

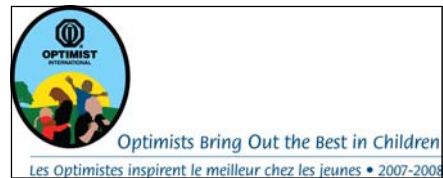
North Carolina East Optimist News



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Good Morning Optimist:

The Optimist year is quickly coming to an end. I have been privileged and proud to have served this year as your Governor. "Working for our kids" has been the District theme for the year and I am happy to see that all the clubs have been working very hard for our kids in our communities.



Thank you, each Lt. Governor/Treasurer, District chairpersons for all you District in 2007-2008. Special members who have participated in all the projects that have been completed in each club. You, the Optimist member, are the heart of District activity.

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nor, club President, club Secretary and District board member and District chairpersons have done for me and the District. Special thanks go to all the club members who have participated in all the projects that have been completed in each club. You, the Optimist member, are the heart of all the North Carolina East District activity.

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year. Currently, the District is very close to being an Honor and Distinguished District. We need each club to continue to maintain current membership level and add one new member to complete the goal of Honor District.

Currently, a new club is being built in the Swan Quarter-Emerald Isle area by the Wilmington Winter Park club. Good luck to President Tom Lamont and New Club Builder, Sandy Cyphers.

Barbara and I hope to see all Optimists in Atlantic Beach for the 2008 District Convention. Come for a good time and great fellowship.

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas....yes, you'll think it's Christmas in Florida or the Bahamas when you attend the District Summer Conference...we've invited Santa Claus and he has accepted our invitation...so you better be there, you better watch out and remember. he knows if you've been bad or good.....along with Santa we will have some returning celebrities...Elvis said he would hate for us to have a "Blue Christmas" without him, Patsy Cline said she would be "Crazy" not to make a return visit since she had such a grand time at last year's convention. and there may be some other celebrities joining us to help raise money for Childhood Cancer... We are expecting a great turnout of contests in the District Womanless Beauty Pageant.....so bring your \$5.00 bills, what the heck...bring those \$20.00 bills and support the lady(s) of your choice.....I'm sure that all our lovely contestants have been working on their diets, selecting their hair styles, the right outfits, the right make-up, along with the perfect color of lipstick to wear to swoon the judges. I just can't wait to experience all the fun and laughter knowing that we are helping kids that need a MIRACLE in their life....So join us for Christmas in Dixie in the month of August. YA COME NOW!



Sandy Cyphers
Womanless Beauty Pageant Director

Past Governor, Gary Pender, left, is all smiles as he held the winning raffle ticket for a Buick LeSabre. The raffle was a money raising project of the Bennett Optimist of Wilson. All proceeds go to Childhood Cancer programs. Making the presentation to Gary, Bennett club president Alton Lamm.



Hello All;

It is just a few weeks before the deadline is here for the Convention Golf for Boys & Girls Home on Aug 21st. At this time I only have five teams, one from each of the following clubs, Cape Fear, Elizabethtown, Raleigh, Rocky Mount Evening & Winter Park. Would like to have five more teams. We are also accepting Hole sponsors for \$50.00 each. Just use an entry form & write HOLE SPONSOR across the form.

I am also looking for Goodie-Golf Bag items (any thing will do) & I also need two Long drive & close to the pin prizes, Please check with your local golf outlet shops or golf pro shops for donations, let me know what you come up with.

So please get your entry form in as a team or a single. Also please pass this Email & / or entry form on to anyone in your club that plays golf. This golf tournament is open to everyone, you do not have to attend the convention to play, (But you are missing out on other great fun & training)!

Thanks,

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Need to know how to add a member on line? A club president needing to check your OI email box? Well ,you can get those questions & more answered at the Conventions Web Site training. Your Webmaster will be visiting the OI web site, NC East website, Leaders & many more to show you how to make life easy to perform your optimist duties. Bring your laptop & your questions. You don't need a laptop to attend, come and take notes. See you at the Web Site training.

Thanks,

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.



2nd Quarter A&A Winners—NCE District 2007-2008

Top Ten Clubs



(1) Wilmington Cape Fear, Auston Pusey; (2) Wilmington Winter Park, Tom Lamont; (3) Whiteville, Judy Harritan; (4) Henderson, Kay Askew; (5) Greenville, Lou Ann Hardee; (6) North Raleigh, Cathy Potter; (7) Chapel Hill, Trish Verne; (8) Raleigh, David Fritz; (9) Raleigh Dinner, Carolyn Mason; (10) Roanoke Rapids, Carey Foster

Top Clubs in Each Zone



Zone 1, Cape Fear, Aston Pusey; Zone 2 Whiteville, Judy Harritan; Zone 3, Greenville Loo Ann Hardee; Zone 4, Wilson Evening, Jimmy Lamm; Zone 5, Henderson, Kay Askew; Zone 6, North Raleigh, Cathy Potter

Top Lt. Governors



(1) Zone 1, Bennie Bass; (2) Zone 6 Carolyn Mason; (3) Zone 5, Tommy Peele



Worth Starling,
District A&A Chair

Additional Clubs submitting reports for A&A:
Zone 1, Myrtle Grove
Zone 2, Laurinburg
Zone 3, Cape Carteret
Zone 4. Wilson Breakfast, Wilson Golden Circle
Zone 5, Rocky Mount Breakfast, Rocky Mount Evening
Zone 6, Garner

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Officer Elect Training is being held at the Convention on Friday Afternoon, August 22 starting at 1:00PM to 4:00PM and on Saturday afternoon starting at 1:30PM to 4:00PM. All Lt. Governor Elects, President Elects, and Secretary and Treasurer Elects should attend this important training. We have an outstanding Faculty that will conduct training in all aspects of these Officers responsibilities and there will be separate training for Lt. Govs., Presidents, and Sec-Treas on Saturday afternoon.

We look forward to having you attend these sessions.

Jerry Medlin
Leadership Training Chair



Needed:

As of today, August 5, 2008, no one has stepped up to the plate to be submitted for Governor - Elect of NC East District for the term 2008 - 2009 . A prerequisite to be Governor - Elect of NC East District is to have previously served a full term as Lieutenant Governor.

We need a dedicated NC East District Optimist to COMMIT HIMSELF OR HERSELF AS A CANDIDATE FOR THIS POSITION.

**Gary D. Pender
Past Governor 2006-2007
Candidate Qualification Chairperson
919-920-9190 (cell)**



Theme: Today's Choices Shape My Future"



N. C. East Optimist District Essay Contest



The Essay Contest is over and the winners have been selected.

- 1st Place** Kevin Whitley, Castle Haynes, NC
E. A. Laney High School,
sponsored by Cape Fear Optimist.
- 2nd Place** Courtney M. Wegman, Goldsboro, NC
Eastern Wayne High School, sponsored by Goldsboro Optimist
- 3rd Place** Paige Cribb, Laurinburg, NC
Marlboro Academy, Sponsored by Laurinburg Optimist.

1st Place

If you could go back in time and change one thing, what would it be? This is one of the most often asked questions of all time, and people have grown to think that it would be simple to change the past. However, it is unlikely that major life choices could be altered without subsequent repercussions as a result of the change. I believe that this principle also holds true for my life. Anything that I choose to do now will inevitably change the outcome of my life, whether in the near or distant future. I always strive to think my actions through



to the resulting consequences because I know that today's choices shape my future.

Decisions that affect the future do not only involve self, but rather the world as a whole. For

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Kevin Whitley Family

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example, working hand in hand with youth in the community, a person is truly shaping the next generation of community leaders. This includes not only teaching with word, but also leading with action. Personally, I have been influenced by many people over the years and have now begun to get involved in working with the youth in my community. Whether in action or decision, always be in the mindset that the next world leader is watching you and taking notes. This is how I live my life and make decisions, because I know that my future is quietly being molded by others.

Other choices that could shape my future would be the decisions made by the government and world leaders. By there not being concern and action surrounding global warming, I may not have a healthy environment to live in later in life. By deciding to stay at war, I may be forced into military service at some point in my life. Decisions like these on a global perspective drastically shape my future and how I will live my life. Because of this, I plan to stay active in world issues and vote for the betterment of the country.

However, the most common and possibly most important choices that will shape my future are the daily decisions that I make in my daily life. When I decide to strive for the best with my education, I am shaping my future at a great college which will ultimately lead to a prosperous job. By deciding to resist drugs and alcohol, I am preserving my body and staying out of trouble, thus enabling me to have better quality of life later on. I do not foresee that I will ever be able to change a decision based on hindsight, but I know that much

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can be learned from bad choices. That is why I live my life the way I do and look into the future when I make decisions, work with people, or get involved in politics. I know all of these things and the choices surrounding them will ultimately shape my future in this world.

Kevin Whitley

2nd Place

As a young American. I am blessed to have many choices that vast number of people across our world simply do not have, Millions of impoverished people in other lands endure oppressive governments that provide them with few freedoms and even fewer choices. That understanding helps me value my choices, and as a high school senior, my most significant future shaping choices are about education and morality.

To begin with, nearly every day I observe how the level of one's education determines much about his quality of life. One need to look no further than the many vocations requiring college degrees, licensures, certification and experience to see how American capitalism connects education to earning potential. While important, financial gain should not be the only reason to obtain education. Twenty-first century Americas isa very technical place with citizenship demands tied directly to knowledge and understanding. Possessing certain life skills requires at least a baseline education in order to properly function in our complex society. High school is a great start to my life's ongoing evolutionary learning process.

My decision to remain enrolled in high school, applying myself to learning rather than dropping out is a conscious choice. I could have quit, and more than once I have felt like quitting. The knowledge I have obtained in high school represents only the beginning of my academic journey "the tip of the iceberg" of the knowledge I expect to obtain after graduation. While my classroom education will have a definite ending, in my view, learning never does. Throughout my life, I hope to always remain open-minded to learning new ideas and new ways to live that add value and quality to mine and the lives of my family, friends and colleagues.

The second most significant choice shaping my future deals with morality. Living a normal life, defined by actions, is a conscious choice I believe all people should make. It is not enough to feel a certain way. Every American must posses strong moral convictions and act on those beliefs. Morality is not personal. True morality is cultural and collective in nature and should be embraced nationally. While it may now be politically incorrect in America to define moral boundaries, history has taught us time and again that every great fallen civilization crumbled under the weight of its own immorality. Choosing healthy behaviors over potentially destructive ones with regard to premarital sex, drug and alcohol use, gossiping and spreading rumors and use of profanity are conscious choices that define me. These same choices enable every American to participate in strengthening our nation's collective morality one citizen at a time.

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Today's choices are more plentiful than ever, and as a high school student, every day I face challenges to my convictions and decision making processes. Yet, my saving grace is my belief that education and morality are the two most significant choices I will make that define who I am, provide quality to my life and shape my future.

Courtney Wegman

3rd Place

As I sit and wonder what all my future has in store after I graduate from high school, I contemplate whether or not I have done “enough” to become a successful adult. Are the extracurricular activities, the late nights of studying and the worries about decision-making really going to pay off? I tend to think so. The choices that I make in this very moment, good or bad, will definitely shape my future-whether in the best possible way or in the worst possible way. However, I have tried to do everything in my power to make my future the best that it can be.


First of all, I have tried to keep myself out of trouble and away from boring afternoons by becoming involved with cheerleading, dance and girl scouting. Having a busy schedule after school has helped me become punctual and it has helped me learn to manage my time wisely. Not only have these activities helped me to become well-rounded, but they have also encouraged me to surround myself with people who are similar in making good choices.

The second present aspect of life that will determine my future is schooling. I have strived to maintain an ‘A’ average throughout high school and enroll in the most challenging courses, which has led to my acceptance in multiple colleges. I have also tried my best to be at school each and every day, so as not to fall behind. I feel that consistently going to schools is almost as important as making good grades because commitment is a great characteristic to have. I hope to continue this rigid academic schedule through undergraduate and graduate school in order to obtain a medical degree, which will enable me to have a steady career and provide for my future family.

Finally, and most importantly, I have put forth the utmost effort in trying to make good decisions in the face of difficulty. The drug-related abuse that some teenagers feel is ‘cool’ will only be harmful in the long run. I have seen many adults, who as teenagers, made the choice to smoke and drink, and have suffered lung cancer and liver disease. Bad choices can and will take a toll on a person’s mental and physical appearance, leading to depression and other difficulties. By surrounding myself with friends who choose not to give into peer pressure, I hope that I have made, and will continue to make, good choices for the rest of my life. However, the present is always the time that counts most.

As I consider qualities that can be harmful or helpful in determining a person's future, extracurricular activities, schooling, and health-related decisions rank among the top three. Without a doubt, the effect of making bad choices in these areas will be harshly felt in years to come, so adolescence is the prime time to act in making them right. After all, even if repercussions are not presently felt, they absolutely will be in the long run.

Paige Cribb

<p>Club #43360 Roanoke Rapids Optimist</p> <p>David Cieslinski mbr - 3067 level 2 date: 7-1-08</p> <p>Jackie Cieslinski mbr - 3068 level 2 date: 7-1-08</p> <p>Ellen Foster mbr - 0026 level 9</p>	<p>date: 7-1-08</p> <p>Jim Whitmire mbr-3092 level 3 date: 7-1-08</p> <p>Tina Whitmire mbr-3104 level 2 date: 7-1-08</p> <p>Marion Barnes mbr-3058 level 2 date 7-1-08</p>	 <p>Ellen Foster, District PGI Chair</p>
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<p>Winter Park Optimist Club Completed the level shown</p> <p>William Sebrell - level 1 Derrick Ham - level 1 June Cheatham - level 1 Walter Armentrout - levels 4 and 5 James Hatchell - level 4 Dave King - level 3 Allan Ludlum - level 5 Kathleen Steed - level 2 Joseph Szaloky - level 2 John Laughter - level 5 Tom Lamont, Sr - level 1 John Peck - level 1 James Jeffords - level 4 William Best - level 1</p>	<p>North Raleigh Number: 43330</p> <p>Stanley Barefoot mbr-6882 level 1 date: 6-23-08</p> <p>Margaret Potten mbr-6876 level 1 date: 6-23-08</p> <p>Bob Whittaker mbr#0961 level 1 date: 6-23-08</p> <p>Mary Lynn Whittaker mbr-6832 level 1 date: 6-23-08</p> <p>George Eickbush mbr-0440 level II date: 6-23-08</p>	<p>Tom McCutcheon mbr-1042 level II date: 6-23-08</p> <p>Cathy Potter mbr-6880 level II date: 6-23-08</p> <p>Barbara Timmons mbr-6823 level II date: 6-23-08</p> <p>Bob Whittaker mbr-0961 level II date: 6-23-08</p> <p>MaryLynn Whittaker mbr-6832 level II date: 6-23-08</p>
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Person Growth Involvement

The Wilmington, Cape Fear Optimist Club has 106 active members in the Personal Growth Involvement Program. Congratulations to the following members:

Joe Meabon - levels 1,2,3
 Joseph C. Miller- levels 2,3
 Tammy Mills - level 1
 William Monroe - level 1
 Lloyd Moore - levels 2,3,4,5
 Walt Moser - level 2
 Richard Neher - level 1
 Tommy Norris - levels 1,2,3
 Jonathan O'Dell- level 1
 Jonathan O'Donnell - level 1
 Auston Pusey - levels 5,6
 Tim Long - level 1
 Robin Peters - level 1
 Caitlin Long - level 1
 Kimberly Ayers - level 1
 Keith Baltezar - level 1
 James Barger - level 1
 Pat Barger - level 1
 Johnny Barnhill - level 1
 Neil Benton - level 1
 Walker Biggs - levels 1, 2
 Jackie Blanton - level 1
 James Blanton - level 1
 Levy Bonnett - levels 1, 2
 Henry Brannock - level 1
 Charles Buis - levels 1,2
 James Bullard - levels 1, 2, 3
 Kenneth Caulder - levels 2,3
 Phillip Caulder - level 1
 George Cook - levels 1,2
 Mike Cruse - level 1
 Steve Cruse - level 1
 Carl Currie - levels 1, 2, 3
 David DeVane - level 1
 Richelle Dombroski - level 1
 Ronald Dombroski - level 1
 Victor Dwyer - level 1

Henry Engels - level 1
 Karen Field - level 1
 David Futch - levels 1, 2, 3
 Jerry Gore - levels 1,2,3
 Susan Gattlieb - level 1
 James Headrick - level 1
 Bennie Herring - levels 2,3
 William Ingold - level 1
 William Jackson - levels 2,3
 Jack Jarman - level 1
 David Pearson - level 1
 David Pridgen - levels 2,3
 Brandon Pusey - level 1
 George Pusey - level 1
 Janet Pusey - level 1
 Veronica Pusey - level 1
 Bradley Rhodes - level 1
 Gene Seay - level 1
 Jimmy Soles - level 1
 Julian Walker - levels 1,2,3
 Ebern Watson - levels 2,3
 Katherine Westbury Brennan - level 5
 Robert Whitehurst - levels 2,3
 James William - level 1
 David Wilson - level 1
 Thomas Winslow - level 1
 Justin Wolfe - level 1
 Helen Jordan - levels 1,2,3
 Robert Jordan - level 1
 Mark LeGwin - levels 2,3
 Michael Long - level 1
 David MacCallum - level 1
 Dennis Marshall - level 1,2
 Don Massengill - level 1
 Jimmy Mathews - levels 1,2,3
 Ben McPherson - level 1
 Benjie McPherson - levels 2,3,4,5

Boys & Girls Homes of North Carolina

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

Help us reach our goal of having 100 Optimists participate in this special day!

The Fourth Annual Optimist Day at Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina at Lake Waccamaw is planned for Saturday, March 14, 2009. Optimists from all over the state are invited for fun and fellowship and a chance to meet the boys in the Optimist Cottage and see our beautiful campus. This is a great opportunity to introduce new Optimists to the Boys and Girls Homes. The day will include campus tours, a visit to the country store, a work project, fellowship lunch and a chance to personally meet our new President Gary Faircloth.

Specific details will be provided later, but one goal is clear. We want this annual event to be a special day for all Optimists with the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina. Please put March 14, 2009 on your calendar and make this the best Optimist Day yet. Optimist Clubs are encouraged to bring Jr. Optimist Club members and all children and grandchildren of Optimist Club members who can come and spend some time with the boys in the cottage. This year we are focusing on making this truly an Optimist family affair!

For more information on Optimist Day at Boys and Girls Homes, please contact:
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Civic Club Development
Boys and Girls Homes of
North Carolina, Inc.
(910) 646-3083, ext 241
e-mail:
tom.lamont@bghnc.org



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Our goal is to have over 100 Optimists on our campus on Saturday, March 14, 2009!



Gary Faircloth becomes President of Boys and Girls Homes of NC, Inc.

Gary Faircloth, pictured at left with wife Betty, assumed the position of president of Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, Inc. on July 1, 1008. Faircloth succeeds Bill Thompson, Jr. who retired in November 2007. Former Vice President of Childcare Becky Wray served as Interim President following Thompson's retirement.

McNeil Chestnut, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, Inc., stated that "The Board of Trustees, through its search and executive committees, worked diligently to find a successor for the president. We are happy to have found an individual with the qualifications and history with the Homes that Gary has to lead it through its next period of service to children."



Faircloth, who resided in Michigan prior to his return to Lake Waccamaw, becomes just the sixth permanent leader of the Homes. Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, Inc. was formed as a home for boys in 1954. Later, services for girls were added and the agency became Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, Inc. Today, the Homes provide both residential and foster care/adoption services to children ages birth to twenty-one. Faircloth has a unique relationship with the Homes in that as a youth he was a resident of Boys Homes. After graduation from high school and college he returned to the Homes as an employee, working directly with the children and later in development and planned giving.

In 1970, Faircloth married Betty Engen, whose parents Eugene and Leola Engen operated a local eating establishment, Penn's Grill, in nearby Whiteville and who he met while living at

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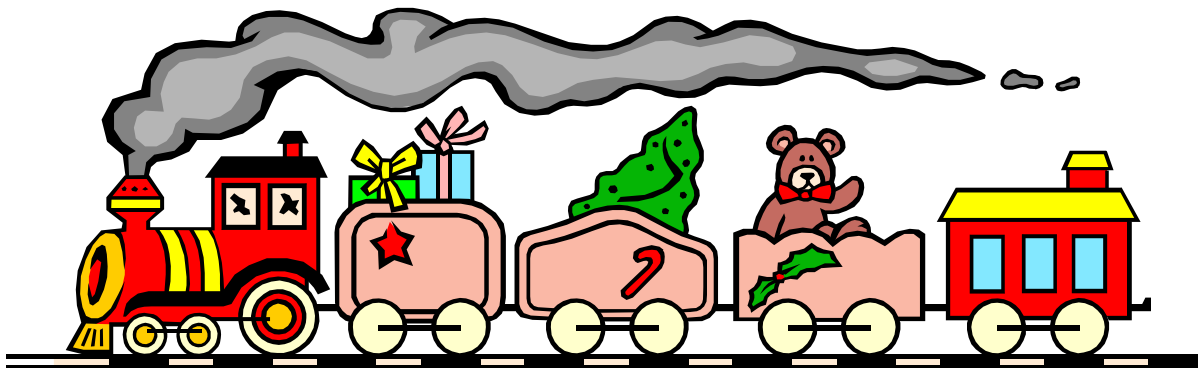
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the Homes. They have two sons, Brad and Travis. Faircloth says he and Betty have worked together as a team in all their ventures and it is that closeness that has allowed them to experience happiness and success in their work, family, and community.

Faircloth graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1966. He received an Associate of Arts Degree from Southeastern Community College near Whiteville in 1970. In 1972 he graduated from East Carolina University with a B.S. degree in Social Welfare with a Composite in Juvenile Correctional Services. In 1982 he attended and received certification from the National Planned Giving Institute in Colorado Springs, Colorado and Memphis, Tennessee. He completed studies with the Southeastern Trust School of Campbell University in 1989 and attended the Institute for Healing Racism, becoming certified as a trainer in 2002.

Faircloth's work experiences include Director of Social, Group Life, and Educational services for Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, Inc. from 1973-77; co-owner/operator of Penn's Grill in Whiteville from 1977-80; Civic Club Coordinator, Director of Planned Giving, Director of Development for Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, Inc. from 1980-88; Trust Officer/Business Development for United Carolina Bank from 1988-90; Vice President for Starr Commonwealth Schools in Albion, MI. from 1990 to 2002; and most recently as co-owner/operator of Captain Luey's Calabash Seafood Restaurant in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Faircloth says he and Betty are excited about their return to North Carolina and Boys and Girls Homes after several fruitful years in Michigan. He notes that he really enjoyed working with his family in developing and watching the seafood restaurant grow. His employees and customers were more like family than workers or clients! "But we are really excited about being a part of the Boys and Girls Homes family again. Boys and Girls Homes played an important role in my life and in the lives of thousands of otherwise 'on-the-street' children since its founding by A.D. Peacock. Sad to say, the need for the Homes is greater than ever. The abuse and neglect of children still permeates each community in each state throughout our country. I appreciate this opportunity and look forward to working with the board, staff, and our supporters in offering comfort, guidance, and support to the children who come into our care." Faircloth can be reached by telephone at 910-646-3083 or by email at gary.faircloth@bghnc.org.





Childhood Cancer Campaign

Thank you, and congratulations to all the clubs that have raised funds for Childhood Cancer. At the last district meeting, we went around the room and totaled up the amount of funds raised in the district so far this year. The sum at that time was over \$27,000. I know we will add more to that total at the August convention.

Zone 6 is planning a Storytelling and Music Festival to be held on Sept. 13th in the Kerr Scott Building at the NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. Proceeds from the event will go to the Childhood Cancer Campaign projects at the Zone 6 clubs. The doors will open at 9:30 am and close at 7pm. This will be an all-day celebration of life through music, storytelling, fun and games for the whole family. Performers include David Holt (UNC-TV), Andy Offutt Irwin, The Healing Force, Ron Jones and Joseph Helfrich. Tickets are \$8-adults, children 3 to 12 - \$5, children under 3 are free. Tickets can be purchased at the door, or from members of the Raleigh, North Raleigh, Raleigh Dinner, Garner, and Chapel Hill Optimist clubs. Sponsors are also needed. For more information, call Alan Hoal at 919-469-0394. Childhood cancer survivors will be given complementary tickets and recognized at the event.



The Chapel Hill Club will sponsor The Rock Against Cancer Concert at the Southern Village Green in Chapel Hill in September. Funds from this open-air concert provide equipment and a music therapist for patients at UNC Children's Hospital. This event was founded by Lisa White, wife of Dr. Anthony Titus, a Chapel Hill Optimist Club member. Dr. Titus was recently honored by Sen. Elizabeth Dole for his efforts in childhood cancer research. Their son Gabe is a 12-year survivor of cancer. Funds from this open-air concert have equipped a music room with several keyboards, two guitars, microphones, and a digital recording studio. It is beneficial to the kids emotionally and physically.

In July, Bob and I led the watermelon party and seed-spitting contests for a group of Duke childhood cancer patients at Camp Kaleidoscope near Henderson. Several campers had never had the opportunity to participate in such an Olympic event, and had no idea what to do. With 35 campers and a staff of 18 to show them how, the novices were soon boasting of their seed-spitting ex-"spurt"-ise. Prizes and watermelon were enjoyed by all.

By the time you read this, the Cape Fear Optimist Club will have held another Texas Hold Em' Poker Tournament with half of the proceeds going to the Childhood Cancer Cam-

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paign. I'm sure that other clubs have conducted excellent CCC projects, but I have no reports. We and the kids you are helping congratulate you and extend our thanks!

During our visit to Camp Kaleidoscope, I spoke with Anne Kosem, clinical social worker at Children's Oncology/Hematology Center at Duke Children's Hospital. They need prepaid phone, gas and gift cards for the cancer patients and families. Due to the high cost of gas, many children are not coming in for their treatments. Those that are in the hospital can't afford to call home, or have family come to visit them when that support is so badly needed. Gift cards to Wal-Mart and Target are needed for families who unexpectedly must stay for several days at a time. They need supplies such as diapers and formula. The social workers at each hospital can distribute these cards to the patients and families as needed. Parking costs at UNC are also increasing 25 cents/hour. Discount parking passes can also be funded by clubs and distributed on a per-case need by the social workers. Food vouchers for the families would also help a great deal. The cost for food at the hospital cafeteria for four people and parking is about \$50/day. I have the contact information for the staff at DUKE, UNC and ECU. Let me know if your club can help.

Thanks for all you do! Every little bit helps.

Trish Verne
Chair, District Childhood Cancer Campaign

NCE District Convention Sheraton Hotel Atlantic Beach, August 21-24, 2008



“Christmas in August”



Bob Verne
District Convention
Chair

District Membership

THE CURRENT INFORMATION REGARDING MEMBERSHIP FOR THE DISTRICT IS AS FOLLOWS:
DISTRICT STANDING WITHIN OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL:

NC EAST CURRENTLY IS RANKED 9TH WITHIN
OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
NEW MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 190
NUMBER OF MEMBERS DELETED FOR THE YEAR
203
NET LOSS FOR THE YEAR 13



Jennifer Smith
District Membership Chair

CURRENTLY MEMBERSHIP BY ZONE IS AS FOLLOWS:

ZONE 1 HAS THE MOST NEW MEMBERS WITH A + 71
WILMINGTON CAPE FEAR HAS THE MOST NEW MEMBERS WITH A + 57

ZONE TWO HAS A NET LOSS OF 23 MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR, WITH 27 MEMBERS BEING IN THE CLUB THAT WAS REVOKED
ELIZABETHTOWN HAS THE MOST NEW MEMBERS WITH A +3

ZONE THREE HAS A NET LOSS OF 22 MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR
GOLDSBORO HAS THE MOST NEW MEMBERS WITH A +2

ZONE FOUR HAS A NET LOSS OF 8 MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR
WILSON BREAKFAST HAS THE MOST NEW MEMBERS WITH A NET OF +2

ZONE FIVE HAS A NET GAIN OF 6 MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR
ROCKY MOUNT EVENING HAS THE MOST NEW MEMBERS WITH A NET +8

ZONE SIX HAS A NET LOSS OF 36 MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR
CHAPEL HILL HAS THE MOST NEW MEMBERS WITH A NET OF +3
24 WERE IN THE JOOI ADVISORY CLUB THAT WAS FOLDED

11 CLUBS CURRENTLY HAVE A PLUS IN MEMBERSHIP
14 CLUBS CURRENTLY HAVE A NET LOSS IN MEMBERSHIP
8 CLUBS HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF MEMBERS AS THE OCTOBER 1 DATE
2 CLUBS HAS BEEN REVOKED AND 1 CLUB FOLDED
THE MEMBER HAS RECEIVED THE DISTRICT SHIRT FOR SPONSORING 5 OR MORE MEMBERS

ALL CLUBS NEED TO CONTINUE TO WORK ON NEW MEMBERS AND NEED TO CONTINUE TO RETAIN ALL CURRENT MEMBERS. SEVERAL GOOD WAYS TO HAVE NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN THE CLUB IS TO USE THE NOW PROGRAM AND THE JUST ASK PROGRAM

Hello Fellow Optimists:

The year is quickly coming to an end! I guess it's true – time flies when you are having fun! I still have district positions that need to be filled – please let me know if you want to be a part of our team!

I just wanted to give a few reminders about the need for increased membership and new JOOI Clubs.

As you are aware from your own club, membership is down and there is a great program available which will help our membership. This program is called “FOO’s” – Friends of Optimists. This can actually be presented as a gift to your club’s supporters as a way of saying thank you for supporting your club. This would be for someone out side of your club who often serves as a sponsor or gives items at a reduced cost or free for your club projects.

Complete the FOO application (be sure to print on the application your name and club number) and send to membership services with the \$100 annual fee. A gift card will be sent in your name with the FOO welcome package. The sponsor club indicated on the application will receive \$40 of the annual fee. Again, be sure and complete your name and club number on the application so that you will get credit for the sponsorship.

Our district has many opportunities for **JOOI Clubs**. This is the time of year to check with your local high school to get dates for their “open house”. This usually is held before school begins. Ask for the details and get a couple of your members to help. This is a fun event. You will need a card table – decorate it to draw attention. You could have an activity for the students and give something to them AFTER you get their name, address, phone number and or email address. It will help if you can get a couple of students you may know and they will help you get an advisor. Have plenty of material about our programs – Essay, Oratorical, Jr Golf, to name a few!!! I have even made Bookmarks out of construction paper with the Youth code printed on it on one side and my club information on the other side. This is a creed that the parent will like and that will help get the students involved as well.

Please let me know if you have any questions on either of these important opportunities.

We have so much to give to our youth – not only in scholarship opportunities and other programs. We have the gift of time, friendship, helping, caring . . . the list can go on and on. And the important part to remember is that when we come together as Optimists, there are

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**Governor Elect
Barbara Timmons
North Raleigh Club**

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no stop signs! I believe that the more optimists there are, the more children we can serve. You do too! So lets step forward and serve our children – 1 by 1!

I look forward to seeing everyone at our District Meeting!

Yours in Optimism,

Barbara Timmons

NC EAST DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Now that we are in the fourth quarter of our Optimist year, I wanted to bring the following two items to your attention as we try to wrap up this year.

1. President's Pride Report (Required for Honor Club)

- The President's Pride Report replaces the Annual Activities Report and is required for Honor Club. The form can be found by going on the Optimist Leaders website (<http://www.Optimistleaders.org>) and click on forms on right side of page. Scroll down under "Membership and Club Administration" and click on "President's Pride Report." This report is due to Optimist International by September 30, 2008.



Ed Taylor
District Activities Chair

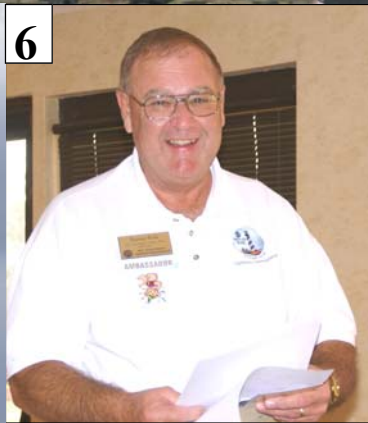
2. Community Projects Awards Program – Points to be claimed in fourth quarter for CPA Booklets have been significantly increased. The changes are reflected below. Clubs are encouraged to submit CPA booklets as they provide a great record of the event for future reference.

- **1000** A & A points will be awarded for the first CPA booklet and **500** points for all additional booklets submitted by a club.
- **1000** A & A points will be awarded for each club participating in joint booklets.
- Booklets are to be submitted to me by September 30, 2008. If mailed, they must be post-

marked no later than September 30th.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

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On opposite page, photos taken during Optimist International Convention, Grapevine, Texas.

1. Group picture NCE. 2. Dan & Barbara with current Governors introduced on stage. 3. Barbara & Ronnie with Don Sievers and incoming Governors introduced on stage. 4. Doug and Wanda taking the Vice Presidents walk at the Presidents Banquet. 5. The hotel was close to the airport landing pattern. 6. Tommy Peele OI Convention chair for NCE.

NC East District Board Meeting Roanoke Rapids, May 9-10

The following clubs were present at the board meeting: Cape Fear, Winter Park, Chapel Hill, Henderson, Wilmington, Greenville, Rocky Mount Evening, North Raleigh, Goldsboro, Roanoke Rapids, Wilson Evening, Whiteville, Golden Circle, and Garner.

Dan Durham called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance, and Carey Foster offered the prayer.

Carey Foster presented the minutes of the last meeting. Bill Edgerton made the motion and Jerry Medlin the second to accept them with the addition of adding Golden Circle as present at the last meeting. It passed unopposed.

Carey Foster presented the financial report. Sandy Cyphers made the motion and Bill Edgerton the second to accept it. The motion passed unopposed.

Ken Dixon presented a report on the Jr. golf tournament.

Bill Edgerton made a report on the CCDH contest.

Bob Verne made a report on the district convention.

Worth Starling presented the A&A awards for the second quarter.

Tommy Peele reported on the International convention.

Trish Verne gave a report on the CCC.

Daryl Fulcher did an alter call for the OI foundation.

Tom Lamont and Walt Armentrout made an alter call for the Boys and Girls Homes of NC.

Jerry Medlin reported on leadership development and a new computer workshop at the upcoming convention.

Gary Pender led the candidate qualifications including the election of Lt. Governors for next year.

Ellen Foster made PGI presentations.

Al Ludlum reported on the web page

Wayne Sidelinger reported on the district bulletin.

Jennifer Smith reported on membership and presented pins to the sponsors.

Marion Barnes led the district oratorical contest.

Barbara Timmons made remarks and Dan Durham made closing remarks.

Capital VA Governor made some comments.

Vice president Doug Lamm made some remarks.

The meeting was closed with the Optimist Creed.

Carey Foster

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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