



North Carolina East Optimist News

Greetings Fellow Optimists,

For those of you keeping score, I'm proud to say our NC East District has stepped up to the challenge and has held the top spot in the rankings for most of the first quarter. As of December 31, 2009, we were plus 54 Members and have a growth percentage of 104.72. Thanks to you, our Growth Team, for putting our District on the map. Keep up the good work and be proud of what we stand for and share it!



On the down side, our organization is ALREADY minus 2209 in Membership in the first quarter. It is my wish that all Members Internationally realize the urgency of the need to recruit new Members. We are now at about half of our peak in Membership in the early nineties. We need to rally around President Mark Shriver and make this truly a year of growth for the sake of millions of Kids who are depending on us as their "Friend of Youth".

Please encourage your members to attend our District meetings. There's lots of information to share and we have a good time in the process. Our second quarter meeting is highlighted by the OI Foundation Auction on Friday night.

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On Saturday, we'll have our regular District Meeting and break for lunch and cap off the morning with the awards from the previous year. As a special treat, we're going to play a Texas Hold Em' Poker Tournament with the proceeds going to the OI Foundation. Don't worry about being inexperienced, as we will have dealers to help you. This is a great fund raiser and a perfect time to learn how to host a tournament for your Club.

There are at least 3 new Clubs in the works and hopefully we'll get them on board during the 2nd quarter. If you know of a potential community that would be a good fit for our organization, please contact our new Club Building Chair, Barbara Timmons.

Keep up the good work in your Clubs and our District will benefit from it. If you need help, please don't hesitate to contact one of our Committee Chairs or me personally.

"Remember, membership is an honor and privilege....so share it"

Yours in Optimism

Auston



Installation night at the new Wake Forest Optimist Club

4th Quarter A&A Winners NCE District 2008-2009

Top Ten Clubs



L to R: 1. Garner, Jerry Medlin; 2. Cape Fear, Robin Long; 3. Winter Park, Phil Best; 4. North Raleigh, Barbara Timmons; 5. Golden Circle, Carol Collier; 6. Greenville, Gary Pender; 7. Whiteville, Don Harritan; 8. Wilson Evening, Horace Goff; 9. Wilson Breakfast, not Present); 10. Henderson, Thurman Murphy.

Top Clubs in Each Zone

L to R: Zone 1, Cape Fear, Robin Long; Zone 2, Whiteville, Don Harritan; Zone 3, Greenville, LouAnna Hardee; Zone 4, Golden Circle, Carol Collier; Zone 5, Henderson, Thurman Murphy; Zone 6, Garner, Jerry Medlin.



Top Lt. Governors



L to R: 1st, Lt. Gov. Zone 6, David Fritz, (Standing in, Barbara Timmons); 2nd, Lt. Gov. Zone 1, Auston Pusey 1; 3rd, Lt. Gov., Zone 4, Sheila Little

Worth Starling,
District A&A
Chair



OI Convention, Denver Colorado



I am also in the process of organizing a trip that will go to the Air Force Academy, Garden of the Gods, and a train ride to the top of Pikes Peak. They will get us at the hotel and bring us back. It is about a 10 hour tour with lunch included. The price will be between \$95 and \$115.

There must be at least 10 people signed up. It tentatively will be on the Tuesday before the convention starts. Let me know at the district meeting if you are interested. I also gave the information to OI.

Carey



New 3 day International Convention schedule in Denver necessitates changes:

Officer Elect Training has moved from Friday to Thursday, same time.

Workshops are now 1 hour long.

The Banquet has been moved to Friday night.

The Keynote speaker will be included in the 3rd Business Session.

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Hospitality Night is now Saturday night.

The 16th Street Mall is Denver's hub of shopping, dining and entertainment that stretches for 16 blocks in the heart of downtown. A free shuttle service stops at every intersection to transport shoppers to more than a mile of restaurants and shops. The 16th Street Mall recently became a wireless internet hot spot-visitors can log on for free anywhere along the Mall or Skyline Park.

Conveniently located near many top attractions. The Denver Performing Arts Complex and Colorado Convention Center are just two blocks from the Mall. Coors Field, The Pepsi Center and City Lights Pavilion are only four blocks away, making 16th Street Mall an excellent place to stop before or after a game or show.

Locals and visitors alike enjoy strolling down the Mall's wide, pedestrian friendly sidewalks to people watch and visit with friends. Since no cars are allowed to drive through the Mall, navigating on foot or with the free shuttles is easy. Street vendors and performers add to the exciting atmosphere found here.

The mall is home to many of the most popular shops, including Virgin Records Megastore, Niketown and Gap. The Mall's delicious restaurants, including Maggiano's Little Italy, Hard Rock Cafe and Rock Bottom Brewery, are all excellent places to take a break from a hard day of shopping. Several smaller cafes can also be found along the street, including Paradise Bakery, Suzy Q's Deli & Frozen Yogurt and Good Times. For a unique outdoor shopping experience, 16th Street Mall is the perfect choice while visiting Denver.



The Bay Watch Resort and Convention Center at North Myrtle Beach , SC will be the location for the 2010 North Carolina East District Convention. Dates to be announced.

CLUB SERVICES CHAIRMAN

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PURPOSE: To help make the Club as strong as possible through proven, Optimist Club methods – specifically through working toward and the attainment of Honor Club status.

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:

- . Track Club's progress toward attaining Honor Club status.
- . To assist the Club President in promoting attendance at District/Zone meetings.
- . To encourage new member induction's, orientation and involvement into the Club in a timely and memorable fashion.

As Chairman, I am to urge Club leadership to develop an action plan for attainment of Honor Club status in addition to ongoing Club Services needs.

- a) What is going to be done? b) Who is going to do it? c) When is it going to be completed?

Club Recognition - Honor Club

- Membership: Clubs with 1-74 Members Net +5 (as of October 1); Clubs 75 or more net +1 (as of October 1)
- Finances: to Optimist International by September 30, 2010
- Complete three service projects & submit a minimum of one CPA entry
- Submit Officer-Elect Report by May 20, 2010; Submit President's Pride report by September 30, 2010
- 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, 2010:

- Alternate A – Build a New Optimist Club
Sponsor a New Club with at least 25 Charter Members between Oc-

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tober 1 and September 30 or build (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:

Show, by September 30, 2010, a net increase of 25 Members or more

For a Club of 24 Members or fewer on October 1:

Show, by September 30, 2010, a net increase of 15 Members or more

- 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 2009-2010 administrative year, which runs from October 1, 2009, to September 30, 2010.

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

Ed Taylor

Club Services Chair



Friday night meal at 1st Quarter Board Meeting in Laurinburg.



The clubs and individuals in our district are very good about donating to the Optimist International Foundation. This year it is even more important to give. Each of the scholarships for the Oratorical, CCDHH and the Essay Contest have been increased to \$2,500. This means our district will be getting back almost twice as much in scholarships as we have been in the past. Along with the scholarships, most of the other programs we use, as Optimist, are either funded or partially funded by the Foundation.

If your club has been donating to the Foundation, THANK YOU, if your club has not been donating, please add it to your budget for this year.

For the many members that donate, there are various levels of giving, from the Dime-A-Day (\$36.50), the Century Club (\$100.), the President's Club (\$250.) on up to the Christian Larson one time gift of \$1,000. Any club or individual that donates a minimum of \$500. will receive a framed print.

For additional information please contact me at 919-920-8541 or E-mail at bedgerton4@nc.rr.com. Thank you for all your help.

BILL EDGERTON



COMMUNICATION CONTEST for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL 

COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

This is the time to start searching out those youth with hearing impairments. The scholarship for the CCDHH contest has been increased to \$2,500. for this year. The topic for this year's contest is "Cyber Communication - Progress or Problem!" With the problems our kids get into on the internet, this is a very timely topic. The contest will again be held in Wilson at the school for the deaf, but all clubs are encouraged to find the students in their areas that qualify and have them participate. More information will be provided later but in the meantime if you have questions, please contact me at 919-920-8541 or bedgerton4@nc.rr.com.



THANKS,
BILL EDGERTON

JOOI CLUBS
JUNIOR OPTIMIST OCTAGON INTERNATIONAL
TEN (10) REASONS TO BUILD A JOOI CLUB

We as Optimists have the awesome opportunity and responsibility to affect the future by impacting the lives of children in our communities. Our organization runs wonderful projects and programs to make our communities a better place to live and to show that we are "BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS" and truly are a "FRIEND OF YOUTH." YES, that's what we do as optimists and you ask why then if we are already working with children should we sponsor JOOI Clubs? There are many reasons to build a JOOI Club, but the following are the TOP TEN REASONS.



10. Membership recruitment possibilities of JOOI parents and relatives
9. To offer kids the opportunity to develop to their full potential
8. It embodies the true meaning of "BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS"
7. JOOI enthusiasm and fresh ideas may be the spark to get you and your club motivated
6. To work directly with the kids and influence their lives
5. For the JOOI OF IT
4. Eager hands to help your club with service projects and fundraisers
3. Kids keep us on our toes and make us feel young and vibrant
2. JOOI kids grow into adult OPTIMISTS
1. It's an investment in our future and the future of the Optimist organization

Please give me a call if you or your club, are interested in building a JOOI Club. I will be glad to make the time to come speak with you and to assist in making the building of the JOOI Club a reality in your community.

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JOOI District Chairman
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District Oratorical Contest

This speech contest is designed to inspire today's youth to motivate and inform others through the art of public speaking. It provides young people with the opportunity to compete for a college scholarship and express their views on a pre-assigned topic.

How to Enter

Interested students submit a speech on the pre-assigned topic to their local Optimist Club. To find out the contact in your area, please e-mail the Programs Department at programs@optimist.org.

Eligibility

Students under the age of 16 years as of December 31 of the 2009-2010 school year (December 31, 2009) and who are educated in the United States, Canada or the Caribbean. In the NC East District, boys and girls will compete in separate contests. See the official contest rules for additional eligibility requirements.

Topic

For the 2009-2010 contest, the topic is: **"Cyber Communication...Progress or Problem"**.

Length of Speech

The speech must be at least 4 minutes but not over 5 minutes in length.

Scholarship Amount

NC East District will award two \$2,500 scholarships, one each to the boy and girl District winners.

Key Dates

Club Contests are to be completed before April 9, 2010

Zone Contests are to be completed before April 23, 2010

The names of the zone contest winners must be provided to the District Contest Chair by **May 1, 2010**.

Important: Also by **May 1, 2010**, the following documents must be provided to the District Contest Chair:



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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 22, 2010** at the Third Quarter District Meeting at the Sheraton Imperial, Research Triangle Park.

Application Form and Rules

Click [HERE](#) to download a copy of the official entry application form and rules.

Program Guide

Click [HERE](#) to download the Optimist International Oratorical Contest Club Program Guide. This document also contains a copy of the application and rules.

2009-2010 District Chair

Lou Anna Hardee

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Editor's note: CPA Chairman, Dave King, passed away on January 29. This article was submitted on January 19, 2010.

COMMUNITY PROJECT AWARDS (CPA) PROGRAM.

As we enter the 5th month of our current year, many of our clubs used Christmas time as an opportunity to raise money to fund many of their club's annual projects. Others used this time to serve their community. If your club falls into these categories, I encourage you to put a CPA book together showcasing your efforts. Not only is it a requirement for being an Honor Club, but also is a fantastic way to record your efforts in serving the community. A CPA book serves several purposes. Not only does it document the clubs' activities, but shows how the project was started and completed. It is a great source to showcase what activities that your club has been involved in to prospective members when they visit your club or even potential committee chairmen. Be sure to report these projects on the quarterly A&A report to receive the credit that you deserve and work so hard to obtain. CLUB PRESIDENTS, LT GOVERNORS, AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE A&A REPORTS, IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP ABREAST OF THIS IMPORTANT REQUIREMENT. TOGETHER, WE CAN ENSURE THE CLUBS IN THE NCE DISTRICT ARE RECOGNIZED FOR MEETING THESE REQUIREMENTS.



Dave King
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Childhood Cancer Campaign

CHILDHOOD CANCER CAMPAIGN REPORT



The Optimist International Childhood Cancer Campaign (CCC) was created to meet the needs of children with cancer. I congratulate all those clubs and individuals who helped fund our million dollar research fellowship at Johns Hopkins. We've won a battle, but not the war. There is still much work to be done to raise public awareness and to "be the leading force to rid the world of childhood cancer." Our goals to provide support for the children, their families and their caregivers still remain.

To help clubs meet these goals, the CCC has established the CCC Matching Grants Program. I have been asked to serve on the CCC Advisory Panel. We are now accepting grant applications for the 2010 Optimist year. Any club conducting a CCC project is eligible to apply for a matching grant of up to \$2,500. Now is a great time to start that project or event that your club has been considering.

The application is a simple two-page form. After approval of the grant request 50% of the award will be paid to the club. The remaining 50% will be paid after the final report is submitted to the Advisory Panel for review within 30 days of the projects' completion. Clubs may submit one CCC matching grant request per Optimist year. The application is available on the OI website. If you have questions about the grant program contact me at pverne43@gmail.com or Danielle Baugher at www.optimist.org.

Welcome to the new Port City Optimist Club. They will be working to support the children being treated at New Hanover Regional Hospital. They already have several programs planned to help the kids and their families. I look forward to working with them.

Trish Verne



Gov. Austin Pusey receiving congratulations from OI Representative, Vice President David Prather.

District Membership

Recruiting Incentives 2009 - 2010

NC East District GROWTH TEAM

"First in Flight....First in Youth Services"

- * One new member
 - OI Lapel Pin - silver
 - NC East Pin
 - NC East Shirt (first member)
 - Appetizer coupon to Carrabbas Italian Grill
- * Three New Members
 - OI Lapel Pin - Gold
- * Five New Members or BOE (Builder of Excellence)
 - Mid-Atlantic Region Pin
- * OI Milestones for new Members
 - 10 Silver Pin
 - 25 Gold Pin w/one Diamond
 - 50 Gold Pin w/two Diamonds
 - 75 Gold Pin w/three Diamonds
 - 100 Gold Pin w/four Diamonds
 - etc. on up to 250

Note: FOO (Friend of Optimist) counts same as sponsoring a Club Member. Also counts toward District total and Club total if you so designate.

1st place recruiter (15 member minimum)
- \$1000 CASH!



Bennie Bass, membership Chairman.

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- Plaque signifying accomplishment

2nd place recruiter (8 member minimum)

- \$500 CASH!

3rd place recruiter (5 member minimum)

- \$200 CASH!

"Governor's Challenge" Recruiting incentive

- Recruit more members than the Governor and win a stainless steel grill or \$300 cash (one prize only for the highest total)

*** Bonus Incentive: Anyone who sponsors at least 10 members (FOO or Club or combination)

between October 1, 2009 & December 31, 2009 will receive \$100 cash!

NOTE: Stay tuned to new Club building incentives.

NOTE to all NC East District GROWTH TEAM Members: Encourage your Clubs to create a Membership Drive with recruiting incentives.

The following is from the Roanoke Rapids News Letter. In each issue, the Bulletin will reprint articles or entire news letters from various clubs in North Carolina East.

Editor: Carey Foster

A Year in Review

Our club has been very busy providing support for the youth of our community during the past year.

The next few paragraphs will remind us of what we do as a club with the motto of "Friend of Youth".

In the area of sports, we offered t ball, coach pitch, and the pitching machine league, an introduction to fun sports program, and a summer fun softball league. We sponsored 3 youth basketball teams in the recreation league. We also did tri-star football and basketball.

In the area of education we offered an essay contest, oratorical contest, and gave 2 scholarships.

We also participated in other community service projects which include the Halloween carnival and haunted house, a coloring contest for Halloween and Christmas with the winners painting their pictures on the entrance to the recreation center. We passed out informa-

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tion on the ABC (always buckle children in the back seat) program.

We also assisted several families at Christmas and some families who had children with cancer.

We continue to sponsor the Octagon Club at Halifax Academy.

We honored those who support to our community and youth by giving a Law Officer of the year, an Excellence in Education, Cooperate Friend of Youth, and a Jay Harris Friend of Youth Award.

In the broader community we supported the Child Cancer Campaign, which is supporting John Hopkins University in providing a cure for AML. We supported the Boys and Girls Homes of NC, and the OI Foundation. We supported the Kids in Cars program financially and passed out brochures on car safety with kids. We also have brochures from Phillip Morris on offering tips on preventing kids from smoking. We made a donation to Christina Smiles which gives dental services to underprivileged kids

We also added the Kaboom program this year to encourage kids to come outside and play.

All of this was done with funds raised by various concession sales at our Optimist sports games, concerts in the park, and flag football. Also, the sale of Christmas trees, stew sale, cook books, and proceeds from pictures in our sports programs made this possible. We also hosted a Texas Holdem tournament and a golf tournament. A big thanks goes to each of you who participated in any way in any of these projects. We estimate that we served over 1600 youth directly with our projects. Optimist International says you serve about 31 kids per member. If you do the math you see that we are doing our job very well.

Thanks to each of you for the contributions you made to the youth in our community.

An active Optimist

While working our various projects I usually tell people about what we do and invite them to a meeting, I get several polite thank yous, a few maybes, a few no responses, and of course a few that said they did not think they were interested or belonged to another group. One response stuck with me. The person said "I do not think I could be an active Optimist".

I got to thinking about what would be considered an active Optimist. I thought about the usual things such as attending meetings regularly, chairing several committees, serving on several more, and showing up for most projects and fund raisers.

But I also got to thinking outside the box a little. Of course, it would be great if every member could do everything, but that is not realistic with most people working full time jobs, raising a family, getting their kids to many different activities, and being active in their church and other groups.

I believe that an active Optimist is one that sets a positive example by being active with his or her kids and other ones as well. An active Optimist is one that juggles their schedule to attend meetings when they can for fellowship, community information through our programs, and to keep up with what is happening in the club. An active optimist is also one that helps out with projects when they can. A few projects a year can make a big difference to the youth in the community, and help share the load a little. An active Optimist is one who believes in the purposes of the Optimist club and lives by the Creed.

When you approach possible member prospects, please include some of this in your presentation to them when you get a response that deals with not having the time or worrying about how much will be expected of them.

P. G. I. PERSONAL GROWTH AND INVOLVEMENT

This ten level program through Optimist International helps members to become more knowledgeable about our organization as well as a better volunteer and better person for “FRIEND OF YOUTH.”

As Optimists we are already aware of the many benefits of being an Optimist, “A Friend of Youth” and “Bringing Out the Best in Kids” which are the top reasons and benefits but the next benefit is the P.G.I. program.

Through communication training, self-development modules you are taught and other personal growth activities, you will have a deeper appreciation for the organization and also will enhance your very own leadership and personal skills. I guess you could say it affords you the opportunity to learn more about yourself and to grow as an individual and an optimist.

The district recognizes Optimist members as they achieve each new level within the ten level program with a colored border to wear attached to your optimist pin. The ultimate achievement is Level Ten. Each optimist member that achieves Level Ten are recognized on stage at the International Convention and receives a special background insignia to wear with the optimist pen.

It's easy to get started and if you have already started, continue to work on achieving all ten levels. It's not too late, even if you have been an Optimist for years. In fact that makes it easier for you to achieve the levels faster. Make it one of your New Years' Resolution as an Optimist to strive to achieve a level or two. You'll be glad you did.

PLEASE SEND ALL REQUESTS FOR LEVELS TO ME AND I WILL FORWARD THE INFORMATION TO OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL. If you send the information to Optimist International it will take longer in that they mail the request back to me

If you would like more information on the P.G.I. Program, check out the Optimist web site at www.optimist.com or give me a call. I am here as the District Chairman to assist you in your desire to grow with our organization.

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CRASH Wrestling proud to announce our first show in Swansboro, NC, on Sat. Feb 27th, to help raise money for the **Crystal Coast Optimist Club**, which is used to support local youth.

Come witness Live Pro Wrestling action as CRASH Wrestling and the Crystal Coast Optimist Club team up to help local youth. This FAMILY FRIENDLY show will raise money for the Crystal Coast Optimist Club and is sure to entertain children and parents alike.

There will be autograph sessions and photo opportunities throughout the show... BRING YOUR CAMERA! There will also be concessions for sale so be sure to COME HUNGRY!!

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 - Bell Time is 7:30pm. Come early to get the best seats!

***ADVANCE TICKET LOCATIONS:**

- Carteret Heating and Cooling (Cedar Point)
- Sound ACE Hardware (Emerald Isle)
- Eastern Embroidery (Broad Creek)

**Advanced Tickets will be available 2/08/2010*

Rotary Civic Center:
 1104 Main Street Ext
 Swansboro, NC 28584-9114
 (910) 326-6175



Don Harrigan, OI Field Rep, installing Port City Optimist Club, Charter President, Lori Harris.

NC East District - New Club News

By Barbara Timmons

Great things are happening in the NC East District!!! When we gathered for our District Conference in North Myrtle Beach, each zone committed to building new clubs by offering possible locations. These possible new clubs are: Zone 1 – Wilmington and Topsail; Zone 2 – Hope Mills and Pembroke; Zone 3 – Kinston and New Bern; Zone 4 – Nashville; Zone 5 – Scotland Neck; Zone 6 – Fuquay-Varina and Durham. ***Please if you know anyone in these areas, let your respective Lt. Governor, Auston and I know so that we may contact these individuals as well.***

We have a newly chartered club in Wilmington. On January 27, 2010, 27 charter members of the Optimist Club of the Port City met for their organizational meeting – and they are still adding new members! This will be a great and strong club and **please welcome them to our District meeting!** Charter President Lori Harris was very instrumental in getting this club together and they have several great projects planned! Be sure and introduce to yourself to each of these new Optimists this weekend! Thanks to Tom Lamont, Sandy Cyphers, Allan Ludlum, Phil Best and Auston Pusey for your support of this new club.

Our Wake Forest Optimist Club held their Charter Banquet January 9, 2010 at the Heritage Golf Clubhouse in Wake Forest. They were presented with their new club bell, gavel and club banner and the charter members and officers were installed. Thanks to David Fritz, Bob and Trish Verne and Ronnie for your support of this new club! A special thank-you to Les Craft for donating their Creed Banner!

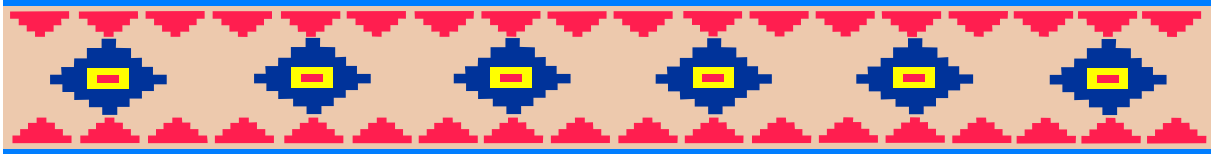
David Fritz, Carlton Baird and I are still working on the Fuquay-Varina club and Lou Anna, the Greenville club, Gary Pender, Auston and I are still working on the New Bern Club. Auston is now working on a club in Wallace! Go through your mail list, phone list, email list and co-worker list – just any list you may have and check for people you may know in the above areas. Personally contact them and ask them to become Optimists! Then get their contact information to anyone on your growth team.



Very recently, two Winter Park Optimist members, active in NC East District, have passed away. Dave King, most recently District CPA Chairman and Walt Armentrout, most recently, District Boys & Girls Home Chairman.



Walt Armentrout,
December 27, 2009



Dave King,
January 29, 2010



FIRST QUARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Hampton Inn Laurinburg, N.C.
Saturday, October 25, 2009



The following members of the Executive Board of Directors were present:

Auston Pusey	Governor
Lou Anna Hardee	Governor-Elect
Allan Ludlum	District Secretary-Treasurer
Barbara Timmons	Immediate Past Governor
Tom Lamont	Lt. Governor Zone 1 – Winter Park
Don Harritan	Lt. Governor Zone 2 – Whiteville
Gary Pender	Lt. Governor Zone 3 - Goldsboro
Linda Watson	Lt. Governor Zone 4 – Golden Circle
Carey Foster	Lt. Governor Zone 5 – Roanoke Rapids

Clubs Represented
Bennett Optimist
Cape Fear Optimist
Chapel Hill Optimist
Garner Optimist
Golden Circle Optimist Club Of Wilson
Goldsboro Optimist
Greenville Optimist
Henderson Optimist

Laurinburg Optimist
North Raleigh Optimist
Roanoke Rapids Optimist
Vine Grove KY & Frankfort KY Optimist
Whiteville Optimist
Wilmington Optimist
Wilson Evening Optimist
Winter Park Optimist

Guest from OI ,David Prather ,International Vice President 09-10

Governor Auston Pusey called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag & the invocation were given.

Governor Auston Pusey recognized first time attendees. Governor Auston Pusey also introduced International Vice President – David Prather .

4th Quarter Financial report, given by Barbara Timmons. Motion to accept was made by Carey Foster of Roanoke Rapids – Seconded by Linda Watson of Golden Circle - Approved.

4th Quarter Convention report, given by Barbara Timmons. Motion to accept was made by Gary Pender of Goldsboro – Seconded by Don Harritan - Whiteville - Approved.

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2009-2010 Proposed Budget - presented by Wayne Sidelinger – Finance Chairperson.
Item 1. Chairperson added, Internet Safety – reimbursement for hotel & travel to district meetings.

Motion to accept as proposed & final budget was made by Horace Goff of Wilson – Seconded by Barbara Timmons of North Raleigh - Approved.

Newsletter information, given by Wayne Sidelinger.

NC East Web Site information, given by Allan Ludlum.

Internet Safety report & information, given by Maurice Nicholson.

JOOI Clubs & PGI report & updates, given by Sandy Cyphers.

2008-09 4th Qtr A&A Awards were handed out by Worth Starling. Dan Durham reported on 1st quarter A&A report changes.

Childhood Cancer Campaign & Roll Call information, given by Trish Verne.

2009-10 OI Foundation information & Roll Call was given by Bill Edgerton.

CCDHH information, given by Bill Edgerton.

NC East Web Site information by Allan Ludlum.

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

Oratorical Contest information, given by Bob Verne.

CCDHH information, given by Bill Edgerton.

Boys and Girls Homes report & Roll Call, given by Gary Pender & Tom Lamont. Annual Optimist Day will be March 6, 2010.

Activities - CPA information, given by Dave King. 2008-09 books were awarded by Barbara Timmons.

Club Services report, given by Barbara Timmons.

Membership report, given by Bennie Bass. Bennie also outlined the incentives for this year.

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Club Services report, given by Doug Lamm. Doug also said if any clubs need any help or attention please call.

Leadership Development Plan was reported on by Darrell Fulcher. Darrell also provided information about upcoming events for Leadership Development.

2010 NC East Convention information was given by Darrell Fulcher, more information to follow as date gets closer.

OI Convention/Ambassador – Carey Foster talked about the 2010 OI Convention.

Junior Golf report, given by Donald Barringer, No Dates set at this time, location will be in Laurinburg.

No Essay Contest information, given.

Oratorical Contest information, given by Lou Anna Hardee.

Remarks from Governor-Elect, Lou Anna Hardee.

Candidate Qualifications information, given by Barbara Timmons.

OI Rep remarks from David Prather.

Closing remarks by Gov. Auston Pusey.

Meeting closed with the Optimist Creed by membership.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Allan Ludlum
District Secretary-Treasurer

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.



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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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