

North Carolina East Optimist News

Greetings Optimists,

This district meeting for me is one of the best! Our youth participation in this meeting is going to be great. I have had the pleasure to be a part of several Club Essay contests and Oratorical contests and I have to tell each of you – you are in for a treat! These young people have always amazed me in these contests and this time is no different. When you think about their decision to enter the contests and follow through to completion, you have to admit they are doing something that many of us would not do! If your club has not participated in either contest, I encourage you to send a member from your club to join this program to see how it is done! What an opportunity for the youth in your community to compete, to possibly earn scholarship dollars, and to sharpen their skills! This also helps build their resume for college programs and builds their self esteem. Isn't supporting our youth what we do best! Also this year, we have a CCDHH contest. It is planned for May 14th and I look forward to sharing this experience with you! A special thank you to Billy Edgerton to getting this important event planned and completed. I am sure he will give us the details on our participants and his help in



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getting this accomplished!

Membership for the district as a whole is lower than it has ever been! However, we have many clubs that are continually bringing in new members! President Don Sievers has implemented a new program for membership which will help each club bring in “ONE NEW MEMBER FREE”. We will be sharing this program this weekend. We also have new clubs coming in this year – Adult clubs and JOOI clubs. This is the time to start working on JOOI and college clubs. I encourage your club to work toward these and Luke Hearn and Doug Lamm are available to help your club get these projects started and completed!

Joining us for the weekend is our Regional Vice President and Wife – Ron and Ann Lackey. Please join me in welcoming them and making them feel at home with our district. We will also be having our “Bragger’s Hall” on Friday night. This will be fun and interesting for our clubs continued growth and fundraising abilities. Sharing your clubs “best projects” will definitely help other clubs that are looking for new and easy projects. We can come together to learn, have some fun and great fellowship and enjoy some great food. We will also have updates from our District Chairs and they will be available to answer any of your questions.

Our next meeting will be our District Convention which will be held in North Myrtle Beach this year. The dates are September 10 – 13 and the location is the Bay Watch Resort. This is a beautiful location and excellent rates. It is an ideal setting for families! Please consider bringing your family to this event. It would be nice to have children at our convention! Yancey Hines will update us on this so that we can make plans. I encourage each club to find a way to get their officer elects at this training. Training is so important for your club officers. Also, when they come to the district training, they will be able to meet and get to know others which they will be working with in the next year. When we work together, we can accomplish so much more than alone! With a little planning and communicating, we can make a difference in a child’s life!

Our International convention is in Florida this year at the Gaylord Palms Resort, Kissimmee. The dates are July 8 – 11 and Tommy Peele will have important updates and rates for us. This is another great opportunity of training for your Club Officers and our District Officers. Plus, you will meet and get to know the rest of your Optimist friends from other districts! During this district meeting, we will be electing Lt. Governors. This is a challenging opportunity to work with clubs on the Zone level and get to know them. The early bird registration rates for them have been extended due to the voting time so I encourage each of you to plan on going to this convention!

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We have accomplished a lot this quarter as a district and I commend each of you for participating in your club activities! Remember – working together we can provide more for more Children! This is what we as Optimists do best!

We are Optimists – Friend of Youth!

Yours in Optimism,

Barbara Timmons
Governor

1st Quarter A&A Winners NCE District 2007-2008

Top Ten Clubs



From Left: No. 9, Raleigh Dinner, Carlton Baird; No. 8, Henderson, Kay Askew; No. 7, Chapel Hill, Madeline Jefferson; No. 6, Whiteville, Don Harritan; No. 5, Wilson Evening, Worth Starling; No. 4, Golden Circle, Angela Lane; No. 3, Raleigh, Bob Merlo; No. 2, Cape Fear, Andy Jackson; No. 1, Winter Park, Ned Gregory.

Top Clubs in Each Zone

Zone 1 Laurinburg, Bear Bryant
Zone 2 Whiteville, Don Harritan
Zone 3 Greenville, LouAnn Hardee
Zone 4 Golden Circle, Angela Lane
Zone 5 Henderson, Kay Askew
Zone 6 Raleigh, Bob Merlo



Top Lt. Governors



**Worth
Starling,
District
A&A
Chair**

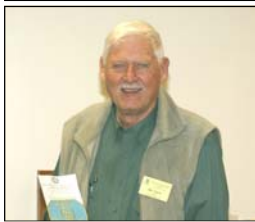


From Left: No. 3. Sheila Little, Zone 4; No. 2 David Fritz, Zone 6; No. 1 Auston Pusey, Zone 1

OI Foundation Awards—Clubs Per Member Average

	Cape Fear Auston Pusey \$140.22			Whiteville Don Harritan \$23.62
	Raleigh Dinner Carlton Baird \$100.27			Roanoke Rapids Carey Foster \$17.16
	Chapel Hill Madeline Jefferson \$85.23			Goldsboro Maurice Richardson \$15.39
	Rocky Mount Eve. David Hodges \$31.34			Henderson Kay Askew \$14.13
	Winter Park Tom Lamont \$27.19			Elizabethtown Emory White \$13.61
	Wilmington Bill Taylor \$25.89			Wilson Evening Doug Lamm \$12.20
	Greenville LouAnn Hardee \$25.83			Raleigh Bob Merlo \$11.91
	North Raleigh Barbara Timmons \$25.72			Appreciation Award Walt Armentrout

**OI Foundation Special Awards
2007-2008**



Wilmington
Bill Taylor
Eminent Benefactor Lifetime
\$10,000.



Tarboro
Sheila Little
Honored Benefactor
\$2500 Donation



Raleigh Dinner
Carlton Baird
Friend of Today Award.
\$500 donation



North Raleigh
Barbara Timmons
Friend of Today Award



Chapel Hill
Madeline Jefferson
Friend of Today Award



Carey Foster
Benefactor Award
\$1000 accumulative donations



Dan Durham
Friend of Today Award



Darrell Fulcher
Distinguished OI
Foundation Representative



Christian Larson
Partners Award
Calvin Miller
Cape Fear
\$1000 One Time
Donation



Wilmington Cape Fear, Highest Club Contribution
Bennie Bass, Andy Jackson, Robin Bass and Auston Pusey.

Dime a Day Awards:

Katherine Brennan, Robin Long, William Jackson, Tammy Jackson, Janet Pusey, Timothy Long.
Tim Brennan, Bruce Phillips, George Eickbush, Robert Whittaker, Tom McCutcheon, Donald Richards, Alan Hoal, Barbara Timmons, Margaret Potter, Cathy Potter, Marcus Potter.
William Brown, Stan Pickett, Joe King, Carey Foster, Wayne Sidelinger, Robert Verne and Nancy Hines.

Honor Clubs 2007-2008

	<p>Chapel Hill Madeline Jefferson, President</p>			<p>Goldsboro Joann Williams</p>
	<p>Roanoke Rapids Ellen Foster</p>			<p>Laurinburg Bear Bryant Don Barringer</p>
	<p>Henderson Thurman Murphy</p>			<p>Elizabethtown Emory White</p>
	<p>Rocky Mount Evening David Hodges</p>			<p>Wilmington Supper Lt. Gov. Bennie Bass For Brian Estes</p>
	<p>R. M. Breakfast Tommy Peele For Waymouth Allen</p>			<p>Wilmington Winter Park Tom Lamont</p>
	<p>Wilson Break- fast, Lt. Gov. Sheila Little For Horace Joyner</p>			<p>Cape Fear Robin Bass Auston Pusey</p>

**Special Awards
2007-2008**



**Optimist Creed Award
Rocky Mount Breakfast
Tommy Peele**



**Governors Club of the Year
Cape Fear, Bennie Bass, Robin Bass and
Austin Pusey, Distinguished Club
President**



**Builder of Excellence
Sandy Cyphers**



**No 1 Vice President, Optimist International
Doug Lamm**



**Outstanding and Distinguished Lt.
Governor Bennie Bass**



**Winter Park Distinguished Club
Governors Club of Excellence
Tom Lamont**



Gov. Dan Durham and Barbara

10 REASONS TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION

1. **DRIVE**. Gas is cheap...remember \$5 a gallon last summer vacation time?
2. **FLY**. Airlines are reducing rates to entice people to travel. Low low rates for this summer.
3. Airports aren't crowded!
4. **DISCOUNTS AND COUPONS** are all over the place for entertainment venues in Florida!
5. **TAKE** the grandkids, before they get too old and don't want to travel with you.
6. **OUR** convention, one location, hundreds of attractions, all in one area!
7. **TRAVEL** by bus. Greyhound still goes everywhere.
8. **POOL** resources and charter a bus. District and club Optimists travel together.
9. **SHARE** a room to save on hotel expenses.
10. **USE** food vouchers at convention!

Looking for a Roommate to Share the Hotel Room Cost??

The Convention department will put together a list of people who are interested in sharing a room. Just let us know at convention@optimist.org

All names must be submitted by May 22, 2009. We will compile the list and send it via email to individuals that have supplied us with an email address. You'll be responsible for making roommate matches or for making your own arrangements with the hotel.

Earlybird Deadline extended to May 11.

Lt. Governor Elect and Club President Elect --You have through June 5 to register and still receive the Earlybird rate.



Optimist International Convention 2009 July 8-11, Kissimmee, Florida

NEW ROOM RATE

\$149++ / night

Resort Fee \$10+ per night

FREE PARKING

Room Tax Currently 13% + 1% Osceola
County Assessment **fee**

100% Smoke Free

Everything under one roof

IConnect (Internet access) in each
room for no additional charge



Gaylord Palms

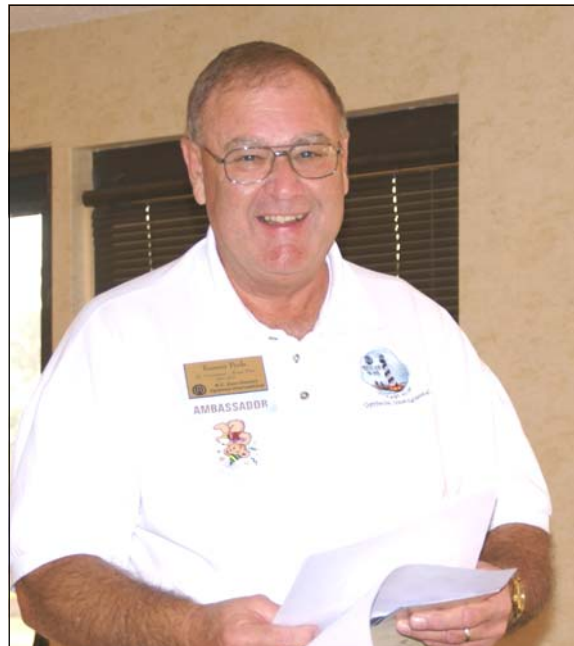
For Reservation: (407) 586-2000

or online at [Gaylord Palm Online housing](#)

Located just 1.5 miles from the Walt Disney World in close proximity to other Orlando theme parks and just 20 minutes from Orlando International airport.

Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center

6000 W. Osceola Parkway
Kissimmee, FL 34746



Tommy Peele
District Chairman
OI Convention

**The N. C. East Annual District
Convention
September 10 – 13, 2009
At The Bay Watch Resort and Con-
vention Center
“North Myrtle Beach’s Favorite Place**



**to Stay &
Play”**

Join all of your old Optimist friends and meet many new ones at this outstanding resort in North Myrtle Beach. You can

bring your family and friends three days before the convention and stay three leisurely days after the convention in this first class destination. Bay Watch has all the amenities and friendly help you could want at

significantly smaller prices that we have seen in many years. Bay Watch is a great place for family and kids and weekend get-a-weeks. All units have private balconies and eating areas. All suites (not studios) have kitchen spaces and liv-



ing room areas with fold-out sofas and Murphy beds in addition to the separate bedrooms.

(1) Ocean

View King Studios (May not be available)

(2) Ocean View Studios (\$83.88 inclusive of all fees)

(3) Oceanfront 1 bedroom suites (\$93.16 inclusive of all fees)

(4) Oceanfront 2 bedroom suites (\$131.44 inclusive of all fees)

Call now to reserve your unit – 1.800.845.9700. August 1, 2009 is the deadline. Tell the op-

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Yancey Hines, District
Convention Chairman

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erator that you are with the N. C. East District Optimists Convention. (Certain cancellation and/or early departure fees are applicable.) Now that you are ready to register for your place in the sun, be assured that all the traditional Optimist fellowship, fun, food, education, and renewal will be in place for your enjoyment.



Continuing from last year, NCE District Convention will be selling ads for the Convention Program. 1/4 page ad \$25, 1/2 Page Ad \$50 and full page ad \$85. September 1st, deadline.

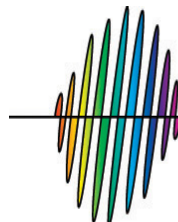
Submit your own ad mat or we'll build it for you.

Yancey Hines

The district Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH) will be held in Wilson at Something Different Restaurant, Thursday, May 14th. All clubs are encouraged to seek out the deaf students in your school system to participate in this contest. A meal will be provided. This contest reaches and benefits students that generally don't get that much recognition. You can pull up all the information on the Optimist Web Site. If you have any questions, please call or E-mail me.



Bill Edgerton, Chairman
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bedgerton4@nc.rr.com



COMMUNICATION CONTEST
for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL 

Boys & Girls Homes of North Carolina

Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina Christmas 2009

The Optimist Cottage boys invite all Optimist Clubs to help us decorate our Christmas tree this year by making a club ornament. Make sure to include your club's name on the ornament and be creative. It is our hope that all Optimist Clubs will be represented on the tree.

All ornaments should be sent by December 1, 2009 to:

Tom Lamont
Director of Civic Club Development
P. O. Box 127
400 Flemington Drive
Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450

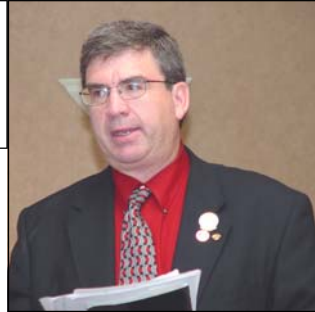


Please help us make Christmas 2009 a joyous holiday!





Tom Lamont
Boys & Girls Home
Representative



Efforts to revitalize the Boys and Girls Homes campus are underway. The Optimist Cottage and campus is looking much improved after a visit from East and West Districts Optimists. Optimist Work Day was held March 7 and we had a good turnout with over 60 attending. Again, the East out numbered the West District. Optimists helped with painting, moving furniture, power washing, cleaning the Optimist Cottage, trimming shrubs and mulching around the cottage, hanging fans, replacing and wiring flood lights, and lots of other jobs on campus. Needed items for the cottage were furnished by several Optimists. The day concluded with a cookout with the Lions, who were also on campus working. The Optimist out numbered the Lions and were fed by the Lions. The weather was beautiful and we accomplished most all of our projects.

THANKS TO ALL OPTIMISTS ATTENDING AND MAKING MARCH 7 WORK DAY A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS.

Boys and Girls Homes currently have 144 children in care with 51 living on campus.

Several of our NC East clubs have held fund raising projects for the home. Thanks to all involved in these efforts.

As we all know, the 5 x 12 program was replaced this year with the Century Club program. Tom Lamont will present the new CENTURY CLUB lapel pin at the district Board meeting May 15 -16.

Chaplain John's campus home is in need of renovation and any contributions specified for this project are greatly appreciated. The Chaplains home is 40 years old and is in need of updating.

Christmas is just around the corner. Optimist Cottage would like a Christmas Tree Ornament from all Optimist Clubs to hang on their tree this year. What a great way to remember our clubs. If your club has an ornament, please plan to send one for the Christmas Tree. If your club has no ornament, consider making an ornament with your club name on it and make Christmas special for our kids.

Carlton Baird,
Chairman Boys and Girls Homes of NC, Inc.



Boy & Girls Home Helping Hand Award



Wilmington Cape Fear, Bennie Bass, Andy Jackson, Robin Bass Auston Pusey and Tom Lamont, Boys & Girls Home Representative.



2008/2009 NORTH CAROLINA EAST DISTRICT OPTIMIST ORATORICAL CONTEST



Darrell Fulcher
District Oratorical Chairman
2008-09

District Essay Contest

This year's Essay Contest entries have proven to be some of the best in recent memory. And just think, you're going to get to hear the best of the best at our Quarterly District Meeting on May 16. Following the luncheon, we are all going to listen as our three District Essay Contest award winners will present their essays.

If you think about the 40 clubs in the District that can hold club level contests, take the winner from the participating clubs, bring them together and have them reviewed and judged by an outstanding panel of judges, then you can see why we will have the best of the best with us soon. And you can sit back, listen and enjoy. These young people will impress you with their imagination, they will inspire you with their thinking, and they will surprise you with their ideas.

Please come support these fine young people. Gather with their families and supporters as we listen to the winners of the District Essay Contest. I'm looking forward to hearing the essays and seeing you at the meeting.

Joe King
District Essay Chair



Start an Optimist Club in Your Community!



Trish Verne
Childhood Cancer Campaign
Phone 919-942-4144
Email: rverne@nc.rr.com



Club Services

Ed Taylor, District Club Services Chair
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Rocky Mount, NC 27803
Home Phone: 252-443-7523 Work Phone: 252-451-2968
Email ed.taylor@fcsbank.com



One of my responsibilities as Club Services Chair is to encourage clubs to work toward achieving Honor and Distinguished Club status. Clubs that achieve either status is normally a very healthy club and is in good standing with the District and Optimist International.

Therefore, please see requirements below and determine where you stand in achieving the requirements. If you have questions regarding these programs, please do not hesitate to contact me. I also want to encourage any clubs that are having issues within your club, please contact me for assistance.

Your work in promoting Optimism in your communities is appreciated.

Ed Taylor

Please see requirements below:

Club Recognition - Honor Club

Membership: Clubs with 1-74 Members net +5 (as of October 1, 2008); Clubs 75 or more net +1

Finances: to Optimist International by September 30, 2009

Complete three service projects & submit a minimum of one CPA entry

Submit Officer-Elect Report by May 20, 2009; submit President's Pride report by September 30, 2009

Club President or Board Member attends 50% of District meetings

Distinguished Club

Requirements for Honor Club and do any of the following by September 30, 2008:

Alternate A – Build a New Optimist Club

Sponsor a New Club with at least 25 Charter Members between October 1, 2008, and September 30, 2009, or Build two (2) Pilot Clubs with a minimum of 15 fully paid Charter Members. The Club must also complete the New Club Follow-up Program.

Alternate B – Membership Growth

For a Club of 25 or more Members on October 1, 2008: Show, by September 30, 2009, a net increase of 25 or more

For a Club of 24 Members or fewer on October 1, 2008: Show, by September 30, 2009, a net increase of at least 15 Members

Alternate C – JOOI Club Sponsorship & Membership

Part 1 - Sponsor a new JOOI Club – minimum of 15 fully paid Charter Members

Part 2 - The Sponsor Club shows a net increase of at least 15 Members.

*All dates refer to the 2008-2009 administrative year, which runs from October 1, 2008, to September 30, 2009.

*Sponsorship of a JOOI Club does not qualify for Adult New Club credit.

Club News

Roanoke Rapids: New club member, Ed Liverman. Texas Holdem Contest was held in March.

Whiteville: Achievement in Education is scheduled for May 18th.

Garner: Held their Seafood fundraiser May 11. Essay contest winners have been announced.

Bob Harvin was elected Optimist of the 2nd Quarter. Respect for Law Dinner was held May 11.

Chapel Hill: A NOW meeting is scheduled for May 20th. A yard sale was held May 9th. They are hosting a brunch at Ron McDonald House May 3rd.

Raleigh: Several members attended and assisted in the Mile of Hope at Atlantic Beach, May 2nd.

The Rex Golf Classic will be held May 25-31.

Wilmington: Their meeting costs are under control. All you can eat for \$6.79. Donated \$200 to the Mile of Hope program.

Goldsboro: Holding the District CCDHH contest at Something Different Restaurant in Wilson ,May 14th. Held Youth Appreciation week program on March 14.

Elizabethtown: Kids Appreciation Day was held May 2nd. Six members attended the work day at Boys and Girls Home.

Rocky Mount Evening: By unanimous vote the Optimist Donkey will be involved in new member installations.

Wilson Evening: Joined Goldsboro in holding the District CCDHH in Wilson May 14th.

Participated in the Special Olympics, May 1. Held Respect for Law Banquet May 7th.

Honored 3 law officers.

Remember at filling stations when you got your windshield cleaned, oil checked and gas pumped without asking, all for free, every time. And you didn't pay for air, and, you got trading stamps to boot.



Governor Elect

While the club elections are fresh on our minds, don't forget the third quarter District Meeting is our election (or volunteering) for Lt. Governors. As it stands, I've had two zones to step up to the plate with a volunteer. Zone one and zone three have Lt. Governor volunteers unless someone elects to campaign and run against them.

Thanks in advance.

Yours in Optimism,

Auston



Gov. Elect Auston Pusey

District Membership



1 member, Golf Shirt Plus Pin

Membership Incentives



District Membership Chairman
Bennie Bass



Three Members \$50



5 Members \$100



Jerry Kelly, Optimist Membership Promotion Team from the Michigan District

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From Webmaster –

Hello Optimist:

We've added a new Tabbed section to the Web site called Building Clubs & Membership. We are still under construction for this page & open to add any thing that helped you build a club or add membership that would help others. I also need your web site info to update that info on the district page.

Thanks – Al Ludlum

From Leadership Development –

Hello Optimist That Need To Be Trained:

I am building our training team at this time for the 4th quarter meeting in 2009. We are taking your suggestions from last August & applying them with what worked at the last session. If you would like to help train or just help set up & assist let me know & we will put you to work.

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.



Junior Golf Tournament will be held in Laurinburg, June 6-7.

Donald Barringer

District Junior Golf Chairman

919-426-5824



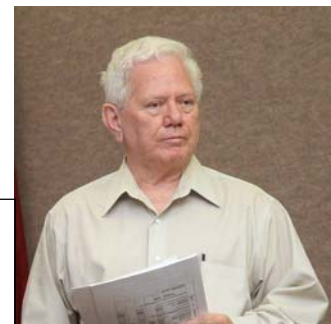
Personal Growth & Involvement (PGI)

Gary Pender

919-920-9190



College Clubs
Doug Lamm
252-243-0233





DISTRICT FOUNDATION INCENTIVES

\$911
the amount raised at the
Annual NCE District
OI Foundation Auction
at the February Board
Meeting.

HELP REACH THE
GOAL OF
\$22,000



“UNRESTRICTED FUNDS”

1. EACH OPTIMIST MEMBER THAT DONATES TO THE DIME A DAY PROGRAM, \$36.50 WILL HAVE HIS/HER NAME PLACED IN A DRAWING FOR \$100.00.
2. EACH MEMBER DONATING \$100.00 AND RECOGNIZED AS CENTURY CLUB MEMBER WILL HAVE HIS/HER NAME PLACED IN A DRAWING FOR \$200.00.
3. EACH MEMBER DONATING \$250.00 AND RECOGNIZED AS A PRESIDENT'S CLUB MEMBER OF THE HIS/HER WILL HAVE HIS/HER NAME PLACED IN A DRAWING FOR \$350.00. THESE INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR FIRST YEAR WILL RECEIVE A PRESTIGIOUS LAPEL PIN AND ALSO RECEIVE A NUMBERED COLLECTOR'S PLATE.
4. EACH MEMBER DONATING \$500.00 AND RECOGNIZED AS A FRIEND OF TODAY, EACH CLUB PRESIDENT, CLUB FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVE WHOSE CLUB DONATES \$500 OR MORE ALONG WITH THE LT. GOVERNOR OF THE DISTRICT WHO'S ZONE RAISES THE MOST IN UNRESTRICTED DONATIONS WILL HAVE HIS/HER NAME PLACED IN A DRAWING FOR A 32" FLAT SCREEN COLOR TELEVISION AND EACH MEMBER OR CLUB DONATING OVER \$500.00 WILL RECEIVE A SIGNED AND NUMBERED COLLECTOR'S PRINT.
5. EACH CLUB PRESENTING AN UNRESTRICTED DONATION OF \$1000.00 OR MORE/OR A CHRISTIAN D. LARSON RECOGNITION OF \$1000.00 WILL HAVE THE CLUB'S NAME PLACED IN THE DRAWING FOR THE SAME 32" FLAT SCREEN COLOR TELEVISION LISTED IN NUMBR 4. ABOVE... Example: \$1000.00 Donation (two chances) \$1500.00 (three chances) \$2000.00 (four chances) \$2500.00 (five chances), \$3000 (six chances), \$3500.00 OR MORE (eight chances).

ALL AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED
AT THE
FEBRUARY 2010 AWARDS LUNCHEON

North Carolina East District, Optimist International 2nd Quarter Board of Directors Meeting February 21, 2009

Attendees:

Executive Committee Members: Barbara Timmons, Bob Verne, Auston Pusey, Emery White, Lou Anna Hardee, Sheila Little, Carey Foster, David Fritz, Dan Durham, Gary Pender

Clubs Represented: Bennett-Wilson, Cape Fear, Chapel Hill, Elizabethtown, Garner, Golden Circle, Goldsboro, Greenville, Henderson, Laurinburg, North Raleigh, Raleigh, Raleigh Dinner, Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount Breakfast, Rocky Mount Evening, Whiteville, Wilmington, Wilson Evening and Winter Park.

Minutes:

Governor Barbara Timmons called this 2nd quarter regular District Board of Directors meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Secretary-Treasurer Bob Verne presented the minutes from the 1st quarter Board of Directors meeting.

Jerry Medlin moved to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Bob Verne also presented the 1st quarter financial report. Jerry Medlin moved to accept the financial report as presented. Motion passed.

The following committee reports were received:

- o Convention Yancey Hines
- o Membership Bennie Bass
- o Club Services Ed Taylor
- o Junior Golf Don Barringer
- o OI Ambassador Tommy Peele
- o PGI Gary Pender
- o Boys & Girls Home Carlton Baird & Tom Lamont
- o O.I. Foundation Sandy Cyphers
- o Achievements & Awards Worth Starling
- o District Bulletin Wayne Sidelinger
- o CCDHH Bill Edgerton
- o Childhood Cancer Campaign Trish Verne
- o New Club Building Barbara Timmons

Jerry Kelley, an O.I. Certified Trainer, led a training session on "Membership: Retention & NOW."

Governor-Elect Auston Pusey offered his comments and discussed his plans for focusing on membership development for the next Optimist year.

Governor Barbara Timmons offered her closing remarks.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 pm after a recitation of the Optimist Creed.

Robert D. Verne
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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