

North Carolina East Optimist News



Past Governor , Auston Pusey, receiving award at the 2nd quarterly Board Meeting in Greenville, February 19, 2011, for Distinguished Governor for 2009-2010 year. Presenting the awards in past OI Vice President, David Prather.

From the Governor

Hello Fellow Optimists,

Spring is here and it is amazing that we are already into the third quarter and by the time you read this message, the NC East District will have just a little over four months remaining to achieve goals set for the 2010-2011 year. With the nice weather ahead and summer fast approaching, let's bond together and meet those goals which were set earlier.



The Third Quarter Meeting scheduled for May 20-21 is fast approaching and everyone looks forward to attending this meeting. The District Oratorical Contest and election of Lt. Governors for 2011-12 will be held on Saturday morning. At the luncheon, the winner of the Essay Contest will present his/her essay and winners of the CCDHH and Oratorical Contests will be announced and presented their awards. Please make plans to attend and bring a potential member and/or guest.

Reflecting on the second quarter—

A successful district meeting was held in Greenville and everyone enjoyed the weekend. On Friday evening, over 50 Optimists gathered for dinner at Parker's Restaurant and enjoyed fellowship and good food.

David Fritz orchestrated a fun-filled auction to raise funds for the OI Foundation. Everyone had a wonderful time and was excited with their purchases.

Bob Buss, Mid-Atlantic Region Vice President and his wife, Carol, attended the Second Quarter District Meeting. David Prather, Mid-Atlantic Region Past Vice-President provided outstanding training which was well attended.

The Annual Awards Luncheon hosted by Past Governor Auston Pusey was an exciting event with over 85 Optimists attending.

The Optimist Club of Port City has donated over 200 Therapy Dolls to New Hanover Regional Medical Center Betty H. Cameron Women and Children Hospital for long-term care and terminally ill children; started the Pediatric Pharmacy Fund yielding donations over \$1000.00 during their charter year; and continues to raise funds for the "Tiles For Smiles" project.

Optimists of the Chapel Hill Club and Zone 6 volunteered at the telethon at the UNC TV Festival on March 6; this was a fun event for all who participated.

Updates on the "State of the District" continue to be distributed electronically and your newsletters are very helpful to inform me about the ongoing/planned activities in your club(s).

Members gathered at Lake Waccamaw on March 26 for the 43rd Anniversary Celebration of Boys and Girls Home of North Carolina; a Resolution was presented to North Carolina Optimists for their support of the home and residents.

Youth participated in the Essay, Oratorical, and CCDHH Contests. Winners will be announced at the Youth Luncheon on May 21 and awarded scholarships totaling \$10,000.

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Membership continues to grow with continued effort by many and our rank is currently #8; we need to concentrate on growing our district but most importantly, the number of youth served in our communities. Earlier in the year, areas were identified in which to build new clubs. Our youth depend on us and we must turn up the heat and get busier to reclaim being the #1 District in Optimist International.

With the third quarter underway—

The NC East Growth Contest continues; many of you are participating and continue to recruit new members. NOW and OWN Programs have been conducted by several clubs to recruit new members.

Optimist International has announced the following incentive--From January 1 through June 30, 2011, your Club will receive a bonus to the already great opportunity to invite a Friend. If your Club adds three (3) Friends of Optimists during the second and third Optimist quarters (January 1-June 30, 2011), you'll also get to add one (1) new traditional Member at no charge for processing the addition and no charge for Optimist International dues for that Member through September 30, 2012. Your Optimist Club will also receive a special Find Some Friends banner patch. The new traditional Member must be added by August 31 of the current Optimist fiscal year. The District Growth Contest also offers incentives as well as CASH awards to qualifying individuals/clubs.

Efforts need to be continued to build new clubs in each zone; please contact your Lt. Governor or Darrell Fulcher, New Building Chair, for assistance.

Clubs continuing their efforts to sponsor new JOOI Clubs should contact Jerry Medlin, JOOI Chair, for assistance.

Numerous clubs have ongoing baseball programs to serve the youth in their communities and anticipate recruitment of new members through these programs.

The Junior Golf Tournament was held at Buies Creek with 45 youth participating. Allan Ludlum did an outstanding job chairing this event and everyone who attended and helped in any way are commended for their efforts.

The "Mile of Hope" was held in Atlantic Beach and kids enjoyed building sand castles and other activities; 25 families were in attendance. Ed Moore, the Optimist Club of Raleigh, and other volunteers did a superb job in coordinating this event for kids with cancer.

Accolades to members of NC East District--be proud of the good work that you are doing and the youth served in our communities. Keep it up—as our youth depend on us, so remember—
"Serving Youth Today – Grows Optimists for Tomorrow!"

Yours in Optimism,

Lou Anna Hardee

Lou Anna Hardee, Governor
NC East District, Optimist International

Optimist International Convention

Baltimore, Maryland

Members can get all the convention information at www.optimist.org click on members then click on convention. They have registration, hotel, sites to visit, and transportation information, as well as an agenda.

I booked a train from Rocky Mount to Penn Station, which is about a 10 minute cab ride to the hotel for \$90 each person. They are under 6 hours for the cheap routes I booked.



Can you believe it? **The Optimist International Convention begins in Baltimore on Sunday, July 3, 2011, just three (3) months or ninety (90) days from today.** Optimists in the Maryland/South Delaware District are looking forward to seeing you and are busy preparing for your visit.

This message includes a few reminders, the April edition of the Baltimore Buzz, and a few ideas of what to see and do while in the Baltimore area. Please share it with the Optimists in your District.

The Visit Baltimore web site, www.baltimore.org, offers lots of information about Baltimore. It's definitely a good idea to visit the site before your visit. You'll be surprised that Baltimore has so much to offer. You can order a free copy of the Visit Baltimore magazine on their site. The Summer edition should be out soon.

Important Notes:

Hotel Reservations: Ronda Vaughn, OI's Director of Meeting Services, reports that the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel is filling up fast and that there are less than 40 rooms left in the OI Convention block. There are still rooms available at the Renaissance. If you haven't made your hotel reservations yet, now would be a good time to go to www.optimist.org, go to the OI Convention page, and make your hotel reservation.

Convention Registration: **The early bird registration deadline is Sunday, May 1, 2011, just 29 days away.** If you haven't registered yet, you can save some money by registering by May 1.

Transportation to Baltimore: If you are flying your destination airport is the **Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport--or BWI**. It's a short shuttle ride from BWI to the hotel. If you are coming by train the train station at which you will arrive is **Penn Station in Baltimore**. It is a 10 minute cab ride to the hotel.

Pre-Convention Baseball Game: We have already received several ticket orders for the Baltimore Orioles vs. St. Louis Cardinals baseball game on Thursday, June 30, 2011. A copy of the ticket order form is attached to this message and is also available on the OI web site. If you have questions about the

game, contact Optimist Mary Lu at baseballtix@yahoo.com. Tickets are \$20 US and payment is due by Tuesday, May 31, 2011. It will be a fun evening.

Opportunity for Support: Thank you to all of the individuals and Clubs who have offered support to the Host Committee. We really appreciate it. There is still an opportunity to offer financial support and to have your name and/or Club's name listed in the Convention program as a Host Committee Sponsor. Everyone who makes a donation of \$25 or more will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and all Clubs that make a donation of \$50 or more will receive a banner patch. See attached Opportunity for Support form for additional information.

Appreciation Luncheon Table Hosts/Hostesses: If you purchase a ticket to the Luncheon you have the opportunity to volunteer to be a Table Host or Hostess. If you would like to be a Table Host or Hostess, please contact Past MDSD District Governor, Mickey Price at pawsprice@gmail.com for information and to be added to the list of volunteers.

Some Historical Sites in the Inner Harbor Area:

Fort McHenry National Monument & Historic shrine-- Birthplace of the USA National Anthem *O! say can you see, by the dawn's early light, a large red, white and blue banner? Whose broad stripes and bright stars . . . were so gallantly streaming!* over the star-shaped Fort McHenry during the Battle of Baltimore, September 13-14, 1814. The valiant defense of the fort inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star-Spangled Banner." It's a short Water Taxi ride from the hotel. They just opened a new Visitor & Education Center.

Historic Ships in Baltimore

Maritime history unfolds on the decks of USS Constellation, USCG Cutter Taney, Lightship Chesapeake and USS Torsk.

The USS Constellation, the last Civil War vessel afloat, was built in 1854 and is the last all-sail warship built by the US Navy. You can visit the museum and tour the ship.

The USS Torsk, launched in 1944, is a World War II era submarine docked near the National Aquarium at Baltimore. The Torsk is open for tours.

There's Something New in the Baltimore Inner Harbor--**Seadog Cruises**--Baltimore's newest, most exciting excursion! You'll learn about all of the historic sights with a fun, amusing narration, plus enjoy a thrilling speed boat ride. They just announced that they will have two boats in the Harbor this summer.

As mentioned above go to the Visit Baltimore web site, www.baltimore.org, for much more information about attractions and things to do in Baltimore.

If you have questions about Baltimore, "Just Ask" and we'll do our best to answer them for you. If you have questions about the Convention activities you can check out the Convention information at www.optimist.org or contact Ronda Vaughn or Sharon Parton at OI--800-500-8130.

Baseball Tickets

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Number of Tickets: _____



Constellation



Aquarium

Ships available for touring



Chesapeake



USS Taney



USS Torsk

**Join the Fun!
Pre-Convention Optimist Night at
Oriole Park at Camden Yards**

Baltimore Orioles vs. St. Louis Cardinals

**Thursday, June 30, 2011—7:05 PM
(T-Shirt Thursday—First 10,000 Fans 15 & Over Receive Free T-Shirt)**

**Tickets--\$20 US
(Upper Box)**

Mail your check payable to GJOC Convention Baseball to:

**GJOC Convention Baseball
P. O. Box 442
Phoenix, MD 21131
USA**

Reservations and payment must be received by Tuesday, May 31, 2011.

**Questions? Contact Optimist Mary Lu at
baseballtix@yahoo.com**

Pointers for CPA Entries

Start scrapbook early gathering items over the year/time frame of project to include.

Remember--

Keep it simple—no long narratives
Provide brief description of project using bulleted items
Pictures should be included but not overused—provide a minimum of effective pictures of project

Note—the CPA entry should portray what is supporting the kids and the community by your club



Denard Harris,
District Activities Chair

1st Quarter 2010-2011 A&A Winners

Top Ten Clubs



From left: 1st, Wilmington Cape Fear, Robin Bass; 2nd, Roanoke Rapids, Barbara Durham; 3rd, Goldsboro, Billy Edgerton; 4th, North Raleigh, Alan Hoal; 5th, Greenville, Charles Ross; 6th, Winter Park, Donna Lamont; 7th, Whiteville, Don Harritan; 8th, Duplin, Eddie Boyette; 9th, Henderson, (No rep); 10th Rocky Mount Evening, Earl Warren.

Top Clubs in Each Zone

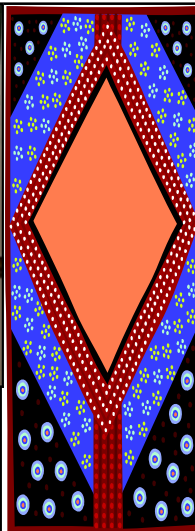


Zone 1, Cape Fear, Robin Bass
 Zone 2, Whiteville, Don Harritan
 Zone 3, Goldsboro, Billy Edgerton
 Zone 4, Wilson Evening, Worth Starling
 Zone 5, Roanoke Rapids, Barbara Durham
 Zone 6, N. Raleigh, Alan Hoal

Top Lt. Governors



1st, Zone 5, Lt.. Gov. Earl Warren
 2nd, Zone 3, Lt. Gov. JoAnn Williams
 3rd, Zone 1, Lt. Gov. Tom Lamont (Alan Hoal)



Dan Durham
 District A&A Chair

Greetings fellow Optimists. I'll keep this brief, but I do want to encourage you to seek new members. Our District is currently ranked number 9, but we're only a few members away from being in the top 5. Our region still remains number 2. We're almost two thirds through our year and still have work to do to achieve our goals.

We have a club in our District who has brought in 50 new members thus far this year. I bring this up to illustrate that recruiting can be done.

Promoting growth is easy and a necessary ingredient for the welfare of our District and Organization. Most importantly, there's millions of children depending on our support.

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



Auston Pusey
Membership Chair &
Candidate Qualifications
Chair

As the Immediate Past Governor of our District, one of my obligations is to find a new qualified Governor Candidate for the 2012 - 2013 year.

As a reminder, if you've served as Club President, you are an eligible candidate. I

encourage you to consider this position. It can be as rewarding as you choose to make it and I assure you, you'll receive support from a great group of **passionate fellow Optimists**.

If you'd like to discuss, please contact me or any of the past Governors in our **District**.

Yours in Optimism,



Bob Buss, International Vice President of the Mid Atlantic Region was the guest of the North Carolina East District for the 2nd quarter Board meeting in Greenville.

Bob is from Kodak, TN and his wife's name is Carol.

Mid-Atlantic Region is made up of 6 districts, including NCE and NCW.

Childhood Cancer Campaign

At the March Board meeting, the International Activities Committee proposed the idea of naming the Childhood Cancer Campaign as the OI focus program. It was decided that the *proposal* to designate the CCC as the focus program for the next 25 years would be presented to the delegates at the 2011 International Convention. This will need a 2/3 positive vote from the delegates to be adopted. None of our current programs would be discontinued, just a spotlighting of the CCC program. June is designated Childhood Cancer Month by OI. Please encourage your clubs to schedule a CCC event. The Chapel Hill club has held three weekend Kisses for Childhood Cancer collections and plans two more in June. The clubs in Wake Forest, N. Raleigh and Chapel Hill have cooked meals for Ronald McDonald House.



The Winter Park Club presented a check for \$2,000 to New Hanover Hospital for the Pediatric Oncology Department. A check for \$1,000 was presented to a local family, and \$1,000 was donated to the research project at Johns Hopkins. The funds were raised with a raffle and concessions at the ball park during a recreation tournament.

The Raleigh Club hosted their annual Mile of Hope weekend getaway for families and children with cancer at Atlantic Beach.

The Raleigh Diner Club made a donation of the Foundation Bears to the cancer patients at UNC Hospital.

The Duplin Club is planning a golf tournament to be held at the Rockfish Country Club on June 4th. Contact Scott Smith at RockfishCC@yahoo.com for more information. The proceeds from the tournament will go to the Childhood Cancer Campaign.

At the International Convention July 3-5 the Programs booth at the House of Optimism will center on the CCC program. We will be conducting the annual duck race to raise funds for research at Johns Hopkins. Tickets are \$10 each and can be bought in advance or at the convention. You do not have to attend the convention to win. The first place prize is \$100, second place is \$50, and third place is \$25. The Arizona District will be selling hand knitted caps that come in three sizes to fit both children and adults. The caps come in solid and multi-colored yarn. Funds raised from the donated caps will also benefit the research project at Johns Hopkins.



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The Childhood Cancer Grant Panel voted to award a grant of \$2,500 to the North Raleigh Optimist Club to conduct the Optimist Music and Storytelling Festival. This event will be held on July 16th. Local childhood cancer patients and their families will be allowed to attend for free. The funds raised through ticket sales and food sales will be used for club CCC projects at local hospitals. For information contact Alan Hoal at aeh@us.ibm.com.

The Chapel Hill Club and the Childhood Cancer Campaign lost a loyal champion. Jim Casey died of cancer on May 6th. Jim was a charter member of the club and developed the "Kisses for Childhood Cancer Campaign." Thanks to his leadership over the past 8 years the club has raised nearly \$50,000 handing out candy Kisses.

Thanks for all you do for the kids. It makes a big difference.

Trish Verne
Childhood Cancer Chairperson
NC East District

Leadership Development

The N.C. East Optimist District needs to continue our efforts in training and growing new district optimist leaders. We have wonderful individuals in our district and in optimist international that are willing to go beyond the call of duty to train members to be the best leaders they can be. I hope that each of you as current Presidents of your club, Lt. Governors, district chairman and members are striving to motivate your club to send newly elected officers to the Summer Conference in September in order that they can receive the necessary training to help make their year a successful one. As Leadership Development Chairman for the district I am here to assist and help you in anyway possible to train and direct you towards the path of that of a good optimist leader. Please give me a call and let me know how I can assist you within your club or your personal optimist training and knowledge.

Sandy Cyphers
Leadership Development Chairman



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NCE District Awesome Membership Achievers

Recognized for recruiting a new member by January 31, 2011

Zone 1, Cape Fear: Winter Park: Wilmington Supper: Port City: Wilmington:	Bennie Bass, Auston Pusey, Curtis Keith, Jimmy Matthews Paul Graham, Stuart Vick, Al Ludlum Chris Holland, Debbie Crews Tom Lamont, Sandy Cyphers Janice Hawkins
Zone 2, Elizabethtown: Laurinburg: Whiteville:	Robert Walker, Earl Brown James Ellis, James Sutherland, J. Harry Covington, Ron Riggins, James Weaver Don Harritan
Zone 3, Goldsboro Greenville: Carteret	Billy Edgerton, Jan Edgerton, Jo Ann Williams, Joshua Rands Charles Ross Denard Harris
Zone 4, Golden Circle Wilson Breakfast Wilson Bennett	Brenda Farmer, Barbara Hester Horace Joyner, Michael Bowen, Tommy Davis, Bobby Moss, James Eason, Jr, Bruce Rose, Raymond Harris, James Tillman Doug Lamm, George Lamm
Zone 5, Rocky Mnt Breakfast Rocky Mnt Evening Henderson	Robert Chandler William Pilgreen, Tommy Peele, Chrissy Tharp John Capps
Zone 6, Wake Forest: Raleigh Dinner Garner Chapel Hill North Raleigh Southern Wake	Russell Blake, William Brown Lonnie Wilson Dennis Will, Barry Moore, Jerry Medlin Margaret Clemons Barbara Timmons, Darlene Harper, Robert Little



Bennie Bass, Cape Fear Optimist, had a miniature car displayed at the 2nd Board Meeting. Taylor Bass, his daughter, is the driver and the sponsor of the project. Commercial co-sponsors have been obtained and the proceeds will go to childhood cancer research. Taylor is a senior this year.

Club Bulletin Winners 2009-1010



From left: 2nd place, Goldsboro, Billy Edgerton, Editor: Gov. Auston Pusey, presenting awards: 1st place, Chapel Hill, Bob Verne, (not in picture Phyllis Stout, editor). 3rd place, Greenville, Jean Garris Editor, not in picture.

JOOI CLUBS

The Clubs that have gotten New JOOI Club Organization Packets and have not organized a Club, let me know where you stand in the PROCESS and if not before school is out, start getting ready for next year with the opportunity to hit the ground running in the new school year.

Jooi Clubs is a way to get KIDS involved in the Optimist Organization and hopefully When they are Adults, the will know what Optimism is all about and come join the Adult Clubs.



Jerry Medlin, JOOI District Chair



Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina



Certificate of Resolution presented by the Boys of the Optimist Cottage to North Carolina's Optimists in commemoration of the 43rd anniversary of the Optimist Cottage on the Homes' campus. It was signed by the Boys in the Optimist cottage as well as all of the Optimists in attendance.

Certificate of Resolution

Whereas, we the current residents of the Optimist Cottage represent all the boys who have called these halls home since 1968, and

Whereas, the Optimists of North Carolina have responded and continue to respond to the emotional and physical needs of the children at Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, and

Whereas, the Optimists of North Carolina exceeded their goal of a million dollar endowment for the children of Boys and Girls Homes in 2002, and

Whereas, the Optimists of North Carolina have shared their many talents including but not limited to landscaping expertise, cottage renovations, event hosting, team sports support, and board and committee service, and

Whereas, the Optimists of North Carolina have been unfailing in their support to be just as enthusiastic about our success as you have in your own, and

Whereas, the Optimists of North Carolina are good people.

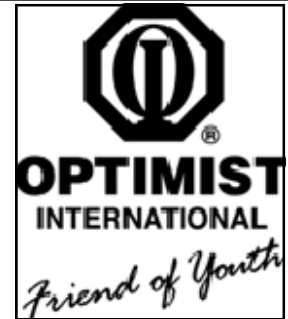
Now therefore let it be resolved that we, the current residents of the Optimist Cottage, do formally say "Thank you" to our Optimist friends, and we do declare this day to be Optimist Day.

Given this day, the twenty-sixth of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven and in the Year of our Optimist Cottage forty-three.



Gary Green, Civic Club Liaison,
B&G Homes

**Optimist Day at
Boys and Girls Homes
of North Carolina
Saturday, March 26, 2011
43rd Anniversary of the Optimist
Cottage**



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.



Distinguished Presidents for 2009-2010



Wilmington Cape Fear Optimist Club; From left: Secretary, Robin Bass; President, Robin Long; Treasurer, Katherine Brennan and Governor, Auston Pusey.



Duplin Optimist Club: From left: Joan Williams, Secretary; Doris English, Treasurer and Eddie Boyette, President.

Future International Conventions:	2013
Baltimore, MD	Cincinnati, Ohio
July 3-5, 2011 (Sunday-Tuesday)	July 4-6, 2013 (Thursday-Saturday) - Dates pending
2012	
Milwaukee, Wisconsin	
July 12-14, 2012 (Thursday-Saturday) - Dates pending	

Distinguished Presidents for 2009-2010



Optimist Club of the Port City: From Left; Glenn McIntosh, Treasurer; Susan Nettleman, Secretary and Lori Harris, President.



Wilmington Winter Park Optimist club: From left; Allan Ludlum, treasurer and Governor Auston Pusey. Not shown, secretary Charles Kuebler and President Phil Best.

Whiteville Optimist Club: From left: Don Harritan, Secretary/Treasurer and President Bobby Hensley.



The Walt Armentrout Fellowship Award A Boys & Girls Home Project



From left: Dan Durham, Roanoke Rapids Optimist club, Carrie Foster, Roanoke Rapids Optimist Club and Billy Edgerton, Goldsboro Optimist Club..

CLUB SERVICES

As we begin to count down the four remaining months left in the 2010-2011 Optimist Year I hope that each of you as President of your club, Officer, Lt. Governor and members are striving and working toward achieving Honor and Distinguished Club status. It is a known fact that clubs that succeed in receiving these recognitions are in good standing with the District, Optimist International and are healthy clubs within their community. Please review the requirements for achieving these recognitions and determine where your club is at this time in reaching this distinction. If you have any questions or need me to visit with you or your club to go over and review the requirements, please give me a call. I want to encourage each of you to settle for nothing less than success in achieving these distinctions. Your club deserves it for the work they are doing for the youth in your community. Please know that your work in promoting Optimism and serving the youth is appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

Sandy Cyphers
Club Services Chairman
910-367-3295



Additional 2nd Board Meeting Awards



Past Governor Auston Pusey Recipient of the Christian D. Larsen Award for exceeding \$1000 in OI Foundation donations.



Don Harritan, Whiteville Optimist Club, awarded the top Membership Recruiter award



Tom Lamont, Winter Park Optimist Club, awarded the 2nd place Membership Recruiter award for the year.



Mike Granger, Wilmington Supper Optimist Club, awarded 3rd place recruiter for the year.



Friday night OI Foundation Auction at the 2nd Board Meeting in Greenville. The foundation raised over \$1600 on the evenings sales. The working crew above from left: Carlton Baird, Raleigh Dinner Optimist, Rich Cash, auctioneer, Raleigh Dinner club and Darrell Fulcher, Cape

The Optimist Club of Roanoke Rapids has been recognized in the Spring issue of the Optimist magazine as reaching the Eminent Benefactor category in OI Foundation giving. To achieve this milestone, the club donations must exceed \$10,000.

In the same issue, the Duplin Optimist club has been recognized for reaching Benefactor status for donations exceeding \$1000.

In the Winter issue, The Rocky Mount evening Optimist club was recognized for reaching Distinguished Benefactor, for donations exceeding \$5000.

In the same issue, Bob Verne, Chapel Hill Optimist, has been recognized for reaching the Honored Benefactor status for donations exceeding \$2500.



David Fritz
District OIF Chair

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District Essay Contest

Congratulations go to Jasmine Campbell, from Clarkton, NC, who was the NC East District winner in the 2010-2011 Optimist Essay Contest. Jasmine previously took first place in the club-level contest sponsored by the Whiteville Optimist Club. Way to go, Jasmine!

Jasmine will receive a \$2500 college scholarship given by Optimist International to each District contest winner. In addition, her essay has been entered in the International Contest. The winner at the international level will receive a plaque and recognition in the Optimist magazine. Jasmine has been invited to the NC East District third quarter meeting in RTP on May 21st to read her essay and receive her plaque.
Bob Verne, District Essay Chair



Jasmine Campbell

Jasmine Campbell is the daughter of Craig and Marie Campbell. She is a native of Columbus County and resides in the Farmers Union Community. She is a Junior at East Columbus High School, Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina, where she serves as a cheerleader on the Varsity Cheerleading Squad. She is involved in many activities at school and serves as member of the HOSA Club.

She is a member of the Rehobeth A.M.E. Zion Church, Clarkton North Carolina where she diligently serves with a willing spirit as, President of the Youth Choir, Secretary of Sunday School, an Usher, Secretary of the Usher Board, Youth Missionary, Praise Dance team and assistant to the Health Coordinator at her church. She is a member of the St. James 4H Club, Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina, and a member of the Waccamaw Siouan Tribe of Bolton, North Carolina. Also, she is a member of the North Carolina Native American Youth Organization, and a certified CNA-1

(certified nursing assistant) and registered with the North Carolina Registry for Certified Nursing Assistants. Biography



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Jasmine has served as a Governor's Page for two consecutive summers with Governor Beverly Perdue, assigned to the Department of Administration of- fice, Raleigh, North Carolina. She is the recipient of the 2011DAR Citizenship Award (National Society of the Daughters of American Revolution) The Major General Robert Howe Chapter, Whiteville, North Carolina. She has served as a Youth volunteer at Columbus Regional HealthCare System, Whiteville, North Carolina for 2 1/2 years, a community volunteer with the Farmers Union Civic Asso- ciation, 4-H club and has numerous hours of community service. She is presently employed part time as clerical assistant with Speech Pathology Department at Columbus Regional Healthcare System.

Jasmine is a very humble, loving young lady who enjoys swimming, danc- ing, cheerleading, as her hobbies. She has an interest in furthering her education and attending East Carolina University to pursue a degree in Speech Pathology.

How my Education is the key to a Successful Future”

by

Jasmine Campbell

Success is everyone's dream. However, education is the key to a successful fu- ture. The first thing that comes to mind about my education is that it has provided me with the knowledge of the world and the necessary key to unlock the many doors of op- portunity. In today's society, a person without an education has limited opportunities with jobs, employment, finances, career promotions and other benefits that come with having an education. Education also, can help you to interact well with different people and cultures. Once you have gained your education it stays with you throughout your life. It is the one thing that no one can ever take away from you. The more education you receive, the more marketable and flexible you become. It helps you to be able to understand and analyze different situations that can lead you to a successful fu- ture.

Today our economy and workplace in America is becoming more and more competitive every year. According to the US Department of Labor the unemployment rate for North Carolina is 9.8 percent and is ranked number 41 in the nation. In order to be competitive you must have an education. President Barack Obama on several occa-

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sions during some of his speeches has even discussed the importance of an education. Education is important as it teaches us how to lead our lives.

It also cultivates us into mature individuals, who are capable of planning for our future and making the right decisions in life. Education equips us with all that is needed to make our dreams come true. Many people today struggle to keep a job, they live in low-income housing and they have difficulty making ends meet. Having an education can provide a way of escape from poverty.

My education is the key to a successful future since it is the essential component needed for employment in any of the various types of careers. Through my education, the necessary insights, critical thinking and problem solving skills are obtained from public school, but practical education is also obtained through other activities such as traveling, reading, and exposure to different things, people and cultures. Through out my life I have had the opportunity to participate in dance, 4-H, school activities, camps and church activities. All these activities have taught me self-discipline, perseverance and character building traits. I will take the knowledge I have learned from my experiences and apply them to my future. Even though some may have been negative experiences, I know that I can learn from everything I have experienced. All of it will shape me into the adult I want to become.

Education is important to a successful future since it teaches you to persevere. Education is not cheap, it teaches you how to make sacrifices. During my experiences in school, I have learned that you have to be committed and dedicated to your studies and have excellent study habits. This has prepared me for the journey to college for a higher education, which in return will prepare me for the future career of my choice.

According to Webster's Dictionary, success is defined as "an event that accomplishes its intended purpose." I know my life will be full of many successes. There will be the success of friendships, completion of high school, acceptance into college and graduating with a professional career. I want to become a Speech Pathologist and have my own business so that I can give back to others who have helped "educate" me over the years. After all, my education, through school and other life experiences, has helped prepare me for a successful future.

"All successful people, men and women, are big dreamers. They imagine what their future could be, ideal in every respect, and then they work every day toward their distant vision, that goal or purpose" said Brian Tracy, a self-help author and chairman of Brian Tracy International, a human resource company. With my working day by day, I can achieve what I set my mind to. I have no doubt I will reach my goal of becoming a Speech Pathologist.

Success will be mine, not just financial success, but success in helping others. I look forward to this day. All of my successes will be made possible with education as the key to unlock the door of opportunity.

Honor Clubs for 2009-2010



For achieving Honor Club status the Optimist club of Elizabethtown was recognized by Governor Auston Pusey. Receiving the award, from left, President Gail Johnson and Lt. Governor Rachael Mitchell, Not present for photo, Bruce Philips, Secretary/Treasurer.



Darrell Fulcher, New Club Building Chair

Build an Optimist Club

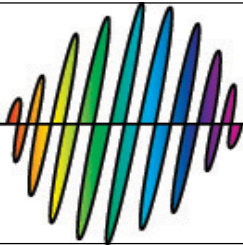
District Oratorical Contest



The NC East District Oratorical Contest will be held at the Sheraton Imperial, Research Triangle Park, on May 20-21, 201

The District will conduct separate gender contests and award each boy and girl first place winner a \$2,500 scholarship.

District Oratorical Chair,
Tracey Riddle.



COMMUNICATION CONTEST for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

The CCDHH District contest was held Thursday, May 12th at the North Carolina School for the Deaf in Wilson. Lashonda Williams from Lewiston, NC, was the winner. The Goldsboro Optimist Club staged the event. All contestants this year attend ENC School for the Deaf.

Lashonda Williams, the winner of the CCDHH contest held in Wilson. She won a \$2500 scholarship.



Billy Edgerton, Chair



Amy Runyon, Tied for 2nd



Dennisha Sneed, tied for 2nd.

Junior Golf



Girls 10-12

1st place – Gina Kim – Chapel Hill, NC, 71 + 78 = 147*
 2nd place – Amy Wooten – Clinton, NC, 83 + 75 = 158
 3rd place – Emilia Migliaccio – Cary, NC, 82 + 81 = 163



Girls 13-14

1st place – Nicolette Donovan – Cary, NC, 84 + 82 = 166*
 2nd place – Amanda Levy – Zebulon, NC, 86 + 83 = 169 Sponsor – Raleigh Dinner Optimist
 3rd place – Catherin Ashworth – Fuquay Vari- na, NC, 89 + 80 = 169 Sponsor – So. Wake Optimist



Girls 15-18

1st place – Tara Simmons – Goldsboro, NC, 81 + 74 = 155* Sponsor - Goldsboro Optimist
 2nd place – Katie Seymour – Wake Forest, NC, 92 + 88 = 180
 3rd place – Morgan Schultz – Raleigh, NC, 90 + 90 = 180



Garner club



Boys 10-11
 1st place – Ryan Gerard – Raleigh, NC, 75 + 72 = 149*
 2nd place – August Beechler – Pinehurst, NC, 73 + 75 = 148



Boys 14-15
 1st place – Benjamin Griffin – Chapel Hill, NC, 67 + 74 = 141*
 2nd place – Thomas Miller – Lumberton, NC, 77 + 84 = 161
 3rd place – Will Franzen – Raleigh, NC, 86 + 85 = 171

Boys 16-18
 1st place - Stephen Lavenets – Hillsborough, NC, 72 + 71 = 142*
 2nd place – Jackson Collier – Roanoke Rapids, NC, 74 + 79 = 153*
 Sponsor - Rocky Mount Optimist
 3rd place – Kirk Thomas II – Bossier City, LA, 78 + 76 = 154 * Out of District



Boys 12-13
 1st place – Wes Simmons – Goldsboro, NC, 76 + 65 = 141* Sponsor - Goldsboro Optimist
 2nd place – James Sugg – Pinehurst, NC, 72 + 78 = 150*
 3rd place – Philip Barbree – Shreveport, LA, 81 + 70 = 151

Other Players Sponsored by Optimist clubs:

Boys 16-18

Riley Davis – Greenville Optimist

80+84=164

Paolo Ceyrolles – Garner Optimist

80+87=167

Michael Otteson – Garner Optimist

82+85=167

Robert Stephenson – Garner Optimist

96+84=180

Adam Fecteau – So. Wake Optimist

88+93=181

Boys 14-15

Matt Simmons - Goldsboro Optimist

87+86=173

Boys 12-13

John Morton - Golden Circle Optimist

95+81=176

Logan Pearce – Garner Optimist

106+102=208

Joshua Allen – Golden Circle Optimist

79+83=162

Girls 15-18

Lauren Cey-

rolles – Gar-

ner Optimist

96+103=199

Nichole Cey-

rolles – Gar-

ner Optimist

101+88=189

Betsy Dohrer

- So. Wake

Optimist 97+96=193

Kaitlyn Beal – Rocky Mount Optimist

123+118=241

Girls 10-12

Jillian Preisach - So. Wake Optimist

111+103=214



Al Ludlum

Total 19 players sponsored by optimist clubs.

All of the players scores & hometowns are posted on the district web site www.nceast-optimist.org under the golf link along with more photos of the event.

North Carolina East District
Optimist International
Second Quarter District Meeting
City Hotel and Bistro
District Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, February 19, 2011

The following members of the Board of Directors were present:

Lou Anna Hardee

Governor

Auston Pusey

Immediate Past Governor

Jerry Medlin

Governor Elect

Barbara Timmons

District Secretary-Treasurer

Tom Lamont

Lt. Governor Zone 1

Rachel Mitchell

Lt. Governor Zone 2

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Jo Ann Williams	Lt. Governor Zone 3
Linda Watson	Lt. Governor Zone 4
Errol Warren	Lt. Governor Zone 5
Gene Dodd	Lt. Governor Zone 6

The following clubs were represented:

Zone 1 Cape Fear, Winter Park, Port City, Wilmington;
Zone 2 Whiteville, Duplin, Elizabethtown;
Zone 3 Goldsboro, Greenville, Washington;
Zone 4 Golden Circle, Wilson Evening;
Zone 5 Henderson, Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount Evening;
Zone 6 Raleigh, Raleigh Dinner, North Raleigh, Garner, Wake Forest, Chapel Hill, Southern Wake.

Governor Lou Anna Hardee called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Governor Lou Anna Hardee.

Invocation by Carey Foster.

Governor Lou Anna Hardee recognized first time attendees, Charter Club Members, Past International President, International Vice President, Past International Vice Presidents, International VP Elect and Past Governors in attendance as well as Club Presidents.

1st Quarter Board Meeting Minutes were reported by Barbara Timmons. Motion to accept made by Allan Ludlum of Winter Park – second by Gary Pender of Goldsboro– Approved.

1st Quarter Financial Report was made by Barbara Timmons. Motion to accept made by Linda Watson of Golden Circle - second by Rachel Mitchell of Elizabethtown – Approved.

NC East District Budget Report was made Doug Lamm.

District Chair Reports:

Candidate Qualifications Chair Auston Pusey invited those interested in serving as Governor to let him know. He has discussed this position with several.

Auston Pusey, Governor Lou Anna and Vice President Bob Buss recognized the Awesome Achievers and presented each with a district shirt and Governor Lou Anna’s pin. Also, names were put into a hat which Sandy Cyphers challenged to bring in more members. The name drawn would get to put a pie in Sandy’s face. The winner was Bennie Bass!

Club Services/Leadership Development upcoming training was reported by Sandy Cyphers. New Club Building Chair Darrell Fulcher reminded the District of the prior commitment to build three new clubs in our district and requested that we should be looking for any potential areas to help the kids.

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Allan Ludlum passed out the information for the upcoming Jr Golf tournament. He also requested us to send him the information that needs to be posted on the web site including club bulletins. The deadline is April 15th.

Allan Ludlum advised the Internet Safety Program has new CD's and each club can request a copy and he will be glad to do a presentation to your club.

Bob Verne reported on the Essay Contest dates of February 28th for the club winners to be in to him. He also advertised the upcoming Zone 6 project to answer phones for the UNC TV fundraiser. This gives our district television time when there are 20 or more Optimist attending.

Tracy Riddle reminded us about the upcoming Oratorical and contest dates for the district will be at our 3rd quarter meeting. Zone winners should be to her by May 2, 2011.

Billy Edgerton advised of the CCDHH contest 6:00 PM May 12, at the School of the Deaf in Wilson – Pizza will be provided by the Wilson club.

We took a break from 9:15 AM to 10:00 AM

Governor Lou Anna read the Thank You letter from OI President Danny Rogers and OI Vice President presented his pins to our Awesome Achievers.

David Prather gave us a presentation on “Optimism”.

Gary Pender introduced Gary Green as representative of the Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw. Gary gave updates on events/needs at the Boys & Girls home in Lake Waccamaw. Gary took the alter call for donations.

Gary Pender reported the dates for the upcoming District Convention of Sept 8-11, 2011 and we will be at the Bay Watch Resort in North Myrtle Beach. He asked that we email him any suggestions.

CCC Chair Trish Verne reported on the Pillow Case Project and encouraged each of us to practice our Elevator Speech. She also reported on the clubs that had a “kisses for Cancer” campaign and their success. Trish took the alter call for donations .

OI Ambassador/Public Relations Chair Carey Foster reported the International Convention will be July 3-5th in Baltimore, Maryland. He showed a video of Baltimore and the many opportunities to see the city. He also updated us on the PSA for our club announcements and urged us to get our clubs on a face book page.

PGI Chair Linda Watson reported on the club members that were achieving higher levels of this project. For those that participated in David Prather’s presentation, this can be marked off their passport.

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Lt. Governor Jo Ann Williams reported on the CPA for De-nard and Kay Harris. She advised there are four categories and community oriented.

College Club Chair Doug Lamm talked about getting started with these clubs and that it is best to make contacts beginning in April of the year prior to the fall semester.

Dan Durham congratulated the clubs that participated in the A&A the prior quarter and handed out the awards.



Wayne Sidelinger advised the district bulletin is on the district web site and requested “useable” photos with remarks of who is in the photo when you submit them to him. Good quality photos copy well!

OIF Representative David Fritz reported on the fundraiser Friday night and that approximately \$1700 was raised. He thanked everyone for their donations and purchase. A special thanks to Rich Cash, Carlton Baird and Jo Ann Williams for their help running the auction! He also took Alter Call.

JOOI Chair Jerry Medlin reported that 12 packages for new JOOI clubs in our district had been sent to clubs that want to build JOOI clubs this year.

Governor Elect Jerry Medlin about the upcoming year which he will be serving as Governor and is asking for our input to help him and his team make decisions for our district during his year. He advised we will be having our district meetings in a central location of Goldsboro at the Holiday Inn Express with room rates at \$65. The proposed dates are: Nov 11-12, Feb 10-11, May 11-12.

Lou Anna Hardee had closing remarks and reminded everyone of the Leadership Training by David Prather that will take place after lunch.

Meeting closed with the Optimist Creed by membership.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 PM.

The Awards Luncheon was held in the Ivy Room and Past Governor Auston Pusey presented awards for his team. He also took pride in receiving his Distinguished District Governor’s Ring and offered it to those in the district that wanted to wear it!

After Lunch 23 members stayed for training which was conducted by David Prather. The training is titled “Club growth thru PRIMA – Participation, Recruitment, Induction, Maintenance, and Attendance”. David has this on a slide show presentation and offered to send it to anyone that would like to use it as a program for their club.

Barbara Timmons
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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