



Judy Harritan, District Essay Chair

District Oratorical Contest



The Optimist Oratorical Contest is one of the oldest and most enjoyed service programs of our organization. It is also one of the most important youth service pro-

Bob Verne District Oratorical Chairman Bob Verne the most important yout service programs oper-

ated through our District. In this event we indeed bring out the best in kids as they prepare and present their speeches at the club, zone and district levels.

Here are some particulars for this year's contests.

Topic: **"My Biggest Challenge is..."** Duration: At least 4 minutes but not more than 5 minutes.

Two \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded, one each to the boy and girl District winners.

The names of the Zone winners must be provided to me by **April 15, 2007**. See your Lieutenant Governor to find out when your Zone contest will be held.

Important: Also by **April 15, 2007**, the following three documents for the Zone winners must be provided to me:

1. Copy of the application

2. Copy of the applicant's proof of age (usually a birth certificate). The original is not needed.

3. A typed, double-spaced copy of the speech.

The District oratorical contest will be held on **May 5, 2007**, at the 3rd quarter District meeting. This will be a great event to see the best and brightest youth in our district as they comp



our district as they compete for the two \$1500 scholarships.

If I can help you in any way, please call me at 919-942-4144 (Home) or by email at rverne@nc.rr.com.

Bob Verne District Oratorical Contest Chair

Congratulations to the Chapel Hill Optimist club for achieving the Distinguished Benefactor level for exceeding \$5000 lifetime donations to the OI Foundation .

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CPA'S.....COMMUNITY PRO-JECT AWARDS



Presidents, Lt. Governors, District Chairmen and Club

Sandy Cyphers Activities Chair

Chair-

men....I do hope you are promoting and encouraging CPA'S to your members and your zone. Remember how important they can be to your club in obtaining chair people for the next year. They reflect just how a project was started and the outcome of the project. Not only that but they: (1) Encourage significant community serving activities. (2) Allow Optimist International to acquire information on outstanding clubs to share with other optimist clubs.

(3) Stimulate membership involvement in meaningful club activities. (4) Provide recognition to clubs for outstanding projects that fulfill the objectives of Optimist International.

For you that requested entry books at the 1st Quarter District Meeting I will distribute them in Greenville. Additional covers may be ordered from Shumsky Enterprises by calling toll free 1-877-678-2582 or at <u>www.optimiststuf.com</u>. The internal paper forms can be downloaded from the Optimist International website.

Put forth an effort.....**DO A CPA.** Please contact me if you have any questions or would like assistance.

Sandy Cyphers N.C. East Activities Chairman



I recently sent a letter to each club president and encouraged them to contact their local school administration office to obtain a contact. Each school district has hearing impaired youth. This is just a reminder to go ahead and make the contact.

THANKS, BILL

BOYS & GIRLS HOME OF NORTH CROLINA

The Second Annual Optimist Day

Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, Inc. Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina

The Second Annual Optimist Day at Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina at Lake Waccamaw is planned for Saturday March 10, 2007. Optimists from all over the state are invited to participate in a hands on project at the Optimist Cottage, enjoy fellowship, and celebrate the completion of many of the renovation projects at the Optimist cottage.

9am-11:30am the Optimist	Hands-on work project at
11:30am	Cottage. Ceremony to unveil the
Renovation	Plaque at the Optimist
Cottage	
12 noon-1:30pm and program in	Fellowship Luncheon
Hall (Dutch Trea	the Chapel Fellowship
	\$6.00 per person)
1:30-3:30pm Meeting in	Optimist Committee
C C	Fellowship Hall
Please R.S.V.P.: Civic Club	Tom Lamont, Director of
	Development
North Carolina	Boys and Girls Homes of
	910-646-3083, ext 241
Our goal is to have 100 Optimists on our campus on Saturday March 10, 2007	
Please RSVP by 5:00pm Friday March 2,	



Walt Armentrout District Boys and Girls Home

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Civic Club Work Day at Boys and Girls Homes

The Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina Board of Trustee's Civic Club Committee is sponsoring a work day on our campus on Saturday April 21, 2007. All of our civic club partners are invited to come and work around their individual cottages and on other special projects assigned by the Boys and Girls Homes. Don't let the other clubs outdo Optimist! We want to have as many Optimist members who can help to participate in this day of work for the children of Boys and Girls Homes. We will start at 9:00am and go until the work is completed. More on lunch and other details will be coming later.

Attention Optimists: The Ocean Ridge Singers will present "A Time to Remember", a musical performance to benefit The Boys and Girls Homes of NC on Saturday February 24, 2007 at the Odell Williamson Auditorium at Brunswick County Community College. The event begins at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children (2-11). Please help us support this worthwhile effort for the children of Boys and Girls Homes. Contact Tom Lamont for tickets!

Don't forget to support the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina with an individual Optimist gift through our 5 by 12 program. A \$60.00 gift (5 dollars a month for 12 months) provides an excellent opportunity for indivual Optimists to help make a difference for the children of Boys and Girls Homes. Contact Tom Lamont or Walt Armentrout to get your 5 by 12 card today!

Renovation Update: More work must be done to the cottage before we move boys back to the facility. We have now completed the bathroom project, but have some major painting to do in the cottage. We also need to address needs in the staff apartments before staff moves back in. Any Optimists who can paint and have some volunteer time available, please contact Tom Lamont at 910-646-3083 ext. 241.

Childcare Needs: The Boys and Girls Homes is looking for qualified teaching parents. We are having a difficult time along with many other childcare facilities in the state finding good teaching parents to work in the cottages. Currently we are looking

Dick Shirk, left, is receiving an awards for the Raleigh Optimist club for their donation to Boys & Girls Home. Tom Lamont is presenting the awards for donating \$15,000. to the home for maintenance and also donating \$1000 for their Christmas program. Looking on are Walt Armentrout, seated, and Max Stephenson. for a teaching parent couple for our Optimist Cottage. If you are interested or know someone that might be interested in working with children in a group home setting please contact Reggie Gilmore at Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina at 910-646-3083.

Tom



Tom Lamont Boys & Girls Home Representative.



HEY N.C. EAST OPTI-MISTS.....

WHAT'S HOLDING YOU BACK????????????

WHERE ARE YOUR REGISTRATIONS?

Now that Christmas is over and New Year, it's time to drop those registrations in the mail for the **Regional Mid-Year "GROWTH CONFERENCE THE HEART OF THE DUNN REGION"** March 23-25, 2007 in Boone, NC on the campus of Appalachian State University at the Broyhill Conference Center. This is definitely a chance for you to experience a weekend of **WON-DERFUL TRAINING,** fellowship, food, fun and the beautiful North Carolina Mountains.

This is a great opportunity for optimists in our district to meet optimists from the North Carolina West, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia and most importantly International President Mrs. Ronnie Dunn.

Cost for registration is only \$49.00 which includes (3) meals and a room rate of only \$69.00.....**THAT'S A DEAL!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Please make plans to attend this conference and let's out number the other regions.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. I will have registration forms again at the 2nd Quarter Meeting in Greenville.

Sandy Cyphers N.C. East District Conference Attendance Rep. 910-799-4867 or 910-367-3295

Al Ludium, 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 <u>aludlum@nceast-optimist.org</u> and if at any time they see a problem with web site links or wrong information to also email me about the corrections.

OI Junior Golf Tournament



Ken Dixon District Junior Golf Chairman

The Junior Golf tournament will again be held at Keith Hills Country Club at Buies Creek, NC on April 14th and 15th of 2007.

I do not anticipate any change from last year. Packets have been sent out to each club president to be distributed to their local golf chairperson. Packets were also sent out to each of last years participants.

I have asked each club to sponsor at least four (4) youth for this tournament. Should they do this, we would have over 120 participants. I have also asked each club to try their best to sponsor one (1) hole at a cost of \$100 per hole.

We had 63 participants last year with 16 qualifying for the International tournament. That is over 25% of the field qualifying.

I have reserved rooms for the tournament at the Holiday Inn Express in Dunn, NC at the rate of \$74 per night plus taxes.

Thanks, Ken Dixon

Il clubs need to grow. There are several programs out there to help you. Just Ask and the NOW program are two of the most used. The information on how to do these programs are on the OI web site. OI has just announced a new program during the "love year". From Valentine's Day 2007 - 2008 OI will wave the processing fee and cut the quarterly dues in half for any Optimist whose spouse joins an Optimist club. This is a great opportunity to get your loved one in Optimism. Remember, the more members we have the more youth we serve. In Optimism,

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Ellen Foster District Membership Chair **It's Summertime and the Living is Easy....**No, it's not summer I realize...but it will be here before you know it....Plans are already in the works to have a **WONDERFUL SUMMER CONFERENCE** at the new location of New Bern, North Carolina.

Just close your eyes and visualize the sun glistening on the beautiful Neuse River as you awake and draw open your drapes in the lovely and newly decorated rooms at the Sheraton. We will be arriving just as they have completed all their renovations...how exciting for our group. Historical New Bern is beautiful with lots of things to do. There are boats for rent right out your window, sightseeing galore, shopping and eating within two blocks away and plenty of benches outside the motel by the water available just for leisurely sitting and watching reflections on the river.

NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE PLANS FOR THIS DISTRICT SUMMER CONFERENCE....AUGUST 23-26TH.



More information will be provided at the May District Meeting in Cary. I assure you that my committee has already begun work to provide you with a wonderful weekend of fun, fellowship, golf, food, entertainment and training.

Information for the motel can be found in the District Directory. or by calling 252-638-3585....make your reservations now. You do not want to miss out on all the fun to be had that weekend.

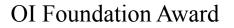
Sandy Cyphers 2007 District Convention Chairman



This years OI Foundation chair, Yancey Hines, prepares to call another number for the Bingo fund raiser during the November Board meeting in Goldsboro November 17th.



Bingo players gambling that they will beat their fellow players and win fabulous prizes.





Max Stephenson, left, is receiving an OI Foundation Award for the Greenville Optimist club for a \$700 donation. The award, presented to any club exceeding \$500 per year in donations, is presented to Max by Bob Verne, OI Foundation chairman.



Friday night dinner at the November Board meeting.



Wilson Golden Circle, assembling Christmas wreaths during this past holiday season.



Henderson Optimist club enjoys another of their annual outing to Myrtle Beach.

JOOI Activities



The North Carolina East District JOOI clubs held their first District Conference January 20 at the Holiday Inn Express in Goldsboro. There were

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12 JOOI Club members representing three JOOI clubs. There were 10 members of the NCE JOOI Advisory Club present.

Members from various clubs spent time getting to know each other

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From left: Gov. Gary Pender; Jennifer Timmons, President NROC; Whitney Murray, WFRHS; Maria Aftab; Keith Middle-ton, Regional Vice President.

during the first part of the meeting. They then shared activities their clubs had completed, both community service and fund raising. We talked about planned activities for the Spring and Summer.

Members then heard an explanation and overview of the OI organization and structure. After a lunch of pizza and soft drinks, Billy Edgerton led a tour of the Habitat for Humanity warehouse and showed everyone a house under construction by that organization.

When the club members left for their respective towns they had a better understanding of Optimist International and how their club and activities fit in and contribute to the overall organization. They saw how service groups can positively impact the lives of people in their communities and they also left with new friendships to maintain and foster at future meetings.

A group of JOOI members volunteered to begin the process

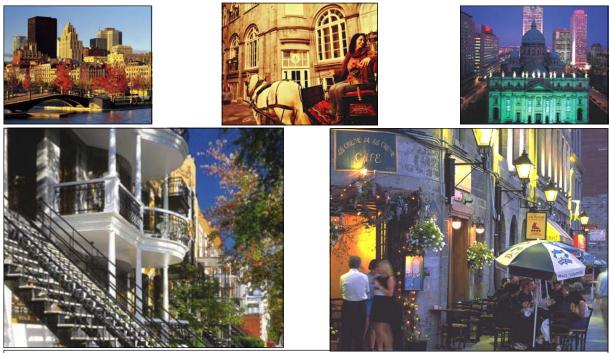
of planning the next District Conference. The date and location will be determined and announced in the near future.

Joe King Youth Committee Chair

JOOI Advisory Club Agenda NCE District February 10, 2007 Welcome Pledge of Allegiance Updates from each Zone Update on JOOI District Plans Membership



Joe King JOOI Youth Clubs Chair



ROAD TRIP!!!

Look out Montréal, here we come! Are YOU going to the convention this year? It's time to start thinking about the trip, making reservations and getting registered. If you are traveling by air, this year you will need a passport. Check your winter issue of "The Optimist" page 18 which will give you important passport information.

I checked the prices on Feb 2, 2007 and the lowest airfare from Raleigh, with 1 stop, is \$457.

Now, if you are interested in a little more fun, I have inquired about a bus trip, which would be less than the airfare. Of course travel time would be longer and it would mean an overnight stay there and back – but we would have a lot of fun and time to socialize on the jour-

ney. I will have a survey to complete at the district meeting on the 10^{th} and more information.

Please contact me to let me know if you are interested at <u>barbnjct@aol.com</u> or 919-426-5824. I would like to have the most number of attendees from our district Adult Clubs and JOOI Clubs so there will be incentive!

Watch for more news! Thank you, Barbara Timmons





W A N T E D : CCC projects and fund raising ideas! Have you noticed the article in the recent Optimist magazine asking for

new and unique CCC projects and ideas for fund raising? The Programs Department wants to hear about your deas. These ideas and projects will be used in future magazine features and for the Online Resource Library. You can contact the Programs Department at (800) 500-8130 or via e-mail at <u>pro-</u>



grams@optimist.org. If you have photos of the events, please include them. Materials will not be returned.

The Chapel Hill club plans to send in a copy of their CPA on the "Kisses For Childhood Cancer Campaign." They have had three weekend events to date this year and have five more planned. They have collected about \$2,600 toward their goal of \$6,000 for this year. This is the fourth year that they have solicited donations for CCC while handing out Hershey's Candy Kisses. They have raised nearly \$19,000 for childhood cancer programs in that time. Two JOOI clubs in the Raleigh area are planning "Kisses For Childhood Cancer" fund raising events in the near future. Please let me know if you have an event planned for the Childhood Cancer Campaign. If your club would like more information on the "Kisses for Childhood Cancer" fund raiser, let me know. Thanks for all you do for the children and your communities.

Trish Verne, CCC Chairperson Email: <u>rverne@nc.rr.com</u>



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NORTH CAROLINA EAST DISTRICT - OPTIMIST INTER-NATIONAL

FIRST QUARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Holiday Inn Express, Goldsboro, N.C. Saturday, November 18, 2006

The following members of the Board of Directors were present:

Gary Pender Dan Durham Allan Ludlum Yancey Hines Jimmy Moore Ron Riggins James Lamm Randy Todd Carolyn Mason Governor Governor-Elect **District Secretary-Treasurer** Past Governor Lt. Governor Zone 1 Lt. Governor Zone 2 Lt. Governor Zone 4 Lt. Governor Zone 5 Lt. Governor Zone 6

Guests from OI present were: Keith Middleton Doug Lamm

International Vice President 06-07 International Vice President 07-08

Governor Gary Pender called the meeting to order at 9:07 am.

Governor Gary Pender recognized first time attendees. Governor Gary Pender also introduced International Vice President – Keith Middleton.

4th Quarter Meeting Minuets report, given by Allan Ludlum. Motion to accept was made by Max Stephenson of Greenville – Seconded by Jimmy Moore of Winter Park - Approved.

4th Quarter Financial report, given by Allan Ludlum. Motion to accept was made by Sandy Cyphers of Winter Park – Seconded by Jennifer Timmons of North Raleigh - Approved.

2006-07 OI Foundation information & Roll Call was given by Yancey Hines. Bingo raised \$155.00. Bob Verne recognized 2005-06 OI Foundation givers with awards. Greenville Club received an OI Foundation print.

2005-06 4th Qtr A&A Awards were handed out by Wayne Sidelinger for Worth Starling.

PGI program information, given by Ed Taylor.

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(Continued from page 17) NC East Web Site information by Allan Ludlum.

Childhood Cancer Campaign & Roll Call information, given by Trish Verne. Trish talked about the CCC Guide, it was suggested that the guide be placed on the web site.

Oratorical Contest information, given by Bob Verne.

CCDHH information, given by Billy Edgerton.

Essay Contest information, given by Judy Harritan. Question was asked if the district give the money for the saving bonds or does OI provide the money. This is to be checked on.

Activities - CPA information, given by Sandy Cyphers. Books were judged from last year. (5 books from one club & 1 book from one club). For the upcoming year, Community Service & Fund raising will be the only category for the 06-07 year. Sandy will help you do your book. Don Harritan said this year no patches would be awarded for CPA books, so there is no incentive to do the book from OI & the District. It was suggested that a possible credit for district point be awarded for CPA books.

Boys and Girls Homes report & Roll Call, given by Walt Armentrout & Tom Lamont. 75 – 80% of the work completed of improvements. 2nd Annual Optimist Day will be March 10th, 2007. Last year NC East raised \$47,344.68 for the B&G Home.

Break was taken at 10:40 am, meeting reconvened at 11:00 am

*** Special Executive Board meeting minuets (11:20 am):

Members present: Jimmy Moore, Randy Todd, Keith Middleton, Dan Durham, Jimmy Lamm, Yancey Hines, Gary Pender, Carolyn Mason, Allan Ludlum, Carlton Baird and Bob Verne.

2006-2007 Proposed Budget report, given by Allan Ludlum. Error was found in the number of membership for the beginning of the year due to the removal of the new Wake County club.

Motion was made to accept the 2006-2007 Proposed Budget pending the adjustment of the membership numbers to be presented at the 2nd quarter Board meeting for final approval. Motion to accept was made by Jimmy Moore of Winter Park – Seconded by Carolyn Mason of Chapel Hill - Approved.

*** Special Executive Board meeting closed (11:30 am):

2006-2007 Proposed Budget report, given by Allan Ludlum. Proposed Budget pending the adjustment of the membership numbers to be presented at the 2nd quarter Board meeting for *(Continued on page 19)*

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final approval. Motion to accept was made by Bill Taylor of Wilmington – Seconded by Moses Brown of Rocky Mount Breakfast - Approved.

Newsletter information, given by Wayne Sidelinger.

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 Joe King.

OI Convention/Ambassador –Barbara Timmons talked about the 2007 OI Convention.

Junior Golf report, given by Allan Ludlum. No Dates or location set at this time.

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

2007 NC East Convention information, given by Sandy Cyphers.

Remarks from Governor-Elect, Dan Durham.

Membership report, given by Yancey Hines for Allen Stallings.

OI Rep remarks from Keith Middleton.

Closing remarks by Gary Pender.

Meeting closed with the Optimist Creed by membership.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 am.







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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