

# North Carolina East Optimist News

Dear Fellow Optimist:

The NEW YEAR has begun and if we hit the ground running, we can start on a high note and not wait for the catch-up mode to kick in. We have much to accomplish this year and working as a team, there is nothing we can't accomplish together. The GOALS we have set for ourselves for this year are reasonable and achievable. We have to BELIEVE that each Club can increase its MEMBERSHIP by 4 members, and build 4 New Clubs as a minimum in the District.

The item that continues to concern me is the RETENTION of our existing members and the short amount of time some members remain on the Membership rolls.

I hope we will set up a BUDDY PLAN and have one of the seasoned members follow our New Members for at least one year and make sure they are a part of the Club's Activities. We now lose as many members as we bring in New Member each year.

If each Club increases its membership by 4, then we will increase our total membership by 140



members; wouldn't that be great! Let's get the GROWTH TEAM working.

We are working very hard to make our Quarterly District Meetings inexpensive, interesting, educational, fun and TEAM BUILDING. We will be having all our District Meetings at the Holiday Inn Express in Goldsboro. The Room rates are \$65 and we can provide the Food for all our Meals at these meetings. The Breakfast is complimentary for the Members staying at the Hotel and is really considered a Full Breakfast. The Hotel is providing a lot of the items needed for the meetings which allows us to keep the registration fee very affordable. PLEASE ATTEND THE QUARTERLY DISTRICT MEETINGS and you will see some of the 1327 Optimist Friends you have in North Carolina East.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as Governor this year and I will work very hard to be the BEST I can be, and BELIEVE in what we are trying to accomplish for the CHILDREN and our COMMUNITIES.

Yours in Optimism,

Jerry M. Medlin

2011-2012 Governor

NC East District, Optimist international



Gloria Kloster, OI Vice President

## 2011-2012 District Officers Installed



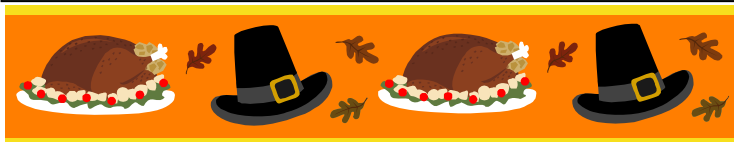
North Carolina East District Offices for the coming year were installed at the Convention Banquet. From left: Sandy Cyphers, Optimist International vice President; Past Governor Lou Anna Hardee, Curtis Hardee; Jean Medlin; Governor Jerry Medlin;/ Treasurer, Barbara Timmons; Secretary/Treasurer; Ronnie McLamb.



From left: Lt. Gov. Zone 4, Angela Iwaniuk; Bill Iwaniuk; Lt. Gov. Zone 5; Errol Warren; Melissa Skinner; Lt. Gov. Zone 6, Bob Hassebrock.



From Left: Lt. Gov. Zone 2, Eddie Boyette; Joan Ludlum; Lt. Gov. Zone 1, Allan Ludlum; Lt. Gov. Zone 3, Lou Anna Hardee, Curtis Hardee.



**Thanksgiving**

## 3rd Quarter 2010-2011 A&A Winners

### Top Ten Clubs



From Left: No. 10, Golden Circle, Carol Collier; No 9, Chapel Hill, Bob Verne; No. 7 Tie, Goldsboro, Gary Pender; No. 6 Whiteville, Don Harritan; No. 7 Tie, North Raleigh Tom McCutcheon No. 5, Greenville, Charles Ross; No. 4, Winter Park, Tom Lamont; No. 3, Port City, Andrew Nettleman; No 2, Duplin, Joan Williams; No 1, Cape Fear, Robin Bass.

### Top Clubs in Each Zone

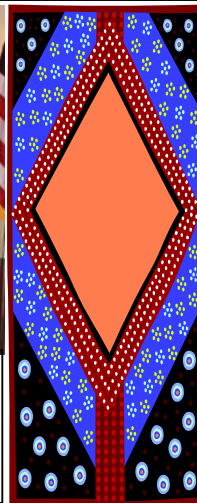


From Left: Zone 1, Wilmington Cape Fear Robin Bass; Zone 2, Whitesville, Don Harritan; Zone 3, Greenville, Charles Ross; Zone 4, Golden Circle, Angela Iwaniuk; Zone 5, Rocky Mount Evening, Ed Taylor; Zone 6, North Raleigh, Tom McCutcheon

### Top Lt. Governors



No. 1, Zone 5, Errol Warren; No. 2, Zone 6, Gene Dodd, (Tom McCutcheon); No. 3, Zone 2, Lt. Gov. Rachel Mitchell, (Don Harritan)



**Dan Durham**  
District A&A Chair

# District Membership

Greetings Fellow Optimists. First, let me congratulate you for being a part of a historical year for our District. We earned Distinguished honors two years in a row for the first time ever. Our Growth Team sponsored 317 members in accomplishing this fete.

Moving forward, while we have the momentum, let's set our goals high and shoot for a third consecutive year as a Distinguished District. This is very achievable, as we have a great team of enthusiastic leaders.



Auston Pusey  
Membership Chair &  
Candidate Qualifications

Governor Jerry has worked hard to get us prepared for the journey, so let's give him our support for the sake of our District and the children we serve. Have you brushed up on your "elevator speech" so you'll be ready when you approach a potential new member? We all have different personalities and we have to decide the best way to promote our organization. The one suggestion I would make is to discuss the activities you're most proud of in your club. It is a plus to state that over 30 additional children will be helped through each new membership. This is especially helpful when talking to a potential new Friend of Optimist Member.

Membership awards:

10 Member Pins:

- Robin Bass            Cape Fear
- Lou Powell            Duplin
- Robert Whitehurst   Cape Fear
- Barbara Hester        Golden Circle
- Jan Edgerton         Goldsboro
- Eddie Boyette         Duplin

25 Member Pin:

- Tommy Peele
- Rocky Mount
- Evening



# Childhood Cancer Campaign

What a great finish to the 2010 - 2011 year. Congratulations to all the clubs for their efforts to support the Childhood Cancer Campaign. At the district convention donations from the Optimist Club of Raleigh, Whiteville Optimist Club, Golden Circle Optimist Club, Duplin Optimist Club, Greenville Optimist Club, Roxboro Optimist Club and the new Northern Wake Optimist Club a totaled \$2252. Cash donations from individuals was \$84. The Mighty Duck Race raised another \$504. Our total from the district meeting was \$2840.



We had an exciting duck race at the hotel Lazy River on Saturday afternoon. The ducks set off at race time and began their journey around the treacherous turns with Tom Lamont and his sidekicks cheering them on. Tom's play-by-play calling of the race made this an extra special treat. Thanks so much Tom. We look forward to next year's

race and hearing you call the race. The winners were duck #29 - racing for Nancy Jeffrey's, duck #2 - racing for Auston Pusey, and duck # 31 - also racing for Nancy Jeffrey's. Many thanks to Nancy and Austin for donating \$155 of their winnings to the Childhood Cancer Campaign.

Several clubs have begun their 2011 - 2012 Childhood Cancer fundraisers this fall. The Raleigh Optimist Club raised \$443.46, their best weekend collection



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yet. To schedule a fundraiser at Harris-Teeter stores, clubs need to go on-line and keep in mind that the months of March and May are blocked out because of in-store fundraisers. Dates need to be selected at least six weeks in advance.

I had the pleasure of taking donations of doctor kits, hand crocheted blankets, panda bears, and a couple \$1,000 checks to the Childhood Cancer Clinics at Duke and UNC. The Chapel Hill Optimist Club raised \$1558.47 this year from their Kisses For Childhood Cancer collections. It has been my privilege to deliver this support for my club and also for those clubs in the district that donated the panda bears.

Thanks again for your support and generosity to the staff, the families and especially to the children being treated for childhood cancer. Your support makes a big difference in their lives and the success of their treatments.

Childhood Cancer Campaign Chairman  
Trish Verne



Auston Pusey, Left receiving Personal Growth Involvement , Level 7 pin from PGI Chair, Linda Watson.

# Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina



Hello Optimist

Greetings from the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina. There are about 36 kids on campus and about 98 kids in foster care. We have not had any kids in the Optimist Cottage for a while but will have some by the middle of November. The new house parents are finishing up their



training now.

I want to thank you for all of your support that you give to the Boys and Girls Homes. As you know, Christmas is just around the corner and I ask you to think of the kids at Christmas time. If you or your club would like to sponsor a child for Christmas, the sponsorship is \$250.00 or whatever you would like to give.

In the past we had the 5 x 12 Club and that is you pledge \$5.00 a month for 12 months, a total of \$60.00 a year. I am starting the 5x12 again this year and I hope that all of you join. We also have the Century Club which is a cost of \$100.00 a year. If you would like to honor a member of club there is no better way than with a Walt Armentrout Fellowship which is \$500.00.

If you need a speaker to talk at one of your club meetings, please let Gary Greene or myself know and we will be glad to be your speaker.



For the Love of Kids  
Gary Pender



Gary Green, Civic Club Liaison,  
B&G Homes



## New College Club Built by Goldsboro Optimist

September 30, 2011



Members of the Wayne Community College Optimist Club are from left to right: Halleigh Carlson and Jessica Hoffman in the first row and Tyler Dean, Andrew Carey, Logan Wicks, and Virgil Shaw in the second row.

(Photograph by Bill and Jan Edgerton)

Photo from Goldsboro News Letter.

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# From Your District JOOI Club Chair:

## Building Bridges: The Optimist JOOI Club Connection

### Kids Volunteer Myth

The truth is that kids do like to volunteer and they are helping in the millions. It's been reported that 15.5 million kids ages 12 to 18 volunteer each year ...that's nearly double the rate for adults.

### Community Service Projects

This is the basis of JOOI Clubs. Clubs plan and complete at least one community project a year. The club decides. Projects can be almost anything the community needs from cleaning up a stream to organizing a teacher appreciation day.

### Health Needs Projects

Who knew...kids are more receptive to the idea of fundraisers than adults. Kids are not shy when it comes to promoting carwash and bake sale fundraisers.

### JOOI Clubs Are Natural Fit

**Junior Optimist Octagon International** is the umbrella organization linking all the local clubs. The JOOI organization consists of over 17,500 members and 650 clubs.



David Fritz, District JOOI Chair

Sponsoring a JOOI club benefits the individuals involved as well as the sponsoring Club. Clubs are organized by age group:

**Alpha 6-9 years of age:** clubs focus on volunteerism and teamwork. It is important that members play a role in doing a simple community service project and fund raiser.

**Junior age 10-13:** this group focuses on the development of leadership skills and serving the needs of others.

**Octagon 14-19 and still in high school:** at this level the clubs activities are member driven.

### Optimists JOOI Club Connections in Our District

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With the Optimist New Year came a new college level club in our district bringing the total to eight. Your input counts...JOOI clubs benefit and depend on individual support and club contributions. Club Members, who serve as Adult Mentors and Advisors, experience the reward of seeing JOOI members and club leaders develop ideas into successful projects. Help build bridges to the Optimist Connection!

David Fritz

## District Essay Contest

This year's Essay Topic is "HOW MY POSITIVE OUTLOOK BENEFITS MY COMMUNITY". Club chairpersons should communicate to Teachers the importance of students following the guidelines for completion of this year's essay contest.

Club Winner entries must be sent to the district chairman and postmarked no later than February 28, 2012. The District winner will receive a plaque and a \$2,500.00 college scholarship.

You may contact Dana Thomas at [dana.thomas@optimist.org](mailto:dana.thomas@optimist.org) 800-500-8130 x 201 for a copy of this year's guidelines or Bruce W. Andrews, District Chairman, 919-779-3031 or [bwandrews44@gmail.com](mailto:bwandrews44@gmail.com)

Wayne, thanks so much. Sorry about this getting in late. Bruce

Bruce W. Andrews

District Essay Chair



# Welcome Optimists to Milwaukee, Wisconsin Where City and Beach Life Comes

Easily accessible by air and land, less than a day's drive for most Optimists; Milwaukee is a premiere Midwestern meeting destination. Within walking distance of the hotels and convention center is Milwaukee's dynamic downtown, offering a wide range of shopping, dining and nightlife options, the RiverWalk, Water Street Entertainment District, Downtown Theater District, museums and professional sports. There is so much to see and do in Milwaukee!

Plan now to attend the

## 94th Annual Optimist International Convention Milwaukee, Wisconsin

July 12-14, 2012

Events take place at the Frontier Airlines Center and Hilton Milwaukee City Center which is also the headquarters hotel.



Carey Foster, District  
International Convention  
Ambassador

**DO YOU KNOW....CAN YOU ASSIST?...**  
**NEW CLUB BUILDING CONSTRUCTION HAS**  
**BEGUN AND IS CONTINUING**  
**THROUGH COMPLETION**

The District, Governor Jerry and the children in hundreds of communities in the North Carolina East District need your assistance in helping to build clubs ....**REMEMBER.....THE MORE CLUBS..THE MORE KIDS WE CAN HELP IN COMMUNITIES**....efforts are being directed in building new optimist clubs in the following communities...**BURGAW, LELAND, FAYETTEVILLE, BEAULAVILLE, CLINTON, BATH, KINSTON, NEW BERN, BAILEY, WINTERVILLE, WILLIAMSTON, MIDDLESEX, DURHAM, OXFORD, CREEDMOR, NASHVILLE, BENSON, CARY and, EAST WAKE. WILL YOU, CAN YOU LEND A HAND?** It's as easy as this....give me,



Governor Jerry or Lt. Governors names and information referencing, family members, former classmates, former neighbors, etc. that you may know that live and reside in one of the above listed locations. Also, you can assist in helping us work to begin construction and then complete the project...**HOW MANY MEMBERS DOES IT TAKE TO BUILD A CLUB?..... ONLY 15**...yep that's correct, 15 members is the number allotted this optimist year to build a full optimist club. Will you join with members of our district in helping to complete this new construction...Just think of the hundreds of kids that would be provided opportunities otherwise they would not have and the self satisfaction you receive from helping complete this worthwhile project. Working together we can **MAKE IT HAPPEN**.....be part of the efforts...

Sandy Cyphers

Optimist International Certified New Club Builder

N.C. East Leadership Development Chairman



## Letter from the Past Governor

Hello Fellow Optimists,

What a nice way to finish the 2010-2011 Optimist Year! You (*everyone in the NC East District*) made history for the first time in NC East by becoming a "***Distinguished District***" for a second consecutive year and while this past year was definitely a challenging year, you pushed hard and made it happen.

Throughout the year, accolades were given to many as you became "***Danny's Awesome Achievers;***" were in the ***Top Five OI Recruiters of "Friends of Optimist"*** during March and April; ***first time ever--100% submissions of Club Officer Elect Forms*** by May 20; attended the International Convention; attended the NC East District Meetings and Annual Convention; one club celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Optimists; and finished the year strong by building one new adult club and one new community college club. Statistics for membership were up and down but steady throughout the year and due to everyone's continued efforts, we met our variable goal of 20% increase and all dues paid to be named "Distinguished."

Clubs and individuals were recognized through the "***Updates – State of the District***" messages that were distributed regularly and the teleconferences were also beneficial to those who attended. Quarterly District Meetings and the Convention were well attended; fellowship and entertainment enjoyed by all; and training provided will enhance the leadership skills of participants. Numerous events and programs were offered for the youth in the communities as we strived to "***Bring Out the Best in Kids***" and scholarships totaling \$10,000 were awarded by the district to deserving youth.

Please accept my most sincere appreciation to each of you for allowing me to serve as your 2010-2011 Governor. This past year has been a joyous journey as Curtis and I have traveled throughout the district attending meetings, celebrations, and events as well as the Parallel District Conference and the International Convention. Many new

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friends have been made over the past months along with memories of you that we will cherish forever.

You are the best people in Eastern North Carolina. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for the support you gave me and for all you do to serve the youth in our communities.

Sincere appreciation is extended to the NC East District Officers, Lt. Governors, Chairs, and all members of the Growth Team for their dedication, support, and assistance during 2010-2011. You are commended for a job well done! To all Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and every Optimist, special appreciation is extended for all you have done and your service to our children.

Now, let's move forward and support Governor Jerry Medlin and the 2011-2012 Growth Team and strive for continued success a third consecutive year as you "*Make Your Yes Mean Yes in Service to Others.*"

Best Wishes to all of you! You will always have a special place in our hearts! I would like to thank each of you for the opportunity to serve as your Governor for 2010-2011. Remember – "*Serving Youth Today – Grows Optimists for Tomorrow!*"

Yours in Optimism,

**Lou Anna**

**Immediate Past Governor, 2011-2012**

**NC East District, Optimist International**



## Goldsboro Optimist New Officer Installation, 2011-2012



Pictured from left to right are Jerry Medlin, Bill Edgerton, Matt Howell, Raymond Clark, Dawn Clark, Demarcus Reid, Linda Howell, Jo Ann Williams, Jewel Faison, Jacky Young, and Jean Medlin (seated).

## Whiteville Optimist New Officer Installation, 2011-2012



2010-2011 Officers: (L-R) Sec-Treasurer Don Harritan; Vice President Mark Harritan; President Willie Wilkins; Past President Evan Gore; President-Elect David Heath; and Recording Secretary Bobby Hensley

## Laurinburg Installation Honors Two Members



Randy Johnson, Optimist of the Year



Archie McRimmon, Winner of the Riggins Quick Eagle Award



## Wilson Evening Optimist Installation 2011-2012



Wilson Evening officers seated from left: Allan Stallings, Secretary; Jimmy Lamm, President; John Eberwine, 1st Vice President; Leland Galloway, Treasurer.

Standing from left: Bob Craft, 2nd Vice President; Jerry Poole, Sgt. At Arms; Past President, Ray Davis; Gene Whitfield and Horace Goff, 2 yr. Board Members;. Not present for photo, 1 year Board Members, Doug Lamm and Ray Cunningham.

## Greenville Optimist Donate to Ron McDonald House



Pictured above are members of the Optimist Club of Greenville presenting a check to Janet Berg, Ronald McDonald House Operations Director, are (L-R). Sarah Dalrymple, Janet Berg, and Stephanie Stepps.



### Awards presented at 4th Quarter Board Meeting



OI Foundation awards:

From left: Benefactor awards presented to Duplin, Eddie Boyette and Roanoke Rapids, Dan Durham .



From left OI \$365 Patch & Print Awards: Cape Fear, Robin Bass; Goldsboro, Gary Pender; Henderson, Errol Warren.



Benefactor Award Presented by David Fritz on left to Auston Pusey.



Honored Benefactor award to Doug Lamm, left present by David Fritz. Also receiving the award, not present Wanda Lamm.



OI Foundation Dime-A-Day Members	
Emory White	Barbara Durham
Susan Nettleman	Doug Lamm
Andrew Nettleman	Wanda Lamm
Auston Pusey	Bennie Bass
Billy Edgerton	Johnnie Johnson
Everett Dodd	Gail Johnson
Mary Dodd	Linda Watson
Tom Lamont	Ronnie McLamb
Donna Lamont	Tommy Peele
Bob Verne	Donald Harritan
Dan Durham	Judy Harritan
	LouAnna Hardee
	Curtis Hardee

Club Donations to OI Foundation as of June 30 2011:	Duplin	500.
Cape Fear \$6771.	Henderson	500 .
Raleigh Dinner 160.	Roanoke Rapids	3193.
Goldsboro 500.	Rocky Mount Evening	1000.
Greenville 150.	Whiteville	450.
	Winter Park	1000.

Winter Park has achieved Silver Benefactor Status in Optimist International Foundation for donations exceeding \$25,000.



David Fritz OI Foundation Chair 2010-2011



Fellow Optimists,

As Chair of Candidate Qualifications, I would like to extend an invitation to you to serve as the 2012-2013 Governor-Elect for the NC East District. This also means that you would be Governor for 2013-2014 and what a wonderful journey that will be for someone.

The criteria is simple –

Being an Optimist in good standing

Having served as a Club President

Having a passion to serve youth

How do you apply – give me a call, send me a letter, or e-mail stating that you are interested.

As Walt Disney once stated – *“All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.”*

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours in Optimism,

**Lou Anna Hardee**

**Candidate Qualifications, 2011-2012**



# District Oratorical Contest

## ORATORICAL CONTEST 2011-2012

Since its start in 1928, the Optimist Oratorical Contest has become the longest-running program sponsored by Optimist International. The Oratorical Contest is designed for youth to gain experience in public speaking and provide them with the opportunity to compete for a college scholarship.



This year Optimist International, funded by the O I Foundation, will offer two scholarships in the amount of \$2,500.00 and will be awarded to the male and female first-place winners of the NC East District Contest.

### **“HOW MY OPTIMISM HELPS ME OVERCOME OBSTACLES”**

This is the topic for 2011-2012 contest. We expect some great orations with this year's topic. Now is the time for Optimist in the NC East District to make plans for your Club's Oratorical Contest.

Lt. Governors, of each Zone, will set the dates for the Zone Contests. Club Contests should be conducted at least a couple of weeks prior to the Zone Contest. This will allow the Club Winners sufficient time to prepare for the Zone Contest.

The NC East District Oratorical Contest will be held at the third NC East District meeting. This meeting will be at the Holiday Inn Express in Goldsboro, NC on May 12, 2012.

#### KEY DATES

The names of the Zone Oratorical Contest winners must be provided to the District Contest Chair by  
APRIL 25, 2012

**IMPORTANT:** The following three documents must also be provided to the District Chair by APRIL 25, 2012.

Copy of the winners application

Copy of the applicant's proof of age

A typed, double-spaced copy of the speech



Carlton Baird District  
Oratorical Chairman



## **COMMUNICATION CONTEST for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing**

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL 

### Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH)

Now is the time to make the contacts in your local school systems to seek out those students that qualify to participate in the CCDHH contest. We have given the information to the teachers at the North Carolina School for the Deaf. The title this year is "How My Optimism Helps Me Overcome Obstacles". The contest will be held on Thursday, May 3 at 6:00pm. You can pull up all the information on line or contact me and I will get you the information. My contact information is Phone 919-920-8541 or E-mail at [bedgerton4@nc.rr.com](mailto:bedgerton4@nc.rr.com). This is a great opportunity for a student to win a \$2,500 scholarship. If I can help in any way, please don't hesitate to let me know. THANKS, BILL EDGERTON



Billy Edgerton  
CCDHHChair

## OI Foundation

As you may know, I am chairing the Foundation again this year. I have been a strong supporter of the Foundation for many years. I support it because I think it is very worthwhile. The Foundation provides the four \$2,500 scholarships to our district plus helps provide all of the program and educational materials we receive from Optimist International. Please consider having the Foundation in your clubs budget plus your personal budget.

Thirty years ago at the first International Convention that Jan and I attended, the Foundation was celebrating its tenth anniversary. A very generous Optimist donated \$100,000 to bring the total up to \$1,000,000. Now about \$1,000,000 is given each year to the Foundation. Most of us can not give that kind of money, but we can give something. I will have all of the information for the different levels of giving at the District Meeting.

Bill Edgerton, OI Foundation Chair

## Leadership Development

### 100% AND THEN SOME

Leaders are not born as leaders...they are made into leaders by their interest, motivation, enthusiasm, desire and eagerness to be a leader...thus it is up to those of us that have come before them to take the initiative to assist in their desire to become leaders by teaching, training and sharing our knowledge in order to make them into the best leader(s) they can possibly be in whatever areas of leadership they select....In the N.C. East District we need to continue training optimistic members in order to help build leaders...members that will have the desire and passion to lead this district as Governor, Lt. Governor, Club Presidents, District Chairmen, etc.

As District Leadership Chairman I am here to help individual members and clubs in whatever area is needed to make the most of their involvement and their club's involvement with our organization.

Hopefully along the way building and instilling in members the desire to become a optimistic leader.

I am available to come to your club for a club training program, a NOW Program, P.G.I. Presentation, J.O.O.I Presentation or even individual officer training...**ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS "ASK"**. I am here for you, with you and wanting to help you become a better optimist...**BECOME A LEADER..GIVE YOUR 100% AND THEN SOME...THE DISTRICT NEEDS YOU AND THE KIDS IN COMMUNITIES NEED GOOD LEADERS.**

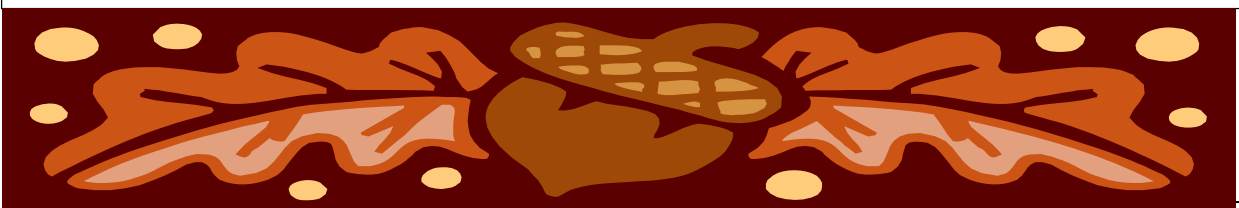
Sandy Cyphers



**Sandy Cyphers**

**4917 Seabrook Ct.**

**Wilmington, NC 28403**



**North Carolina East District**  
**Optimist International**  
**Fourth Quarter District Meeting**  
**Bay Watch Resort, North Myrtle Beach, SC**  
**District Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Saturday, September 10, 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
Jo Ann Williams	Lt. Governor Zone 3
Linda Watson	Lt. Governor Zone 4
Errol Warren	Lt. Governor Zone 5

The following clubs were represented: Zone 1-Cape Fear, Winter Park, Port City, Wilmington; Zone 2-Whiteville, Duplin, Elizabethtown; Zone 3-Goldsboro, Greenville; Zone 4-Golden Circle, Wilson Evening; Zone 5-Henderson, Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount Evening, Rocky Mount Breakfast, Roxboro; Zone 6- Raleigh, Raleigh Dinner, North Raleigh, Garner, Wake Forest, Chapel Hill, Southern

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Wake, Northern Wake.

Governor Lou Anna Hardee called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Governor Lou Anna Hardee welcomed Councilman Bob Cavanaugh from The Mayor's Office in North Myrtle Beach, SC. He welcomed us to the area and Governor Lou Anna presented him with a certification of appreciation.

Presentation of Colors lead by Stan Parker Troup 888 which has produced 23 Eagle Scouts. Governor Lou Anna presented them with her pins and a certificate of appreciation.

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Governor Lou Anna Hardee.

Invocation by Dan Durham.

Governor Lou Anna Hardee recognized first timer attendees, Charter Club Members, Past International President, Past International Vice Presidents, International VP Elect and Past Governors in attendance as well as Club Presidents and OI Representative International Vice President Gloria Kloster of the Great Plains Region.

3rd Quarter Board Meeting Minutes were reported by Barbara Timmons. Motion to accept made by Trish Verne of Chapel Hill – second by Eddie Boyette of Duplin – Approved.

3rd Quarter Financial Report was made by Barbara Timmons. Motion to accept made by Eddie Boyette of Duplin – second by Linda Watson of Golden Circle – Approved.

CCC District Chair Trish Verne reported on the upcoming Duck Race sales and the numerous Club “kisses for Cancer” projects and took an alter call.

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Convention Chair Gary Pender reported on the convention and thanked each zone that helped with the convention. As of the meeting, there were 113 attending the convention.

Membership/Candidate Qualification Chair Auston Pusey reported on the fact that he can have material to put in the bulletin.

New Club Building Chair Darrell Fulcher reported that Raleigh Dinner Optimist Club has sponsored a new club in Zone 6 - Northern Wake Optimist Club which chartered August 30<sup>th</sup>. Also, there are 9 members of the club attending the Convention this weekend. Darrell also reiterated the incentives for building new clubs.

We took a break at 10:15 am and everyone was invited to the Hospitality Suite.

Governor Hardee called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

A & A Chair Dan Durham presented the awards for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter and encouraged clubs to send in their reports!

OI Foundation Representative David Fritz reported on the donations to date and took an alter call.

Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw Representative Gary Pender reported on the home and what they are doing now. He and Gary Greene had an alter call.

OI Representative from the Great Plains Region International Vice President Gloria Kloster spent some time discussing the state of our district and our achievements to date. She encouraged us to continue to move forward.

Governor Elect Jerry Medlin discussed the upcoming year and the great team that we will be working with. He has encouraged all to attend the district

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meetings and grow in Membership and new clubs – adult, college and JOOI.

Governor Hardee also encouraged us to continue the good work our clubs are doing and achieving the growth that we have had all year.

We closed with the Creed at noon.

Barbara Timmons

District Secretary–Treasurer



THE A & A REPORT FOR 2011-12 WILL BE SENT OUT DURING DECEMBER, 1011. THE FORMS HAVE CHANGED FOR THE NEW YEAR . GOVERNOR JERRY HAS ADDED SOME POINT CATEGORIES AND I HAVE ADDED SOME CATEGORIES. THE FORM ALSO SHOULD BE MORE USER FRIENDLY FOR THE NEW YEAR. PLEASE COMPLETE THE 1ST QUARTER FORM AND RETURN TO ME BY JANUARY 15, 2012 THE TOP 10 CLUBS AND OVER ALL LT. GOVERNOR WILL BE ANNOUNCED DURING PAST GOVERNOR HARDEE'S AWARDS BANQUET IN FEBURARY.

#### CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

THE 2012 CONVENTION WILL BE HELD AT THE BAY WATCH IN NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA BEGINNING ON AUGUST 24 AND ENDING ON AUGUST 26. THE COMMITTEE IS EXCITED WITH THE CHANGE FROM SEPTEMBER TO AUGUST. THE GREAT RATES WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING HAVE REMAINED THE SAME EVEN WITH THE MOVE TO AUGUST. A POSSIBLE EXCITING CHANGE FOR THE FRIDAY NIGHT EVENING MEAL/ENTERTAINMENT IS BEING CONSIDERED WITH AN OUTING TO THE NEW PIRATES ADVENTURE DINNER AND SHOW. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING THE MEETING THIS WEEK END. THE COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING THIS WEEK END AND WOULD LIKE TO HEAR IDEAS THAT MEMBERS MAY DESIRE TO SEE FOR THIS YEAR OR CHANGES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE. THE GREAT TRAINING WILL CONTINUE AND THE COMMITTEE IS EXCITED TO BE A PART OF GOVERNOR JERRY'S GREAT YEAR. COME AND BE A PART OF THIS CONVENTION!



# 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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