



# North Carolina East OPTIMIST NEWS

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Dear NC East Optimist Members,

I look forward to serving as the Governor of the NC East District for the coming year. I see this as a great honor and challenge. During the twenty five years that I have been an Optimist, I have always looked forward to working on the Optimist projects. My most exciting memories will always be the faces of the youth who have played ball, giving an Essay or Oratorical speech or just having a meal with an Optimist Club.

I am optimistic that our District will be successful in all areas this year. You, the Optimist in this District, make the challenge of being Governor easy. I know there will be many opportunities for our youth to compete, learn new skills and just be better youth from having been involved in any of the Optimist projects being offered within the NC East District. Continue to be "Work for Our Youth" and Keep a smile on your face for all the Youth we meet this year.

Thanks for the opportunity to be your Governor this year.

Dan Durham



## Third Quarter A&A Winners—NCE District

### Top Ten Clubs

1. Wilson Evening .....	5150
2. Henderson.....	3575
3. Whiteville .....	3500
4. Roanoke Rapids.....	3375
5. North Raleigh .....	2725
6. JOOI Advisory .....	2575
7. Wilson Breakfast.....	2250
8. Wilmington Cape Fear .....	2100
9. Goldsboro .....	1900
10. Garner.....	1750

### Top Clubs In Each Zone

Zone 1 Wilmington .....	1100
Zone 2 Whiteville.....	3500
Zone 3 Goldsboro.....	1900
Zone 4 Wilson Evening.....	5150
Zone 5 Henderson .....	3575
Zone 6 North Raleigh.....	2575

### Top 3 Lt. Governors

1. Carolyn Mason, Zone 6.....	11250
2. Tommy Peele, Zone 5 .....	9000
3. Jimmy Lamm, Zone 4 .....	8825

Worth Starling, A&A Chair





New officers installed for the 2007-08 Optimist year from left, Ronnie McLamb, Governor Elect, Barbara Timmons; Melissa Clark; Lt. Governor Zone 6, Carolyn Mason; Past Governor, Gary Pender; Louwanna Pender; Governor, Dan Durham; Barbara Durham; Ellen Foster; district Secretary/Treasurer, Carey Foster; Lt. Governor Zone 5, Tommy Peele; Voloria Peele; Lt. Governor Zone 1, Bennie Bass and Robin Bass.



Governor Gary Pender's last official act for the Convention, presenting Theo Golding with a District gift.



Next years' District and OI leaders. from left: Governor, Dan Durham, Barbara Durham, Delores Golding and OI President, Theo Golding.



2007-2008 Optimist International Vice President, Doug Lamm and Wanda



Official pinning of the Incoming Governor by Mrs. Incoming Governor

# “Tribute to the Stars”

## Lip Sync Contest

On Friday night at the New Bern Convention, a contest was held to raise money for a 12 passenger van. Over 12 Optimist clubs donated over \$1000 to have local members participate in a Lip Syncing Contest



**Tom Lamont**

Played himself as program MC



## James Brown and Singers

Played by Gary Pender and Goldsboro Optimist



## Tammy Wynette

Played by Sandy Cyphers, Winter Park

Winner of the “Tribute to the Stars” Contest



Elvis “The King” Presley

Played by Tom Lamont, Wilmington Winter Park



# Aretha Franklin

Played by Cindy Harris, Henderson



**Johnny Cash**  
Played by Billy Edgerton, Goldsboro



**Dolly Parton**  
Played by Carey Foster, Roanoke Rapids





## Dolly Parton

Played by Brenda Goodwin, Rocky Mount Evening



## Patsy Cline

Played by Sandy Cyphers, Wilmington Winter Park

# Boys & Girls Homes of North Carolina



The Boys and Girls Home 12 passenger van that was purchased with the donations from North Carolina East and North Carolina West Optimist clubs.



Wilmington Cape Fear presents Boys & Girls Home rep Tom Lamont with a check for \$4050 to help purchase the van.



Guests from Wilson Evening, Goldsboro, Greenville, Roanoke Rapids and Rocky Mount Breakfast, helped Rocky Mount Evening celebrate their 50th Anniversary.



*The Rocky Mount Evening Optimist Club: 1957-2007  
Fifty Years of Service to the Youth of our Community  
Celebrated Tuesday, September 11, 2007*

# District Junior Golf Tournament winners for 2007



Right, District Junior Golf Chairman Ken Dixon. Left, Andy Hudson, assistant. Center two contestants, not identified



Girls Contest, age 15-15 Dana Watkins, First Place, Raleigh



Girls Contest, age 16-18, Ashley Denton, First Place, Wendell, sponsored by North Raleigh



Girls Contest, age 16-18, Kelly Forbis, Second Place, Pikeville, sponsored by Goldsboro



Boys Contest, age 14-15 , First Place, Spencer Lawson, Raleigh.



Boys Contest, age 14-15, Second Place, Beau Cutts, Henderson.



Boys Contest, 16-18, First Place, Rob Pate, Nashville, sponsored by Rocky Mount Evening.



Boys Contest age 16-18, Second Place, Jack Garrett, Durham, sponsored by Roxboro.

The P.G.I. Program offers every Optimist Club member the opportunity to grow personally and learn more about Optimist while advancing through ten levels of involvement, personal growth and achievement. For more information and receive more booklets go to [westk@optimist.org](mailto:westk@optimist.org) or voice mail: 1-800-678-8389 extension 242 (Karen West)

Congratulations! To the Following Members from the Laurinburg Optimist Club: for the completion of Level 1.

Wade Hatcher  
Ron Riggins  
Robert Starner  
Donald Barringer  
John Ridge

John Ridge also completed Level 2.

Congratulations! To the Following Members from the Roanoke Rapids Optimist club for the completion of Level 1.

Ricky Barnes  
Marian Barnes  
Rusty Bolt  
David Cieslinske  
Jackie Cieslinske  
Barbara Durham  
Jase Elias  
Rhonda Harrell  
Janice Huble  
Butch Hudson

Wendy Lamm  
Robert McDonald  
Mike Miles  
Alan Mitchell  
Bill Rodgers  
Mike Shepard  
John Simeon  
Jamie Taylor  
Eddie Vincent  
Tim Warren  
Tina Whitmire  
Mike Butler  
Tommy Clifton  
Jennifer Smith  
Lisa Vincent



For the completion of Level 6.  
Dan Durham

Congratulation! To Dave King from Wilmington Winter Park for the completion of Level 1 and Level 2.

We Are "Friend Of Youth" Clubs!

Have a Great Day!  
Ellen

### **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.

## ORATORICAL CONTEST



**TOPIC:** “Why Me, Why Not”

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE:** Contestants shall be under the age of 16 as of December 31 of the 2007-08 school year and must be educated in the United States, Canada, or the Caribbean. There is no minimum age. Boys and girls will compete in separate contests.

**LENGTH OF SPEECH:** The speech must be at least 4 minutes but not over 5 minutes in length.

**IMPORTANT DATES:** The names of the zone contest winners must be provided to the District contest Chair by **April 15, 2008**. Also by **April 15, 2008**, the following documents must be provided to the District contest chair:

1. **Copy of the application**
2. **Copy of the applicant’s proof of age**
3. **A typed, double-spaced copy of the speech**

The District oratorical contest will be held on **May 10, 2008** at the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter District meeting in Roanoke Rapids.

**SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT:** NC East District will award two **\$1500** scholarships, one each to a boy and girl District winner.

**Helpful hints for obtaining contestants can be found on page 39 of district handbook.**

**Suggestion: Find individuals who work with young people (church, school or parents who home school) on a regular basis, or who have demonstrated a willingness to work with youth, and get these individuals involved.**

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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NC East website – [www.nceast-optimist.org](http://www.nceast-optimist.org)



**FOURTH QUARTER  
BOARD MEETING  
NC EAST DISTRICT OF OPTI-  
MIST INTERNATIONAL  
Sheraton Inn – New Bern, N.C.  
Saturday, August 25, 2007**

The following members of the Board of Directors were present:

Gary Pender	Governor
Dan Durham	Governor-Elect
Allan Ludlum	District Sec/Treas
Ron Riggins	Lt. Governor Zone 2
Jimmy Lamm	Lt. Governor Zone 4
Candy Nichols	Lt. Governor Zone 3
Tommy Peele	Lt. Governor Zone 5
Carolyn Mason	Lt. Governor Zone 6

**The following clubs were represented:  
Bennett-Wilson, Cape Fear, Chapel Hill,  
Elizabethtown, Garner, Golden Circle of  
Wilson, Goldsboro, Greenville, Hender-  
son, Kingston-Jamaica, Laurinburg, NC  
East JOOI, North Raleigh, Raleigh, Ra-  
leigh Dinner, Roanoke Rapids, Rocky  
Mount Breakfast, Rocky Mount Evening,  
Whiteville, Wilmington & Winter Park**

Governor Gary Pender called the meeting to order at 9:15 am.

**Pledge of Allegiance lead by Governor  
Gary Pender**

Invocation by Jerry Medlin.

Optimist welcomed to New Bern by Sheraton's General Manager – Owen Parker & a New Bern Council member.

Governor Gary Pender recognized first time attendees.

Governor Gary Pender recognized Past Governors in attendance.

Billy Edgerton said a prayer honoring the optimist members who died this past year.

3rd Quarter District Board Meeting Minutes report, given by Allan Ludlum. Motion to accept was made by Tom Hedgepeth of Rocky Mount – Seconded by Max Stevenson of Greenville - Approved.

3rd Quarter Financial report, given by Allan Ludlum. Motion to accept was made by Sandy Cyphers of Winter Park – Seconded by Walt Armentrout of Winter Park - Approved.

PGI program information, given by Ed Taylor. Ed would like to see more members to get involved with program.

Newsletters information, given by Wayne Sidelinger. August newsletter handed out. Wayne needs photos.

Boys and Girls Homes report & Alter Call, given by Tom Lamont & Walt Armentrout. \$4050.00 rose toward the Van Project by Cape Fear Optimist. About \$500 raised at the boys & girls golf tournament on Thursday.

OI Foundation Report & Alter Call was given by Yancey Hines. Cape Fear, Goldsboro & Raleigh clubs received framed prints for donations with high averages. Robin Bass, Sandy Cyphers, Dave King & Doug Lamm received Dime-A-Day pins for their donations. Les Craft received Distinguished Benefactor award. Once again, Yancey will raffle another two Mini vehicles.

Sandy Cyphers gave 2007 NC East Conven-

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tion information.

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 Trish Verne.

Break was taken at 10:30 am, meeting reconvened at 10:50 am.

Gary Pender gave new Club building information. One new club, The Bennett Optimist Club of Wilson, sponsored by Wilson Evening club. It will be a Childhood Cancer Campaign club. Also working on club in Goldsboro, this will be a Childhood Cancer Campaign club.

Barbara Timmons gave update on JOOI clubs.

Governor Gary Pender recognized members that attended training at the OI convention.

Junior Golf report given by Ken Dixon. NC East district was the first tournament for OI this year. Andy Hudson the OIJGC Chairperson was at the event to help kick it off. We had ten (10) to qualify for the International Tournament. We had 65 participants. Saturdays round was completed, but Sundays round was rained out. Rob Pate won the 16 – 18 boys with a 2 under par score. We had 17 clubs that did not sponsor players this year. Roxboro sponsored 8 players; Greenville sponsored 4 & sponsored a hole. We also had 9 other hole sponsors.

Jerry Medlin said training was going well & more training to follow later today.

Governor Gary Pender updated the Candidate Qualifications information. Barbara Timmons nominated for Governor-Elect 2007-2008, floor opened for other nominations. Carey Foster of Roanoke Rapids made a motion to close the floor for nominations, Seconded by Dan Durham of Roanoke Rapids. Motion passed. Darrell Fulcher of Cape Fear made a motion to accept the nomination by acclamation, Seconded by Rich Cash of Raleigh Dinner. Motion passed. Also at this time, Carolyn Mason will repeat as Zone 6 Lt. Gov for 2007-2008.

2006-07 3rd Qtr A&A Awards were handed out by Don Harritan for Worth Starling.

Remarks from IO rep Theodore “Theo” Golding.

Remarks from Governor-Designate Dan Durham.

Closing remarks from Governor Gary Pender.

Meeting closed with the Optimist Creed by membership.

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm.

Allan Ludlum  
District Secretary-Treasurer



# 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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