

North Carolina East OPTIMIST NEWS

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Hello Fellow Optimists;

As you all know six months of the year has passed. All of you heard me at the 1st of the year say that this was going to be a year of growth. I still believe that it will be. Thanks to all Optimists that have brought in a new member this year and special thanks to the Wilson Evening Optimist Club for building a new club. I had the opportunity of being at the charter meeting of the "Bennett Optimist Club of Wilson." By adding this club to our District, we are now at a plus in membership. I am looking forward to working and meeting all the new members.

Let's continue to grow and bring out the best in kids. The more members that we have, the more kids we can serve in our district. I want to thank all Lt. Governors, District Chairpersons, and Club Officers for a job well done so far this year. There are many children in our District that need our help, so I urge you to sponsor new Optimist members and to build new clubs in communities which have not been reached.

Always "to think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best."

Yours in Optimism,

Gary D. Pender, Governor



Governor, Ray Potter gives out top awards for the administrative year 2005-2006.
Picture No. 1, Outstanding & Distinguished Lt. Governor Award, Barbara Timmons.
Picture No. 2, Distinguished Lt. Governor Awards, Don Harritan.
Picture No. 3, Distinguished Presidents Award, Jimmy Moore, Winter Park.
Picture No. 4, Distinguished Presidents Award, Richard Walters, Raleigh, (accepting the award is Carolyn Mason).
Picture No. 5, Distinguished Presidents Award, Richard Johnson, Whiteville (accepting the award, Judy Harritan).
Picture No. 6, Distinguished presidents award, Jerry Medlin, North Raleigh.





OI Foundation Chairman, Bob Verne, gives out last year's club awards. For exceeding \$500 in total donations for the year, the clubs received a banner patch and large framed print: From left: Whiteville, \$18 average per person; Wilmington, \$23 average per member and Wilson Evening, \$22 per member.



Banner patch awards for per member donations exceeding \$10 were made to:

Elizabethtown	\$14 average per member
Golden Circle	\$14 average per member
Goldsboro	\$23 average per member
Greenville	\$18 average per member
Henderson	\$25 average per member
Raleigh	\$35 average per member
Roanoke Rapids	\$27 average per member
Rocky Mount Evening	\$12 average per member



Chapel Hill club earned the Distinguished Benefactor award for attaining \$5000 in accumulated donations and a club donation average of \$82 for last year.

OI Foundation Auction

NC East Foundation News

A giant “THANK YOU” to all Optimists who participated in the 2nd Quarter District Auction and the ATV Raffle. A special thanks to auctioneer extraordinaire Rich Cash and Carlton “Vannah” Baird for their strong leadership in the auction. We also thank all those Optimists who sent in their raffle tickets even though they could not attend the meeting. In fact, it was one of these “mail-ins”, Raleigh Club president Carolyn Lacky, who won the vehicle provided by Sears owner and Henderson Optimist Club president T. W. Floyd. Carolyn plans to reraffle the ATV at Raleigh’s golf tournament. How great is that!



In all we raised \$5033.00, for the Optimist Foundation with donations from Club, the auction and the raffle. **THANK YOU OPTIMISTS!**

Right now NC East stands only 43rd out of all Optimists Districts in Foundation giving, but if members will continue (1) their CCC giving (See Trish Verne) and (2) their individual “Dime-a-Day” giving, and (3) their “President’s Club” donations, along with regular gifts, that number will surely grow. Let’s strive to be the best.

We are going to give it a rest for the Third Quarter District meeting so that the spotlight can fall on our kids in the Essay, CCDHH, and Oratorical Contests.

HOWEVER, be prepared for a grand “Optimist Bake Sale” (with special consideration for baked goods prepared from Carey Foster’s Optimist Cookbook”) and another brighter and bigger ATV Raffle at the summer NC East District Convention.

So, get out your recipes and warm up the oven while you get ready to raffle for the perfect Christmas gift for your children and grandchildren.

Yancey Hines





A&A standing for 1st quarter, 2007: 1st place, Raleigh Dinner, Carlton Baird; 2nd place, Rocky Mount Evening, Bill Pilgreen; 3rd place, Chapel Hill, Ann Drake; 4th place, Wilson Golden Circle, Celia Wise; 5th place, Wilson Evening, Doug Lamm; 6th place, Greenville, Candy Nichols; 7th place, Whiteville, Less Craft; 8th place, Rocky Mount Breakfast, Moses Brown; 9th place, North Raleigh, Jennifer Timmons and 10th place, Raleigh, Carolyn Lackey. Worth Starling, A&A Chairman, standing in background at left of picture..



Zone 1st place standing 1st quarter: from left, Zone 6, Raleigh Dinner, Carlton Baird; Zone 5, Rocky Mount Evening, Bill Pilgreen; Zone 4, Golden Circle, Celia Wise; Zone 3, Greenville, Candy Nichols; Zone 2, Whiteville, Les Craft and Zone 1, Winter Park, Tom Lamont.



Worth Starling, A&A Chairman



Top 3 Lt. Governors for 1st quarter: 1st place. Zone 6, Carolyn Mason; 2nd place, Zone 5, Randy Todd (accepting the award, Tommy Peele); 3rd place, Zone 4, Jimmy Lamm (accepting the award, Doug Lamm.)

Dear Fellow Optimist:

One-half of the LOVE year (2006-2007) is history. We have less than 6 months remaining to grow our Districts. As I write this letter, the North Carolina East District is down by 26 members. No new clubs have been organized, although Doug Lamm is working hard to bring one in very soon. I need your help. I need for each and every member of the North Carolina East District to sponsor at least one new member. Why? Because more members are able to provide more children hope and a positive vision of the future. I need for more of you to commit to build a new club. Why? Because more clubs in new communities will provide a new group of children hope and a positive vision of the future.



While in Boone, NC, for the Eagle Regional Conference, several of your members (Doug Lamm, Sandy Cyphers, Tommy Peele and Barbara Timmons) expressed interest in building a new club. **THEY NEED HELP** to get it done. Please offer your assistance to these committed Optimists. I would LOVE to add your name to this list. Please let me know where you would like to build a new club.

Please, never EVER forget this equation: **GROWTH = SERVICE**. If we're not growing, we're dying. As of right now, we are dying. Optimist International is down in membership by over 3,500 members. I NEED YOUR HELP, and I thank you in advance for the LOVE that will generate growth in membership so we can make a difference in the lives of the children who need us so desperately.



Less than 6 months. Can I count on you to help the North Carolina East District grow?

LOVE,
Ronnie Dunn, President

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2007 District Essay Contest

The essays for the 2007 Optimist International NC East District Essay Contest have been judged and the results tallied. I received essays from 17 clubs with approximately 120 students participating in local contests.

The three top essays were from Zones 5 and 6. The first place essay is being sent to Optimist International for additional competition. The 1st place winner, 2nd place, and 3rd place will be announced and awards presented at the NC East District Meeting on May 5.

The top three essays (in ZONE order) are:
Zone 5 Henderson Kathleen Elizabeth Carswell
Zone 6 Garner Jordan R. Hill
Zone 6 Raleigh Andrea McKerlie

The sponsoring clubs should register these students for the District meeting and for the luncheon. Sponsoring clubs are responsible for the expenses of students and any other guests who attend.

Thank you to each club that participated. Hopefully, next year participation will be even greater. Remember that the Essay Contest is a scholarship opportunity for our youth.

Judy J. Harritan
2007 Essay Chairman
North Carolina East District
Optimist International



Judy Harritan, District Essay Chair



Oratorical Contest



We have 10 outstanding young men and women all set to give their all as they vie for the \$1500 Optimist Oratorical Contest scholarships at the 3rd quarter District meeting on May 5th.. This will be a great opportunity see these fine young folks demonstrate how Optimists are "Bringing out the best in kids". I hope you will enjoy this event as much as I will.

Bob Verne
District Oratorical
Chairman

I'd like to thank the club members and the Lt. Governors for all their fine effort and dedication to recruit these kids and to run the preliminary club and zone oratorical contests that were used to select these finalists. Great job!

Bob Verne
2007 District Oratorical Chair

Bennett Optimist Club of Wilson



Officers of the Bennett Optimist Club of Wilson, Chartered April 17, 2007. From left: Henry Mercer, Board Member; Erik Lippard, Secretary; Ricky Wester, 2nd Vice President; Kevin Lamm, Treasurer; Alton Lamm, President; Don Williams, Board Member; Doug Lamm, Board Member; George Lamm, Board Member. Not present, Todd Green, 2nd Vice President and Tom Thorne, Board Member
OI Representative officiating and installing, Carlyle Teague.



NC East New Club Building

Any Optimist who have been involved in District activities for any length of time knows that we may be Optimists, but a lot of us are equally good procrastinators. Be that as it may, we have procrastinated long enough. We still have a good half year of Governor Gary's term to crank up those new club building efforts. The next few weeks will be the best time of the Optimist year to put those good intentions in place and get

those new clubs started.

We are all excited about the success realized by the Wilson Evening Club to build a specialty club to focus on Childhood Cancer. This incredibly worthy cause has proven to be an excellent rallying point for interest in a new Optimist Club. I have served as the Optimist International volunteer Field Representative for several new clubs. This was the most enthusiastic group of new Optimists I have encountered.

If your club is looking for a rallying point for a new club in your community, this specialty approach can be a real good place to start. Governor Gary, several experienced new club building Optimists and I are all available to provide assistance in any way possible. Just let one of us know the direction you will be taking and the help you need. We will do anything you ask to help.

Membership efforts and the addition of the 34 new optimists in the Bennett Optimist Club of Wilson have resulted in a real turn-around in membership numbers for the District. Now, let's get three or four more new clubs organized so that we will move towards the end of the year with a comfortable cushion of Optimists ready to prove once again that "***Optimists and Kids Go Hand in Hand.***"

F. Carlyle Teague, NC East District New club Building Chairman

OI Junior Golf Tournament

Ken Dixon
District Junior Golf Chairman

Junior Golf results will be in the next bulletin, due out in late August or early September.



BOYS & GIRLS HOME OF NORTH CAROLINA

On March 10, 2007 around 40 Optimists came to Lake Waccamaw to participate in Optimist Day at Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina. The day included a work day at the cottage, fellowship lunch and rededication program. A beautiful plaque was unveiled during the day to recognize all Optimist Clubs, individuals and businesses for helping with the renovation of the Optimist cottage, which included a new roof and new bathrooms. Optimists were also able to do a significant amount



Walt Armentrout, District Boys and Girls Home Chairman

Optimists who worked on the cottage during Optimist Day, Saturday, March 10. ↓



of work outside the cottage including yard work, planting new bushes and flowers, power washing the building, window washing, and cleaning bathrooms. Optimists brought linens for the beds, pictures for the hallway, and some members actually went shopping in Whiteville and brought back lamps, comforters, shower curtains and other items for the cottage. The Boys and Girls Homes staff also had a volunteer opportunity in the Optimist Cottage and many helped to paint the boy's closets in their



bedrooms. The Optimist Cottage now has a new teaching parent couple, Debbie and Jonathan Rogers who are doing a great job with the boys. The Rogers and the Optimist Boys moved back into the cottage on Saturday.
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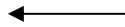
Bill Thompson, B&G Home director, unveils the special plaque to acknowledge all the clubs, individuals and businesses that contributed to the renovation project of the Optimist cottage.



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day April 22 and are enjoying their new surroundings. Thank you again goes to all the Optimists in District East who helped with the renovations to improve our cottage. But the

Boys and girls who participated in the Oratorical contest this year..



work is not completely over. We want to continue to improve the cottage, so once our new teaching parents and boys get settled in again, we will let Optimist Clubs know what we need!

One need that we have is transportation. Several civic clubs have raised money for vans for their cottages at Boys and Girls Homes. Those vans now proudly display the name of the civic club on the side of the vehicle along with Boys and Girls Homes. Our boys in the Optimist Cottage and their teaching parents really need a 12 passenger van. Is Optimist ready to step up like our other civic clubs and provide an Optimist Van for the Boys? We hope Optimists are ready for the challenge and will help us with this project.



Tom Lamont
Boys & Girls Home Representative.



Carolyn Mason, Lt. Governor, Zone 6, bought a bicycle at the OI Foundation Auction by being highest bidder. Then she turned around and gave it to Tom Lamont to carry back to Boys and Girls Home.

And we all thought she was buying it to ride back and forth to work.

Carolyn, you made someone at the home very happy.

The Raleigh Optimist club will be hosting twenty six families at Atlantic Beach for the annual Mile of Hope project. This year's theme is an "Under the Sea Adventure," with trips to the NC Aquarium and building sand castles on the beach. Children from these families have recently been treated for cancer at UNC, DUKE, or Brody Medical facilities. The cost for all meals, lodging, and food is about \$600 per family, with a total of 125 guests attending. Your continued support for this event is greatly appreciated by all the staff, families and volunteers involved. For more information on how you or your club can help or participate contact Ed Moore at (919) 782-6471 or mileofhope.org.



Golden Circle club members have made the Cancer dolls and presented them to the patients at ECU. The North Raleigh club and their JOOI clubs cook for the families at Ronald McDonald House. The Chapel Hill club has also teamed up with their JOOI club to cook for the families staying at Ronald McDonald House each quarter. On a recent event it became obvious that the kitchen could use some new equipment. It also gives club members personal contact with many of the families that are coping with these major illnesses and new ideas on how best to help them.

Congratulations to the Club of Wilson. Their childhood cancer.



newly formed Bennett Optimist mission is to raise funds for child-

The Goldsboro Club had a for Childhood Cancer" The candy Kisses were tion and over \$800 was such success that he had to tube to get more in.

very successful two day "Kisses fundraiser at the local Wal-Mart. purchased with a Wal-Mart donated. Governor Gary Pender had pack the money down into the

The Chapel Hill Club raised over \$500 in one day at a Durham Wal-Mart. The club has raised over \$4200 toward their goal of \$6000 for this year. In the last four years the club has donated almost \$20,000 to the local hospitals and the Johns' Hopkins' research project for childhood cancer. Most of the money was raised through the "Kisses for Childhood Cancer Campaign".

The Garner Optimist Club presented a check for \$7600 to Rainbow Services of Greenville. They are sponsoring 13 children who will attend a camp in New Bern for children with cancer. The club had a very successful golf tournament in October with 128 golfers participating to raise money for the children to attend camp.

The students in the Wake-Rolesville JOOI Club are also preparing to do a weekend collection of "Kisses for Childhood Cancer" to support the Mile of Hope Cancer Project. Any club interested in this fundraiser can have the use of the vests and collection tubes at any time. Permission has to be obtained from the business first. Please contact me for samples

of letters and other materials your club will need to get started. This is an easy and profitable project that is fun to do and is great publicity for your club.

The Ronald McDonald House of Durham reported their income from the pop tab collection and sale of this scrap metal in 2006 was \$15,667.67. About half of that was collected by the American Legion. All of this money goes to helping the families staying at this Ronald McDonald House. The goal for this year is to collect 8000 pounds of tabs - that's almost 10 million tabs! They would like to thank all those people who collect the tabs for them. Every little bit helps. The house also is working on the plans for the new 70 bedroom facility. They are at the midpoint of a ten million dollar capital campaign, with a goal to break ground in the fall of 2007. The new facility will be much larger and closer to Duke Hospital.



Trish Verne, District CCC Chair

Thanks to all the clubs for all you do for the kids and their families. What ever we do is greatly appreciated by these families that are under extreme stress.

HONOR CLUB AWARDS 2005-2006

Club	President	Secr/Trea
Cape Fear	Bennie Bass	Katherine Westbury
Wilmington Supper	Richard Murnock	Coleman/Crews
Winter Park	Jimmy Moore	Ludlum/Jeffords
Laurinburg	William Floyd	Hughes/Wilkes
Whiteville	Richard Johnson	Don Harritan
Greater Spring Lake	David Roberts	Stephens/Bogertey
Greenville	Candy Nichols	Garris/Garris
Chowan-Edenton	Jim Parrish	Devine/Williams
Golden Circle	Linda Watson	Little/Morgan
Wilson Evening	Jimmy Lamm	Alan Stallings
Rocky Mt. Breakfast	Donald Phillips	John Evans
Rocky Mt. Evening	Thomas Moore	Tom Hedgepeth
Roxboro	Thomas Monk	Cates/Bowes
Garner	Pat Bush	Oates/Thornton
North Raleigh	Jerry Medlin	Donald Pearce
Raleigh	Richard Walter	Richard Shirk



TEST

DO YOU LIKE TO.....HAVE FUN?

YES ___ NO ___

DO YOU LIKEGOOD ENTERTAINMENT?

YES ___ NO ___

DO YOU LIKE TO..... FELLOWSHIP?

YES ___ NO ___

DO YOU LIKE TO..... PLAY GOLF?

YES ___ NO ___

DO YOU LIKE.....GOOD FOOD?

YES ___ NO ___

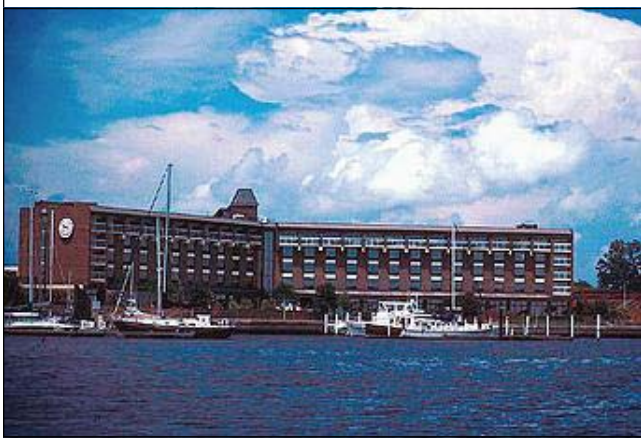
DO YOU LIKE.....GOOD OPTIMIST TRAINING?

YES ___ NO ___

DO YOU LIKE.....GOOD ACCOMODATIONS?

YES ___ NO ___

If your answer was **YES** to anyone of the questions above you have passed the **SUMMER CONFERENCE TEST**. **Congratulations** on your passing score.



Now it's up to **YOU** to celebrate with all the other North Carolina East Optimists that had passing scores by planning to attend the 2007 N.C. District Optimist Summer Conference in New Bern, North Carolina on Thursday thru Sunday, August 23rd-26th at the Sheraton by the water.



The convention committee is working hard to make this conference a fun, enjoyable, entertaining and a great learning experience for each of you.

During this conference we will have the pleasure of the presence of Optimist International President Elect, Theo Golding from Kingston, Jamaica and the Caribbean

Region sharing the weekend with our District. This would also be a great time to show your support for the N.C. East District maintaining their **INDEPENDENCE** as one district by your presence and attendance.



I CAN HARDLY WAIT!!!

.....shaaaaaaaaaaaaa.....if you can keep a secret I'll share with you some things to expect at the conference. First and foremost, fellowship with other optimists, a special invitation for all optimists to attend the **PAST GOVERNOR'S DINNER PARTY** and **RECOGNITION** on Thursday Evening, **GOLFING**, Thursday afternoon with the guys and gals, a live broadcast rendition of the "**NOT SOOOOOOOOO NEWLYWED GAME**" featuring fellow optimist couples on Thursday night, The first annual **OPTIMIST LIP ZYNK CONTEST** presented by various clubs, Lt. Governor's and optimists in the district, proceeds go to the BOY'S AND GIRL'S HOME, **FUN** and **FELLOWSHIP WITH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING**, wonderful hospitality, abundance of **ENTERTAINMENT**, good food, door prizes and other things that may surprise you. **OH HECK!!!!!!!!!!!!** Let's not keep this conference a secret, share the information with **EVERYONE!!!!!!!!!!!!**

ATTENTION.... PRESIDENTS and LT. GOVERNORS that have the most members in attendance at the conference from their club or zone will receive a **very very** special gift.

DON'T WASTE TIME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

You can make your reservations now by calling the Sheraton in New Bern, NC at 252-638-3585. When making reservations advise them you are with the N.C. East Optimists.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at 910-799-4867.

We look forward to seeing you in New Bern.

Sandy Cyphers
Convention Chairman

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.

JOOI Activities

The second quarter JOOI District Conference was held January 20, 2007 in Goldsboro.



There were 15 students representing 3 clubs all from different zones. While we were glad to have all the JOOI club members with us, we certainly would have welcomed many more. We also had 10 members of the JOOI Advisory Club in attendance.

The meeting was opened with a greeting from our Governor Gary Pender who challenged the members to become involved in their communities.

Recognizing the need for new members in JOOI clubs as well as adult clubs, he announced a contest where the JOOI club that brings in the most members before September 30 will receive \$100.00, the club bringing in the next most will receive \$75.00 and the club with the next most will receive \$50.00. Needless to say, this met with great enthusiasm. Thank you, Governor Gary.

There were activities at the meeting to help members from different clubs get to meet and know members from other clubs. Door prizes were



From the JOOI District Board meeting in Goldsboro in January

drawn for that included a back pack and gift certificates.

Clubs heard an over view of Optimist International to help them better understand the organization they are a

part of. This stated with the forming of OI all the way down to today's clubs as part of the NC East District.



Joe King
JOOI Youth Clubs Chair

Individual clubs were given the opportunity to share with everyone there the projects and activities their club has completed as well as the ones planned later in the year. Lots of good information was shared as each club explained what they had been doing to improve their community. These ideas will be taken home and shared with other clubs to see about conducting similar projects in their home towns.

After a lunch sponsored by Governor Gary, everyone was treated to a program on Habitat for Humanity. The group then toured the warehouse where building supplies are kept and then went to a house built by Habitat that was soon to be completed. Many thanks to Billy Edgerton for providing a most interesting program.

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Our next JOOI District Conference is scheduled for April 28 at the Robin's Nest Restaurant on Hwy 70 in Selma. We have another interesting program arranged and a full agenda. We are hoping that all clubs will be represented at this meeting.

Joe King
Youth Clubs



Membership:

We need to keep working on getting more people in Optimism. Ask your friends, workers, and parents of the youth your club supports. Also, remember to work on getting you spouse in your club, and avoid the processing fee through September 30th.

As of March 31, North Carolina East has a net loss of 28 members. This figure is for dropping 102 members and adding 74.. Unofficial, because we haven't received the report from OI, the new club in Wilson added 34 new members. That will put the District with a new gain of 6 members. Our International President, Ronnie Dunn is making every effort to build new clubs and increase membership.

There is still 5 months to go. Let's add 69 more new members and reach our goal of plus 75.

Ellen Foster
District membership Chair

Leadership Development

The election of your Club's officers for 2007-2008 and sending your report in to OI by May 15th is very important. The New Officer's training, that will be conducted at the District Convention in New Bern is also very important. We will have a TOP NOTCH Faculty to do the training this year on Friday Afternoon from 1:00PM to 4:00PM and Saturday Afternoon from 1:30PM to 3:30 PM. Please let your newly elected Officers know about this training and encourage them to attend. We will make it worth their time and prepare them for their year that is ahead.

Jerry Medlin



ROAD TRIP!!!

Look out Montreal, here we come! Are YOU going to the convention this year? **Will your club be sending your President Elect and Secretary Elect?** Optimist International Convention has the best training and networking for *all* of your officers and members. Are you sending your JOOI Club members? I have special information about their convention and will have it at the May 6th District meeting.



It's time to make reservations and get registered. Go to this link for all the information and registration forms/housing forms directly on line. <http://www.optimist.org/default.cfm?content=Members/mbric1.htm> **Don't forget the advance registration deadline of June 1st.** Look for special incentive packages, which offer special savings.



At this time, the Holiday Inn is sold out for the adult Optimist. However, this is the headquarters for our JOOI Club members and they will need to register for this location! *There is a difference between the JOOI Club members and Youth activities! I have the agenda for the JOOI Club members and will have it for them at their next District meeting on April 28th.*



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. I have also checked with American Airlines, which is offering a discount fare and as of March 12th, the roundtrip airfare is \$431.81 including tax/fees. There are also two other airlines offering a discount fare, Northwest and Air Canada. Let me know if you

need their discount codes.

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 journey. The bus is equipped with a lift for easy on/off access. **The bus fare is \$180 per person and the hotel stay there and back will depend on how many rooms we will need. So far, I have \$69.00 + per night.**



Please contact me to let me know if you have any questions at barbnjct@aol.com or 919-426-5824. You will need to get a \$100 deposit to District Allan Ludlum (2720 Columbia Ave, Wilmington, NC 28403) as soon as possible. The bus is filling up fast.

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! **How can I help YOU and your JOOI Club members get to the**

Convention??? Let me know.

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Thank you,
Barbara Timmons
OI Ambassador
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919-426-5824 or 919-556-6309



NORTH CAROLINA EAST DISTRICT - OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

SECOND QUARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

City Hotel & Bistro – Greenville, N.C.

Saturday, February 10, 2007

The following members of the Board of Directors were present:

Gary Pender Governor
Dan Durham Governor-Elect
Allan Ludlum District Secretary-Treasurer
Yancey Hines Past Governor
Jimmy Moore Lt. Governor Zone 1
Ron Riggins Lt. Governor Zone 2
James Lamm Lt. Governor Zone 4
Tommy Peels (Sub) Lt. Governor Zone 5
Carolyn Mason Lt. Governor Zone 6

Governor Gary Pender called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Tommy Peele lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag & Max Stephenson gave the invocation.

Governor Gary Pender recognized first time attendees.

Past Gov. Ray Potter - Candidate Qualifications, Announced Dan Durham will hold the Gov position for the year 2007-08. He also had received letters of intent from Barbara Timmons from North Raleigh for Gov for the year 2008-09 & Allan Ludlum from Winter Park for Gov for the year 2009-2010.

1st Quarter Meeting Minuets report, given by Allan Ludlum. Motion to accept was made by T. Hedgepeth of Rocky Mount Evening –Seconded by T. Peele of Rocky Mount Evening - Approved.

1st Quarter Financial report, given by Allan Ludlum. Motion to accept was made by T. Peele of Rocky Mount Evening – Seconded by Walt Armentrout of Winter Park - Approved.

2006-2007 Proposed Budget report, given by Carey Foster. Motion was made to accept the 2006-2007 Proposed Budget by E. Moore of Rocky Mount Evening –Seconded by T. Peele of Rocky Mount Evening - Approved.

2006-07 OI Foundation information & Roll Call was given by Yancey Hines. Auction, Roll Call and the raffle raised \$5033.

2006-07 1st Qtr A&A Awards were handed out by Worth Starling.

PGI program information, given by Ed Taylor.

NC East Web Site information by Allan Ludlum.

Childhood Cancer Campaign & Roll Call information, given by Trish Verne. Trish offered help to any club for doing CCC fund raisers.

Oratorical Contest information, given by Bob Verne.

CCDHH information, given by Billy Edgerton.

Essay Contest information, given by Judy Harritan.

Activities - CPA information, given by Sandy Cyphers. For the upcoming year, Community Service & Fund raising will be the only category for the 06-07 year. Sandy will help you do

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your book.

Boys and Girls Homes report & Roll Call, given by Walt Armentrout & Tom Lamont.

Break was taken at 10:32 am, meeting reconvened at 11:00 am

Newsletter information, given by Wayne Sidelinger.

Membership information, given by Ellen Foster. At this time the district is down by 42 members.

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. At this date the district has 12 JOOI Clubs. OI Convention/Ambassador –Barbara Timmons talked about the 2007 OI Convention. She is looking in to a charter bus to the convention , details to follow later.

Junior Golf report, given by Ken Dixon. Dates set for April 14 & 15, 2007 & location will be back at Keith Hills CC. Dead line is April 2nd & packages were mailed out Jan. 18, 2007.

2007 NC East Convention information, given by Sandy Cyphers.

New Club Building report given by Carlyle Teague.

Remarks from Governor-Elect, Dan Durham.

Closing remarks by Gary Pender.

Meeting closed with the Optimist Creed by membership.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Allan Ludlum

District Secretary-Treasurer



From The Wilmington Optimist Club

Optimist member Delmer Wells receives medals from US Representative Mike McIntyre.

Congratulations to Delmer Wells

Because Delmer was taken prisoner by the Nazis in 1945 and forced to work on their railroad, he earned medals for valor that he never received. During a ceremony at the American Legion Hall in Wilmington, Delmer received nine medals, including the Prisoner of war, Bronze Star for Valor, and a combat infantryman's badge.



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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