

# North Carolina East Optimist News

Hello Fellow Optimists,

It is time to begin preparing for your attendance at the NC East District Convention scheduled for September 8-11, in Myrtle Beach, SC. This will be our third year at the beautiful Bay Watch Resort and Convention Center and we believe that you will find the staff very accommodating and eager to make you feel welcome. Excellent training, fun-filled activities, entertainment, and great food have been planned for all adults, children, and grandchildren.

Optimist International Vice President Gloria Kloster will attend our convention as the OI Representative and we are delighted to have her join us. We recently learned that her husband, Marty, will not accompany her. Gloria is a delightful person and her optimism and enthusiasm is contagious. Please introduce yourself and join me in welcoming her to Optimist International's Best District!



The weekend will begin on Thursday with our traditional Golf Tournament to benefit the Boys

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and Girls Homes in Lake Waccamaw. Following the tournament, all Optimists are invited to attend a dinner at Benjamin's Calabash Seafood Buffet honoring Past Governors.

On Friday morning, the Executive Board will meet and in the afternoon, breakout sessions will follow for all officer-designates. Joining us for the first time will be the officers and members of the Southern Wake Optimist Club. Friday evening will feature a family buffet dinner and Hawaiian Luau. Wear your best luau outfit and start practicing your hula dance as contests are planned. Everyone will enjoy an evening of entertainment, games, and contests for all ages.

Saturday morning will begin with our "Old Timers Breakfast" which is for all Optimists—new members, convention first-timers, and of course our "old timers." Dr. Lois Eargle, an inspirational and entertaining speaker from Myrtle Beach will motivate us for the day. Following breakfast, the District Board of Directors will convene (this meeting is open to all members) and followed by training in the afternoon for all Optimists. Jerry Medlin, Governor-Elect has put together a great team and they need to meet your club officers. This is a time to learn and get to know those you will be working with during the 2011-2012 year. To start the evening, there will be our "Governor's Reception," followed by the "Governor's Banquet and Ball." At the banquet, new officer-designates will be formally installed. The evening's theme will be "Through the Years" and you will enjoy dancing as well as listening to the music provided by "Trina's Music Machine."

On Sunday, we will close the convention with our parting buffet breakfast at the hotel. Please make plans to attend.

Appreciation is extended to all members of the NC East District for their continuing efforts to serve the youth in our communities. Teleconferences and regular updates have enhanced our communication efforts. NC East ranked in the top five districts for recruiting "Friends of Optimists" during the third quarter and members are still busy growing our organization. We are in the fourth quarter with just a few weeks remaining before September 30. We still have work to do as we plan to finish the year strong and to be recognized by Optimist International as a "Distinguished District!"

Since our Third Quarter NC East Meeting, I would like to highlight some accomplishments of the NC East District which was recognized at the Optimist International Convention held in Baltimore, Maryland:

Congratulations to our next Mid-Atlantic Region Vice-President Sandy Cyphers  
Carey Foster was recognized for his outstanding efforts as Convention Ambassador  
NC East District had the highest percentage of 39% of clubs from NC East pre-registered for the convention

Auston Pusey received awards for "2009-2010 Distinguished and Honor District Governor" and was recognized for Sponsoring 100+ Members

Carlton Baird, David Fritz and Barbara Timmons were presented Builder of Excellence Awards

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Allan Ludlum and Bennie Bass were recognized for completion of PGI Level 10.

NC East District was recognized as a district of "Awesome Achievers"

NC East District was recognized at the "Mad Hat Luncheon" as one of the top six districts for their recruitment of Friends of Optimists during April and May

Jerry Medlin, Governor-Elect, and First Lady Jean were introduced along with other officer-elects for 2011-12

NC East District ranked #4 in OI during the convention

Congratulations, NC East! The next international meeting will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on July 12-14. You may wish to put these dates on your calendar and make plans to attend.

Serving the NC East District as your Governor for 2010-2011 has afforded me many rewarding experiences and more will come during the weeks ahead. The Optimist Club of Laurinburg will celebrate their 50 Years of Service; please join me in congratulating them for their many years of service to their community and youth. Club members have worked to serve our children's needs through "back pack buddy programs," donating school supplies and clothing, sport programs, and scholarship programs. While we have faced many challenges this year with the areas hit by tornados and the economy status, we have refused to let that be a factor as we continue serving communities as "Friends of Youth." Our district is leading in recruiting "Friends of Optimists." We still need to: build more clubs; continue growing in membership; ensure that kids have food on their tables; kids have opportunities to participate in programs offered by clubs and Optimist International; kids enjoy Thanksgiving and Christmas; and remember, there is no end to our potential support as Optimists. Our kids are the future of our society and they need us! We must make the right decisions as we do our best in "Bringing Out the Best in Kids!"

Thank you for continuing to recruit members and Friends of Optimists. Please strive to become an Honor Club and remember to complete your President's Pride Report (on-line) by September 30, submit your club's CPA Entry, and ensure all dues are paid by September 30.

As your Governor, join me to complete our year strong! We still have work to do. Thank you for your support and Remember—Serving Youth Today, Grows Optimist for Tomorrow!

Yours in Optimism,

Lou Anna

Lou Anna Hardee, Governor  
NC East District, Optimist International



## 2nd Quarter 2010-2011 A&A Winners

### Top Ten Clubs



No. 1, Wilmington Cape Fear, Robin Bass; No. 2, North Raleigh, Alan Hoal; No. 3, Whiteville, Don Harritan; No. 4, Goldsboro, Billy Edgerton; No. 5, Rocky Mount Evening, Earl Warren; No. 6, Wake Forest, Barbara Timmons; No. 7, Raleigh, Bob Hassebrock; No. 8, Washington, Janice Coburn; No. 9, Henderson, Earl Warren; No. 10, Greenville, Charles Ross.

### Top Clubs in Each Zone



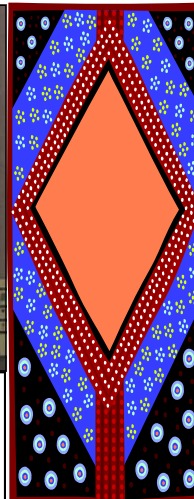
From left: Zone 1, Wilmington Cape Fear, Robin Bass.  
Zone 2, Whiteville, Don Harritan.  
Zone 3, Goldsboro, Billy Edgerton.  
Zone 4, Wilson Golden Circle, Celia Wise.  
Zone 5, R. Mount Evening, Earl

Warren; Zone 6, North Raleigh, Alan Hoal.

### Top Lt. Governors



No. 1, Zone 3, Billy Edgerton, standing in for Jo Ann Williams; No. 2, Zone 6, Alan Hoal, standing in for Gene Dobbs; No. 3, Zone 5, Earl Warren.



**Dan Durham**  
District A&A Chair



# District Membership

Greetings Fellow Optimists. Our District has consistently been in the top ten in bringing in new Optimists this year. As of this writing, we are number six, having brought in 222 new Optimist. Please encourage your members to continue growing their clubs. Growth is extremely important to maintain a healthy club. Most importantly, each new member that joins our organization equates to helping 30+ children.

Our District currently (This is being written August 18 to meet the newsletter deadline) needs approximately 75 more members to be a Distinguished District two years in a row. This has never been done in our District, so please join me in an effort to be a part of history. We have 48 more days to accomplish our goal (~22 days when you read this). I know we can do it!

We have a very serious membership drive in progress, so please take advantage of it. You have 9 chances to win one of our 4th quarter cash prizes. Winners will be announced at next years 1st quarter meeting in Goldsboro (November, 2011).

If you are not familiar with the recruiting incentive, please contact me or Governor Lou Anna during our convention.

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

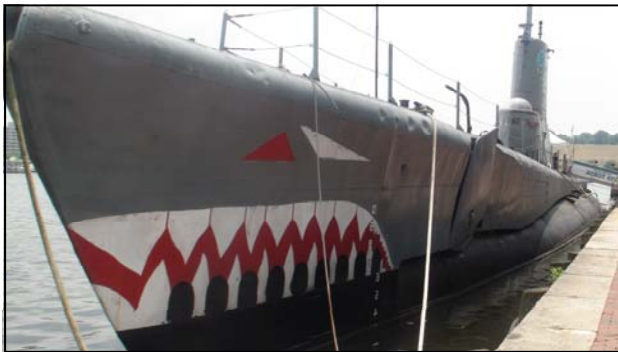
Auston Pusey  
Membership  
Chair



Auston Pusey  
Membership Chair &  
Candidate Qualifications  
Chair

Below

From Baltimore, The USS Torsk submarine and the Coast Guard Ship, USCGC Taney



## Al Ludlum, Web Master

A note from the web master to ask ALL optimists. If you have an e-mail address please e-mail it to me at [aludlum@nceast-optimist.org](mailto:aludlum@nceast-optimist.org) and if at any time they see a problem with web site links or wrong information to also email me about the corrections.



Al Ludlum

# Childhood Cancer Campaign

## Childhood Cancer Campaign



Thanks to all the clubs for their efforts to raise funds for the Childhood Cancer Campaign this year. The families, patients and their medical teams need all the help they can get. Many clubs in the district have held "Kisses For Childhood Cancer" fundraisers. The Chapel Hill Club has raised over \$2,745 this year. The Raleigh Club raised \$327 handing out Kisses on a very hot weekend. Most of the clubs have found it too hot to schedule a Kisses fundraiser during the summer months. The Cape Fear Club held a poker tournament, the North Raleigh Club sponsored the Music and Storytelling Festival and there are several golf tournaments scheduled this fall.

A frequently asked question is what to do with the funds we raise. That is up to the club. One option is to donate to the research for a leukemia vaccine that is being done at Johns Hopkins Hospital. A check can be made out to the OI Foundation, CCC Research Project.

We also have in the district three "comprehensive" cancer treatment hospitals . The designation of a "comprehensive" hospital means that the facility does research, drug testing , and treatments. Our North Carolina hospitals treat patients from several neighbor states that do not have treatment centers for pediatric cancer.

Clubs can also support the Ronald McDonald Houses at Chapel Hill (UNC), Durham (Duke), and Greenville (ECU). Cooking meals and providing items on the wish list for each site are greatly appreciated. Contact me if you need the wish list.

Several other items that help the staff at the hospitals are the surgery dolls, doctor kits, parking passes, and phone cards. There is also a need for items to help the children pass the time while receiving treatments. Many items cost less than \$1, but give a child something to do. New stuffed toys to cuddle are also welcome. We have also made and distributed several hundred pillowcases to brighten the children's hospital rooms. Thanks to those members that helped make that possible. Used electronic games are also requested for the older patients.

The Raleigh Club had another great weekend at the beach when they hosted the Mile of Hope Project in May. Twenty three families and medical personnel were guests. The cost is about \$1,000 per family for the weekend. Any contributions to support this project are appreciated. Mark your calendars to join the fun next May 4-5-6. Contact Ed Moore at [www.mileofhope.org](http://www.mileofhope.org) or (919) 782-6471 for more information.

Does your club have a project that it would like to try? Apply to the CCC Matching Grant program for funds to help make your project a reality. Check the OI web site or call me for more information. The Raleigh Club was a recipient of a grant for the Music and Storytelling Festival.

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At the international convention in July the vote to designate the Childhood Cancer Campaign as a Focus project for the next 25 years fell short of the needed 2/3d majority vote to pass. Major companies are not willing to contribute to organizations that do not have a long term commitment to a project such as finding a cure for childhood cancer. Optimist International will continue to support the Childhood Cancer Campaign to find the cure.

Please join in the fun at the district convention in Myrtle Beach. The annual Little Yellow Duck Race will be held Saturday afternoon in the lazy river at the hotel. Tickets are \$10 per duck. Prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$25 will be awarded to the first 3 ducks to cross the finish line. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets can be purchased up 'till race time. All proceeds will go to the Childhood Cancer Campaign. Come help the kids cheer on their favorite ducks.

Again, thanks for all you do for our kids. They are the future of our communities and our country.

Trish Verne  
Childhood Cancer Campaign Chairman



Again this year the  
**Fabulous Duck Race**  
will convene in the  
**Little River**  
at 4:30 Saturday afternoon.

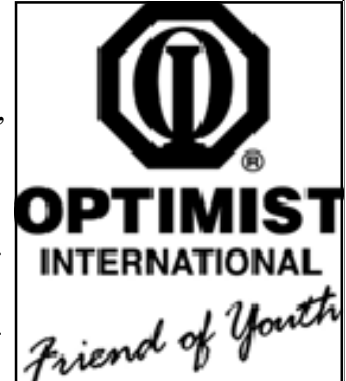




## Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina



Walter Armentrout was a long-time and ardent support of Boys and Girls Homes. Led by the efforts to Tom Lamont, two years ago, the Walter Armentrout Fellowship was established to recognize those people who shared the same fervor for Optimism that Mr. Armentrout demonstrated. You and your club can honor one of your club members or others in the community by awarding the Armentrout Fellowship. To learn more, contact Tom Lamont or Gary Greene.



Optimist Clubs are welcomed to set up visits to the campus at Boys and Girls Homes. Spend time with the children. Tour the magnificent chapel. See the largest pecan grove in the state. A limited number of picnic tables made by the boys and girls at the Homes are now available for raffles in your local community to raise money to support the children. These tables are fire stamped with a hot brand and signed by the children who made the table.

The Optimists' Century Club is now into its fourth year at Boys and Girls Homes. Have you contributed your \$100 for the fourth consecutive year? Or do you need to start at the initial level of \$100? Pins will be given at the quarterly Optimist meetings to recognize those participating in the program. For more information, contact Gary Greene (910-646-3083 [gary.greene@bghnc.org](mailto:gary.greene@bghnc.org)).



Gary Green, Civic Club Liaison,  
B&G Homes

**WANTED**  
**New Optimist Clubs**





Carey Foster, District International Convention Ambassador

2012  
Optimist International  
Convention  
Milwaukee,  
Wisconsin  
July 12-14, 2012  
(Thursday-Saturday)



View of Baltimore Harbor from the 2011 convention

Denard Harris,  
District Activities Chair



The Schools will be starting up soon from their summer vacation and this a good time to re-start your existing JOOI Clubs, finish up the ones you were working on when School started the Summer Vacation and organize the NEW ones you have been thinking about but haven` t started yet.

There is a lot of JOOI Organizing packets that I passed out this year and it is time to get started working on New JOOI Clubs.

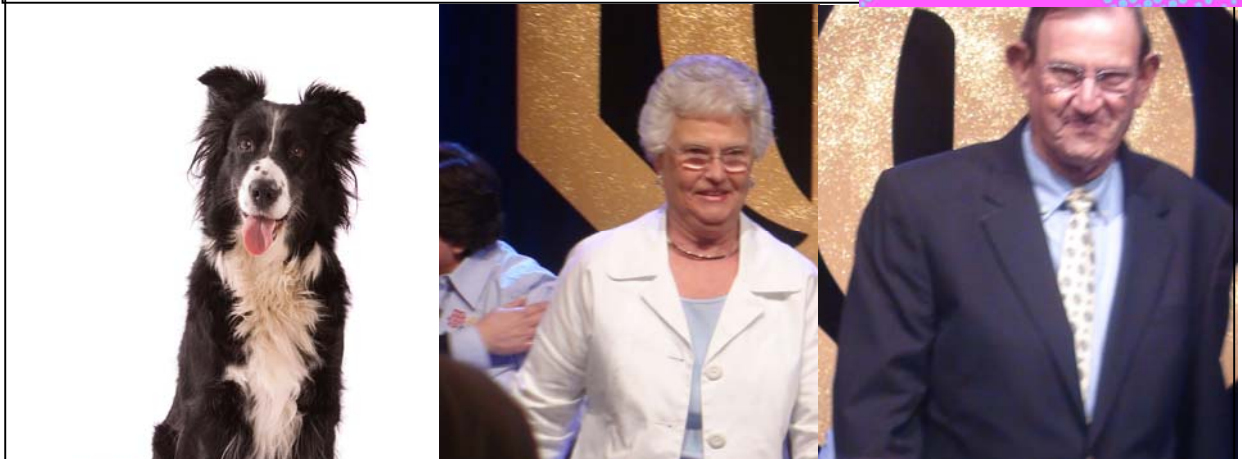
Jerry Medlin



# On stage at the Optimist International Convention, Baltimore



OI President Designate, Jack Creswell and Vice President Designate, Sandy Cyphers



Adopt a pet

Jean and Governor Designate Jerry Medlin.

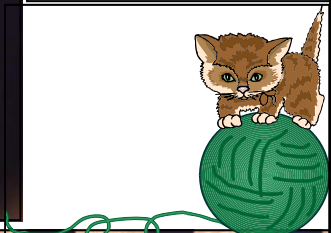


Our Governor and her husband participating in some crazy antics while on stage at the OI Convention in Baltimore. OI President is firing them up for the big push.





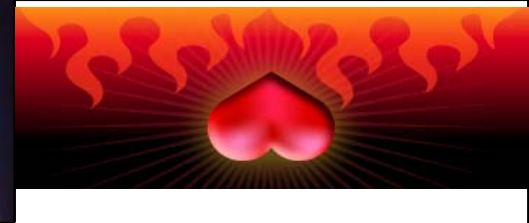
Past Governor Auston Pusey, after receiving a crystal engraved bowl for OI's highest award for membership.



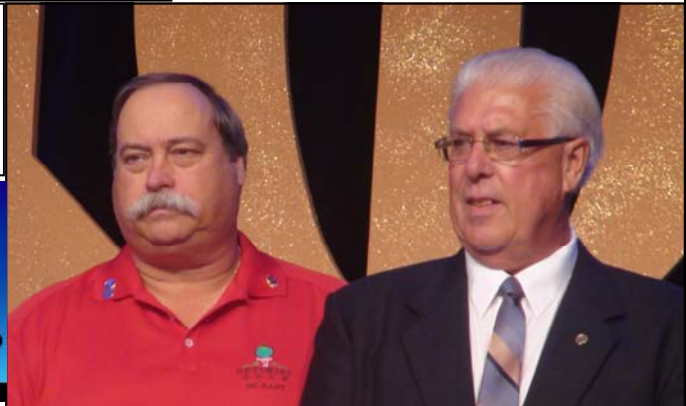
Past Intentional President Mark Shriver congratulating Past Governor Auston Pusey on his achieving top membership award for 2009-2010



OI President Danny Rogers, presenting Top OI Convention Ambassador award to Carey Foster. Highest percentage of Districts attending convention.



Al Ludlum on stage at convention for achieving Level 10 of the PGI program. On right is unidentified optimist receiving the same award.



Happy Hallow-

# The Optimist International Convention in Baltimore Maryland



Governor LouAnna Hardee and Curtis, Greenville.



Past Gov. Bob and Trish Verne, Chapel Hill.



Past Gov. Wayne Sidelinger, Wilson.



Jean and Gov. Elect Jerry Medlin, Garner.



Tommy and Voloria Peele, Rocky Mount Eve.



Barbara and Past Gov. Dan Durham, R. Rapids



Joyce & Russell Leake, Roanoke Rapids





Past Governor Sandy Cyphers, Winter Park.



Past District Sect/Treas, Al Ludlum, Cape Fear.



Lt. Gov. Elect Robert Hassebrock, Raleigh.



Past Gov. Auston Pusey Cape Fear and Past Gov. Worth Starling, Wilson Eve.,



Past Gov. Barbara Timmons and Ronnie McLamb, North Raleigh..



Ellen and Past Gov. Carey Foster. Roanoke Rapids

Lt. Gov. Tom Lamont and Donna, Winter Park



Past Governor and Janice Edgerton, Goldsboro.





## From Your Foundation Rep:

**Your help is needed now!** We are approaching the end of our Optimist year and the push is on to make our Optimist International Foundation fund raising goal. Thank you to the clubs and individuals that have already made their gifts. But many of you reading this have not contributed before and some who have generously given in the past but are a bit reluctant due to the uncertain economic conditions this year. To those who have yet to give it is important to remember that many of the kids in the communities we serve need our help more than ever. As Optimist we know we make a difference as individuals and as clubs and we know that the Foundation serves a vital role in supporting our efforts. This message includes some of OIF's successes in 2010. A description of the Presidents Club Program is highlighted along with brief descriptions of other individual contribution programs. Please plan to bring your contributions to the District convention.

**Optimist Wrist Bands** Wrist bands are just \$1.00 Get yours early. What a great way to let everyone know you are an optimist and begin that new member conversation.

**Optimist Panda Bears** There will be a \$100 dollar drawing at the District Convention. I have a couple of bears in reserve just \$10 for the bear and a chance to win \$100.

### What OIF did in 2010

1. Sent 154 students off to college with Optimist International Oratorical, essay and CCDHH scholarships totaling \$171,200.
2. Raised \$148,711 for future scholarships, ending the one with endowed scholarship, two additional endowment pledges, and 25 five-year scholarships.
3. Paid out \$176,576 to clubs utilizing the Club campaign program and added an additional \$44,478 in interest to Club Campaign funds.
4. Helped 475 Optimists help 14,391 children and their families by awarding 20 Club Grants in every OIF Region.
5. Sent \$450,000 to Optimist International for the Optimist International Research Fellowship in Pediatric Hematology and Oncology at John Hopkins.
6. Renewed 322 members of the Presidents Club and added 43 new members ending the year with 365 OIF members.
7. Provided funding for every International program of Optimist International.



David Fritz  
District OIF Chair

## President's Club Join the Presidents Club Your Gift Makes A Difference!

Individuals may join the President Club by making an initial gift of \$250. Membership renewals are \$250 annually and Donors will receive a prestigious lapel pin. As the fundraising arm of Optimist International, the Optimist International foundation raises 100% of the International

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Scholarships, provides funding for Junior Optimist Octagon International (JOOI) and other programs.

The Foundation Counts on the President's Club gifts for everything from funding scholarships to awarding Club grants. Presidents Club gifts also allow us to operate the Pass Through program with no charges to Clubs. Your gift is vitally important to the children the Foundations serves.

As a member for the Presidents Club you are invited to attend a special function at the International Convention. First-year members receive a prestigious lapel pin and are recognized in the Foundation's report. OIF offers several ways to join the President's club.

1. Make an annual \$250 with a check payable to OIF
2. Make annual \$250 gift divided into 12 monthly deductions from your checking account or credit card.
3. Make an annual \$250 gift by using your American Express, Discover, Visa or Mastercard.

### **Dime-A-Day**

All of us can contribute a Dime-A-Day. Our unrestricted gifts help fund all programs of Optimist International. Your money helps one child further their education with a scholarship, educates a child about internet safety, your donation helps a child, in more ways than one.

### **Century Circle**

For less than a dollar a day, you can be a part of the Century Circle! Your unrestricted gift of \$100-\$249 places you in the Century Circle for the Optimist Year!

### **Friends of Today**

A Friend of Today makes a minimum donation of \$500 annually to the Foundation and receives a signed and numbered collector's print. The print is shipped to the DFR to be framed and presented at a District meeting.

### **Christian D. Larson**

As Optimists, we live by the Optimist Creed written by Christian D. Larson. To honor the author of such a great Creed, a level of recognition was adopted in 2006. For a one time gift of \$1,000, participants can become Members of the Christian D. Larson Partners for following the Creed and helping fund the Foundations' mission through their personal giving.

### **William H. Harrison Society**

The Optimist International Foundations introduced the William H. Harrison Society in 2001. The organization is named after the first Optimist International President, William H. Harrison, whose drive and determination helped propel Optimist International into a premier service organization. The Foundations' Boards of Directors created this Society as a special way to recognize the Major Donors of the Foundations.

To become a Member of the Society, life-to-date giving to the Optimist International Foundations must be \$10,000 or more. Annual contributions of \$1,000 are required to maintain Membership in the Society. Members of the Society will be invited to attend a recognition dinner with the Foundations' Boards of Directors at the International Convention.

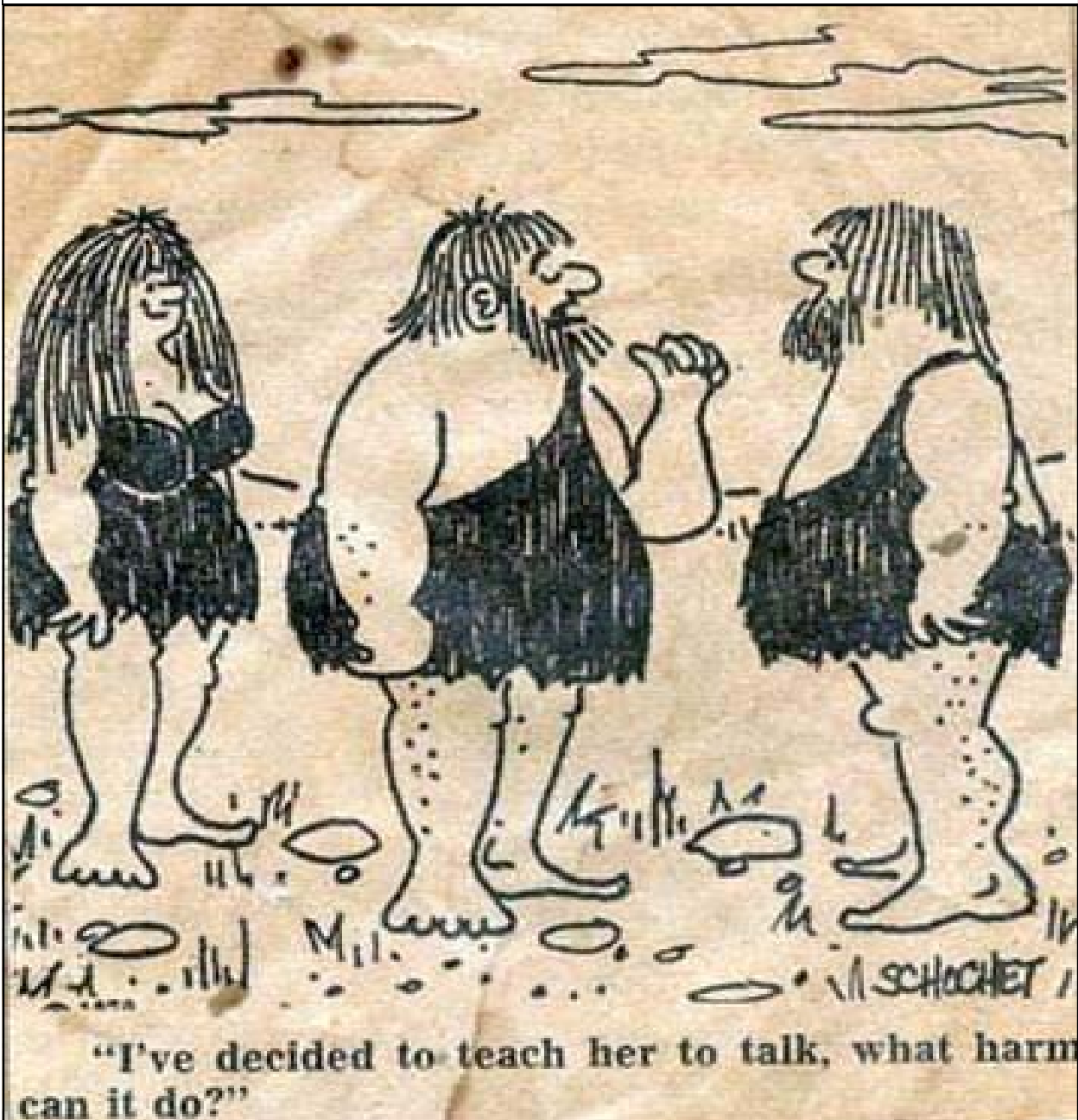
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## **Friends of Tomorrow**

The Friends of Tomorrow Society recognizes those that have arranged a charitable bequest to the Optimist International Foundation. A bequest provides for the future needs of Optimist International programs and the Optimist International Foundation.

The Friends of Tomorrow Society is comprised of mission-based donors who understand the importance of philanthropic-minded planning, and have used this planning to include the Optimist International Foundation in their will or trust documents.





## District Essay Contest

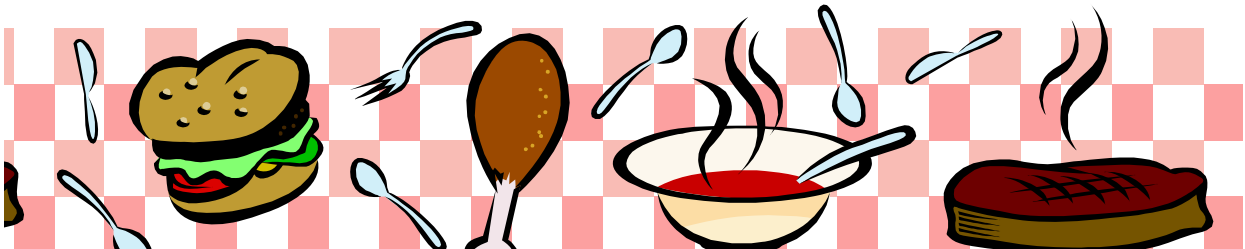
As was reported in the May District Bulletin, Jasmine Campbell, from Clarkton, NC, sponsored by the Whiteville Optimist Club, was the NC East District winner in the 2010-2011 Optimist Essay Contest. Congratulations again for your outstanding essay, Jasmine!

The 2011-2012 contest is just around the corner. School is starting soon and scholarships are on the minds of many students. The topic for next year's Essay Contest has been chosen to encourage youth to consider how Optimism affects their lives and the lives of those around them. The topic is: **"How my Positive Outlook Benefits my Community."** Again, each top District winner will receive a \$2500 scholarship.

The Optimist Essay Contest is an important way that Optimist Clubs can help our mission of "Bringing out the Best in Kids." I encourage our clubs to get started early to contact local schools and home schooling networks to promote our Essay contest. Most public, private and charter schools set their curriculums and select their educational projects over the summer or early in the first part of the academic year. This requires clubs to make these contests known to the faculty and staff at or before this time. On the NC East District web site there are links to the web sites for the **NC Department of Public Instruction (DPI)**, **NC Department of Non-Public Schools**, **NC Charter Schools** and the home school network, **North Carolinians for Home Education**. Through these portals you can find contact information for the educators near you. Go to <http://nceast-optimist.org/programs.htm> and click on "Essay Contest."

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your district Essay Contest chair this year.

Bob Verne



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# District Oratorical Contest



District Oratorical Contest Girl contestants: From left: Helen Hamilton, Greenville Optimist; Christian Davis, Rocky Mount Evening Optimist; Bria Yates, Wake Forest Optimist; Margaret High, Whiteville Optimist; Stephanie McCormick, Wilson Evening Optimist; Christine McDow, Port City Optimist.



District Oratorical Contest Boy contestants: From left: Andrew Powell, Whiteville Optimist; Dante Pittman, Wilson, Evening; Andre Elliott, Goldsboro; Samuel Johnson, North Raleigh Optimist; Holland Baynard, Port City Optimist



District  
Oratorical Chair,  
Tracey Riddle.



Oratorical Contest was held at the Sheraton  
Hotel, Research Triangle Park, May 20, 2011.



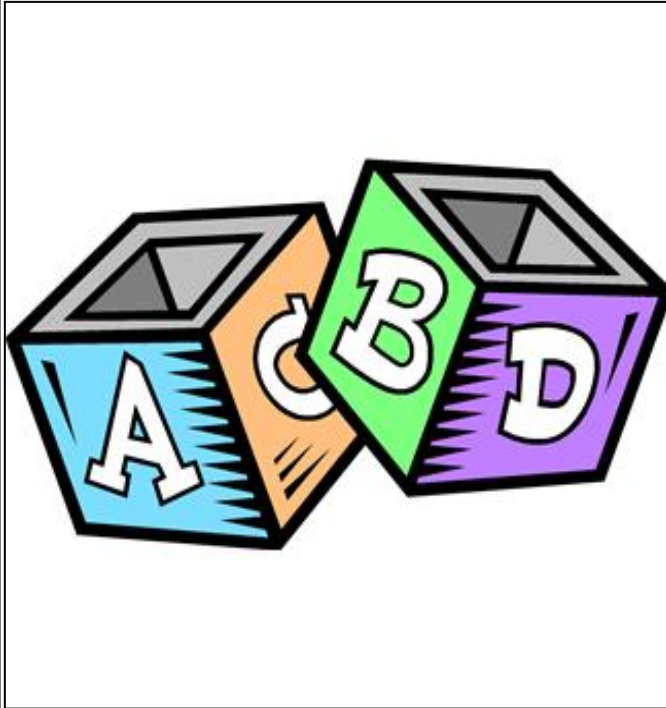
District Oratorical Contest Boy Winner:  
Andre' Elliott, Goldsboro Optimist..

District Oratorical Contest Girl Winner:  
Helen Hamilton, Greenville Optimist.



# Growing North Carolina East District Optimist

## New Club Building



Let's spell New Club Building with your building blocks

Now is the time for all Optimists to come to the aid of our organization and service to children in the North Carolina East District.

We are currently behind in our estimated goal of building one new club per zone in the North Carolina East District and your help is needed to grow our organization. Each Lt. Governor is equipped with New



Darrell Fulcher, New Club Building Chair

Club Building Kits and everyone is ready to support new club building.

Other new club building resources in the North Carolina East District: Builders of Excellence, Past Governor's, Future Governor's, District New Club Building Chairperson, Optimist International Vice Presidents (past and present) and our Governor.

Key Locations:

Southport, Jacksonville, Leland, Hampstead, Clinton, Fayetteville, Lumberton, Raeford

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Kinston, Goldsboro, New Bern, Smithfield, Greenville, Washington, Tarboro, Nashville, Elizabeth City, Murfreesboro, Enfield, Currituck, Durham, Apex, Clayton, Knightdale

## Build an Optimist Club

New club building incentive update:

A new incentive has been added for the fourth quarter (4th) of this Optimist year.

Be the first club or Optimist in the NCED to build an adult club (25 members) during the 4th quarter and receive \$750.00 to spend how you choose.

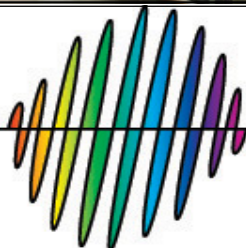
Recent data has proved that using multiple builders and two club sponsors, gain the most results.

This incentive is in addition to the previously announced incentives.

As you can see we have great opportunities and we need to respond to this call to service now. For assistance or support, please contact me by email @ [dfulcher@rgdinc.com](mailto:dfulcher@rgdinc.com) or cell phone 919-656-7339.

Best Regards  
Darrell Fulcher  
NCED Growth Team

### 200 MPH Bullet trains Paris, France.



## COMMUNICATION CONTEST for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL 

Next contest, May 2012, Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf.

Billy Edgerton, Chair  
CCDHH Chairman



# Leadership Development

WILL YOU DO YOUR PART????????????????????

As optimist members we have a responsibility to this great organization to maintain and keep it alive...We are always to be OPTIMISTIC! As we look towards the end of another optimist year I hope that you can look back and say "I DID MY PART". It is important that we continue to grow and build this organization...we have to GROW in order to survive....to do the good work and deeds in our community for the benefits of KIDS....we must never forget that our children and their children, etc. and etc. are the leaders of tomorrow....we must continue to strive as dedicated optimists to "BRING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS". Vince Lombardi once said, "THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO SUCCEED IN ANYTHING AND THAT IS TO GIVE EVERYTHING". I ask you to feel deep into your heart and ask yourself..HAVE I GIVEN MY EVERYTHING THIS PAST YEAR TO THIS ORGANIZATION THAT I AM A



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MEMBER AND BELIEVE IN? If you can answer that faithfully and truthfully then you have successfully done your part as an optimist. If not then go out and ask that person next door, in the grocery store, at church, on the street, at school, at work to join this organization... Always make a total effort, even when the odds are against you as Arnold Palmer once said....  
Sandy Cyphers  
Leadership Development Chairman

## **North Carolina East District Optimist International Third Quarter District Meeting Sheraton Imperial Hotel District Board of Directors Meeting Saturday, May 21, 2011**

The following members of the Board of Directors were Present:

Lou Anna Hardee	Governor
Auston Pusey	Immediate Past Governor
Jerry Medlin	Governor Elect

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Barbara Timmons	District Secretary-Treasurer
Tom Lamont	Lt. Governor – Zone 1
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; Zone 2 – Whiteville, Duplin; Zone 3 – Goldsboro, Greenville, Washington; Zone 4 – Golden Circle, Wilson Evening; Zone 5 – Rocky Mount Evening, Roanoke Rapids; 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 Hardee.

Invocation by Don Harritan.

Governor Lou Anna Hardee welcomed everyone and recognized our Past International Presidents, Past International Vice Presidents, International Vice President-Designate, Past Governors, Charter Club Members and 1<sup>st</sup> Timers.

Second Quarter Board Meetings minutes were reported by Barbara Timmons. Motion to accept made by Linda Watson of Wilson Golden Circle – second by Bob Verne of Chapel Hill – Approved.

District Chair Reports:

- Junior Golf Chair Allan Ludlum reported there were 45 players in the tournament – 3 of which were out of district. Ten qualified to the upcoming tournament in Florida and he thanked each club that participated by sponsoring players and sign sponsorships. He also reported on Webmaster and Internet Safety – please send him the information to be posted on our web site. He is available to come to your club and promote Internet Safety.
- Essay Chair Bob Verne advised our District winner will be announced at lunch. He advised this was a great group of contestants and the judges had a challenge to reach their decision. Bob thanked every club for their participation.
- A&A Chair Dan Durham presented the awards for the second quarter achievements.
- Sandy Cyphers reported on Club Services and Leadership Development. She reminded us that there are four remaining months to be distinguished and she is willing to come to your club to help you achieve your goals.
- We took break from 9:15 AM to 9:30 AM.

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- Auston Pusey named several Qualified Candidates for the position of Governor Elect for 2012 – 2013. He will be available to discuss the position with each of them. As Membership Chair, he and Governor Hardee handed out the district t-shirts to members that had brought in new members. He also challenged us to each bring in three FOO members by June 30<sup>th</sup> and we will receive free OI Club membership.
- CCDHH Billy Edgerton reported on the contest and the winner for our district. He encouraged each of us to start looking in September for possible contestants for next year's contest which he will be chair of again.
- District Convention Chair Gary Pender reported on the assignments from his meeting last night. He has asked each of us to plan to attend the convention and bring members of our club. Our cost for the meeting rooms and meals has better rates when we have 300 – 400 people attending. The resort room rates are the best which should be encouraging for our district members in this economy.
- Gary Greene and Gary Pender reported on the Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw. On March 26<sup>th</sup> approximately 90 Optimists gathered to celebrate having our cottage there for 43 years! There are six graduates this year and each are going to college. Gary and Gary took alter call.
- CCC Chair Trish Verne reported on the 1 million dollar research fund by OI and our contributions since 2004 when this program started. Many clubs in the district are continually raising money through the "Kisses for Cancer Campaign". She also reported that their club member Jim Casey recently passed away and this campaign was his conception. Also of note, Taylor Bass took on CCC as her Senior Project and raised \$4071- way to go Taylor! Trish took alter call.
- At 10:00 AM, Tracy Riddle conducted our District Oratorical Contest. After the judges were dismissed, Tracy invited the contestants to introduce themselves and their family and friends that were with them. What an outstanding job by the young students!
- Governor Lou Anna Hardee called for the election of each zone's New Lt. Governor. The upcoming slate of Lt. Governors are as follows: Zone 1 – Allan Ludlum; Zone 2 – Eddie Boyette; Zone 3 – Lou Anna Hardee; Zone 4 – Angela Iwaniuk; Zone 5 – Errol Warren; Zone 6 – Bob Hassebrock. Congratulations to each of you! Jerry Medlin met with each of them briefly regarding the Lt. Governor Conference he is planning.
- College Club Chair Doug Lamm reported that this is the time to start working on your

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college club. He is available to help.

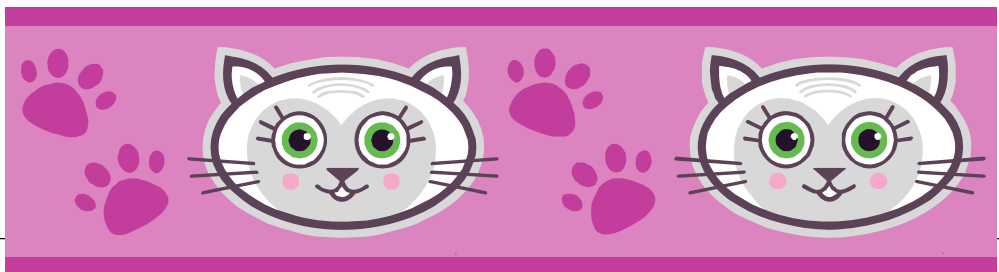
- Bulletin Chair Wayne Sidelinger reported on the district bulletin. It is available on line and he thanked everyone for the photos and articles.
- OI Foundation Chair David Fritz reported that the auction last quarter raised \$1739 and he appreciated everyone's help! He sold Optimist wrist bands and discussed the bears for sale also. He reminded us the drawing will be at the District Convention.
- PGI Chair Linda Watson reported on the status of each club's participation and she encouraged us to continue our efforts.
- OI Ambassador Carey Foster reported on those registered and encouraged everyone to get registered. For the newly elected Lt. Governors, the early registration is still available to them – get registered as soon as possible.
- Governor Elect Jerry Medlin discussed the number of JOOI club packages that had been sent out and encouraged our members to continue their efforts to get these clubs started. He also discussed the upcoming district meetings.
- Governor Lou Anna Hardee encouraged the potential Governor Elect candidates to "put their names in the hat" now which will give them more than ample time to start planning their year! She also encouraged us to continue in our growth through new club building and new members. Our goal is 128 more new members. She reminded everyone of the location for the luncheon and general housekeeping information.
- Meeting closed with the Optimist Creed by membership.



The meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.

The Youth Luncheon was held with 110 attending which included Optimist members, Oratorical contestants and families and our Essay Winner and family. During the luncheon, Billy Edgerton also announced our CCDHH Winner. Our Youth Luncheon was concluded with the Optimist Creed.

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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