

# North Carolina East Optimist News

Hello Optimist,

The North Carolina East District Third Quarter District Meeting will be held on May 11-12, 2012, at the Holiday Inn Express, 909 North Spence St., Goldsboro, N. C.

At this meeting, the District Oratorical Contest will be held and one boy and one girl winner will be announced at the Annual Youth Luncheon. In addition, the District CCDHH Contest and the Essay Contest Winners will be announced and presented their Awards during the Luncheon.

Remember, for FIRST TIME OPTIMISTS who have never attended a District Meeting, the registration fee will be waived; first timers only need to stay and pay for the Luncheon on Saturday.



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On Friday, the registration table will open at 4:00pm. The Dutch Treat Dinner will be held at Logans Roadhouse Restaurant at 5:00pm, where we have a reserved room.

The Hospitality Room will open at 7:00pm where refreshments will be provided and everyone is welcome to attend for some good fellowship. The District Executive Committee meeting will be held at 7:00pm in the Dogwood Room. After the Executive Meeting, we will all gather in the Hospitality Room to share ideas about ways to improve our District and socialize with other Optimist Members. We could share ideas on ways clubs can recruit new members and build new clubs. In an effort to grow our Membership, this exchange will be so beneficial to everyone.

On Saturday, Breakfast is available, compliments of the Hotel and served in the Lobby.

The Third District meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Express in the Magnolia Room starting at 8:30am. The Meeting will end at 10:00am and we will move to the First Baptist church for the District Oratorical Contest. The Baptist Church is located at 125 S. Johns St. in Goldsboro, NC 27530 which is a short distance from the Hotel. The Oratorical Contest will begin at 10:30am and the Luncheon at 12:30pm. While the Judges are completing their selection of the winner, we will reconvene our meeting and present the 2nd Q A&A Awards; afterwards the Lunch will be served.

REMINDER - Elections for Lt. Governor Elects will be held on Saturday, May 12th.

Registration Forms and all meeting agendas will be at [www.nceast-optimist.org](http://www.nceast-optimist.org). Note Deadlines for Hotel and Early Bird Registration. You save money by registering early. Please distribute these forms to your members and encourage them to attend. The business of the District occurs at these meetings so please attend & give your input.

Yours in Optimism

Jerry M. Medlin

Governor 2011-2012

NC East District, Optimist International

We need to get the New Clubs Organized that were promised at the beginning of the year. Here is the TARGET LIST we did together in August, 2011:

South Johnston - Jerry Medlin & Dave Bast - Organized on 1-19-2012 (22)

Shallotte – Les Craft – In works now – estimate to complete – May 28, 2012

Smithfield – Jerry Medlin & Bill Edgerton – Est. to complete – May 29, 2012

Red Oak or Nashville – Rocky Mt Evening –Est to complete – May 31, 2012

East Wake – Bob Hassebrock & Barbara Timmons-est cmpt -June 18, 2012

New Bern, Kinston, & Williamston – Lou Anna Hardee & Angela Iwaniuk are working on these and are developing contacts. They will advise which Location they will concentrate on.

Clinton – Allan Ludlum & Eddie Boyette, Jr. are working on this one. Will advise the estimate complete date?

Jerry Medlin  
New Club Building Chairman  
NC East District Optimist



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# 1st Quarter 2011-2012 A&A Winners

## Top Ten Clubs



No. 1: Goldsboro, Billy Edgerton; No. 2: Rocky Mount Evening, Tommy Peele; No. 3: Duplin, Eddie Boyette; No. 4: Wilmington Cape fear, Robin Bass; No. 5: Raleigh, Dayne Brown; No. 6: Northern Wake, Jennifer Timmons; No. 7: Greenville, Stephanie Stepps; No. 8: Golden Circle, Diane Johnson; No. 9: Roanoke Rapids, Dan Durham; No. 10: Henderson, William Haithcock.

## Top Clubs in Each Zone

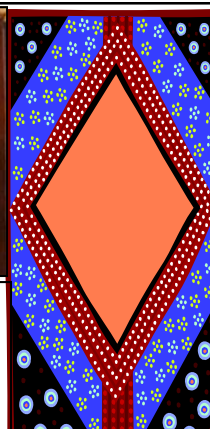


Zone, 1: Cape Fear, Robin Bass; Zone 2: Duplin, Eddie Boyette; Zone 3: Goldsboro, Billy Edgerton; Zone 4, Golden Circle, Diane Johnson; Zone 5, Rocky Mount Evening, Tommy Peele; No. 6: Raleigh, Dayne Brown

## Top Lt. Governors



No. 3: LouAnna Hardee, Zone 3; No. 2: Bob Hassebrock, Zone 6, No. 1: Errol Warren, Zone 4.



**Dan Durham**  
District A&A Chair

# Top 10 Clubs 2010-2011



No. 1 Cape Fear, Robin Bass

No. 2 Goldsboro, Billy Edgerton

No. 3 Whiteville, Don Harritan

No. 4 Greenville, Stephanie Stepps

No. 5 Winter Park, Al Ludlum

No. 6 North Raleigh, Absent

No. 7 Raleigh, Bob Hassebrock,

No. 8 Golden Circle, Celia Wise

No. 9 Port City, Al Ludlum

No. 10 Rocky Mount Eve, Tommy Peele

## PGI Awards 2010-2011

### Golden Circle

Level 1

Brenda Farmer

Norma Dyell

Faye Wheeler

Merry Simmons

Jean McLamb

Eloise Register

Kathy Sandifer

Linda Shepard

### Northern Wake

Level 1

Ronnie McLamb

Tim Harward

Yelemma Palchey

Audrey Powers

Deanna Franz

Gloria Holder

Christy Stokes

Aelisch Leen

Level 2

Jennifer Timmons

Level 8

Barbara Timmons



## OI Foundation

### Average member donation 2010-2011

Duplin	\$35.22	Raleigh	\$29.14
Cape Fear	\$47.10	Roanoke Rapids	\$79.11
Raleigh Dinner	\$62.39	R. Mount Eve.	\$60.33
Golden Circle	\$23.23	Whiteville	\$19.96
Goldsboro	\$41.21	Wilmington	\$200.00
Greenville	\$23.48	Wilson Evening	\$11.29
Henderson	\$10.64	Winter Park	\$43.50
North Raleigh	\$22.42	Chapel Hill	\$48.05

### Awards for 2010-2011

## Distinguished Lt. Governors



**Zone 3 Lt. Governor Jo Ann Williams**



**Zone 6 Lt. Governor Gene Dodd**

# Distinguished Clubs 2010-2011



## **Greenville**

President

Stephanie Steps

Secretary

← Jean Garris (Absent)

Treasurer

Hubert Garris (Absent)

## **Goldsboro**

President

→ Billy Edgerton

Secretary/Treasurer

Albert Young



## **Raleigh Dinner**

President

← Lynn Capps (Absent)

Secretary/Treasurer

Carlton Baird



## Honor Clubs 2010-2011

Cape Fear  
 President  
 Bennie Bass  
 Secretary  
 Kathy Brennan  
 Treasurer  
 Robin Bass  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Duplin  
 President  
 Eddie Boyette  
 Secretary  
 Joan Williams  
 Treasurer  
 Doris English  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Bennett Wilson  
 President  
 Alton Lamm  
 Secretary  
 Eric Lippard  
 Treasurer  
 George Lamm

Wilson Breakfast  
 President  
 Bobby Moss  
 Secretary/Treasurer  
 Mickey Grizzard  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Wilson Golden Circle  
 President  
 Celia Wise  
 Secretary  
 Angela Iwaniuk  
 Treasurer  
 Barbara Hester  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Rocky Mount Breakfast  
 President  
 Michael Blanchard  
 Secretary/Treasurer  
 Waymouth Allen





# Honor Clubs 2010-2011

Rocky Mount Evening

President

Michael Blanchard

Secretary

David Hodges

Treasurer

Henry Edmondson

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North Raleigh

President

Alan Hoal

Secretary

Michael Harper

Treasurer

Mary Noel Dodd

\*\*\*\*\*

Northern Wake

President

Jennifer Timmons

Secretary

Audrey Powers

Secretary

Christy Stokes

Southern Wake

President

Allan Middleton

Secretary/Treasurer

Kim Brown

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Wake Forest

President

Cathy Potter

Secretary/Treasurer

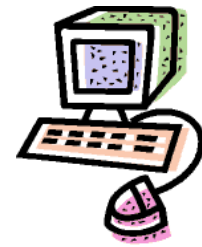
Kenneth Carle

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# Donate Your Old Computer For

## Optimist Computers4Kids



If you have an old or unused computer, please consider donating it to support the "Optimist Computers4Kids" program.

The **Goldsboro Optimist Club** is a Microsoft® Registered Refurbisher and collects used computers and refurbishes them to Microsoft® standards and, for a small processing fee, provides them to low income families who have at least 1 kid in grade 6 through 12 attending a Wayne County Public School.

All donated computers undergo a refurbishing process that includes wiping the data off all hard drives and installing a fresh copy of an operating system provided by Microsoft® through its Registered Refurbisher program.



What you can donate:

Laptop, Desktop, or Tower Computers with 1.4 GHz CPUs or faster.

Processor and Windows XP OS or Later (Preferably not over 5 years old.)

CRT Monitors 15" to 17" in Working Condition

LCD Monitors 15" or Larger in Working Condition

Keyboards      Mice      Power Cords and Cables.

[Computers4Kids@goldsborooptimist.org](mailto:Computers4Kids@goldsborooptimist.org) or contact one of our club members at 919-920-1585 or 919-920-8541.

Please visit <http://goldsborooptimist.org> for more information

# JOOI

## JOOI New Club Push

Now is the time to make that appointment with a teacher or student advisor about planning a new JOOI club for next year. Remember to emphasize the opportunities for student leadership and community service that JOOI clubs provide. Download and take JOOI resource materials available from the OI Website. Your school contact can help identify one or two key students to encourage other students to join. Use handouts and posters from materials on the OI site or made up by students. Consider having your club cover the initial charter fee, its only \$50.00. The student individual dues are \$10.00 per year billed next year and again maybe your club will want to cover a portion of the cost. The JOOI club structure has 3 age groups plus a college club.

Alpha Clubs.... ages 6 to 9

Junior Clubs ... ages 10 to 13

Octagon Clubs... ages 14 to 18

## JOOI Convention

It's July 10-12 at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center Hotel. The hotel is \$150 plus tax per night. Meeting registration is \$199.00. Interesting: Day 1 casual dress "60's" theme, Day 2 casual dress "70's" theme, and Day 3 casual dress "80's" theme. The agenda includes a talent show and a group dance in addition to workshops and a "meet the candidates" session. Meeting details and registration forms are available on the OI website.

## The Torch

In the spring issue of the JOOI publication, The Torch you will find an interesting article titled, *Bringing Out The Best Through Service*, describing how a JOOI club in Valley Forge, PA, conducted a special recognition event for local citizens that do their part to help others in the community. Featured is 6 year old Joshua Covall for motivating his church to clean up community parks.

**David Fritz**

## NCED JOOI Clubs



David Fritz, District JOOI  
Chair

# Childhood Cancer Campaign

A special thank you to all the clubs who are working on CCC projects. The Duplin Club made pillow cases for the children which I delivered to the hospital at UNC. I also delivered a collection of hand knitted caps that were made by a Friend of Optimists. While I talked with Annabelle, she noticed the cap I was wearing. Since then I have made and delivered 7 caps for the teenage girls who need a cap with some "glitz and glam" while loosing their hair to chemo treatments. These caps are for those "Really Bad No Hair Days".



In the latest OI magazine, you may have read about a project to sew bags to cover the IV bags that hang from a pole to give patients their chemo treatments. I've asked OI for contact information on how to make the bags. I hope to have that information available very soon.

In addition to the hand knitted caps, blankets and activity projects, I've been able to collect a large number of stuffed toys at reduced prices after the Valentine and Easter holidays. These toys need to be new and washable with no metal voice or music boxes inside.

The Chapel Hill Club recently enjoyed a presentation by Katie Stoudemire. She is a science teacher who works with the NC Botanical Garden in Chapel Hill. She takes science projects to the children undergoing treatment in the UNC Hospital and Duke Hospital. Her program is called "Healing and Hope in the Garden". Children in these programs are hospitalized for 2-6 months and spend an additional 3 - 9 months as outpatients residing in the area. They experience pain and fear associated with their illness and are isolated from their peers and home communities. This program provides hands-on activities for the children and their families to relax and enjoy science and nature during these stressful months. This project helps decrease their anxiety and offers an opportunity for normal childhood activities.

The Chapel Hill Club made a donation of \$500 to Katie that will be matched by the

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Oak Foundation. Katie's email address is sciencekatie@unc.edu. Contact Katie for more information on the program and consider having her share her stories and successes with your club. This is the only project like this in the US. Information is also available on the web site for the NC Botanical Gardens at [www.ncbg.unc.edu](http://www.ncbg.unc.edu). Make your plans to attend the District Convention in August at Myrtle Beach, SC. We will be holding another "Yellow Duck Race" to raise funds for the CCC Campaign. Prizes will be awarded and fun will be had by all attending.



I look forward to seeing you there. Thanks for all you do for the kids. Every little bit helps.  
Trish Verne  
Childhood Cancer Campaign Chairman

## Builders of Excellence 2010-2011



Builders of Excellence for building the Northern Wake Optimist Club . From left; Barbara Timmons, Jennifer Timmons and Carlton Baird.



# Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina



On April the 14th was the Optimist work day and turned out to be a great day. We were few in optimist members but the work got done. I would like to thank those members that did attend the work for a great job that they did. There are about 50 kids on campus and over a hundred in



foster care. Due to the economy the giving of civic clubs is getting less each year. The kids at the Boys and Girls Home need your help and support. There are many ways that you can help by becoming a member of the Century Club or a member of the 5x12 Club. You or your club can just



Gary Pender  
Boys & Girls Home Chair

give a donation or donate items to the country store in which the money from the sale goes to the home. If you would like someone to come and talk to your club about the Boys and Girls home please contact Gary Green or myself. Thanks again for all that



Gary Green, Civic Club Liaison,  
B&G Homes

you do to help the Kids at the Boys and Girls Homes.

For the Love for Kids

Gary Pender

## Century Club Presentations

**Earl Miller of the Raleigh Optimist**

**Brooks Baines of the Laurinburg Optimist**



Top. From left, LouAnna Hardee, Past Governor, Al Ludlum and David Passmore, B&G Home representative. Winter Park is presented a plaque for most donations by a club. \$4859.00

Bottom. Carlton Baird receiving a plaque for Raleigh Dinner Optimist for highest donation per member. \$278.91

Total children on campus, 50. Total on campus and in foster homes, 146 from 17 different counties. 7 students graduating from high school this year and 4 will be entering college. Carlton Baird and Gary Pender are members of the Board of Directors for Boys & Girls Home.

Wilmington, Laurinburg and Raleigh Optimist were recognized for exceeding \$2800 each in donations.

# Leadership Development

## NOW IS THE TIME

**NOW** is the time for all N.C. East District Optimists to come to the aid of their district...yes **NOW!**

We have passed the seven month mark in this optimist year and where are we? **MINUS MEMBERS**...minus people/individuals that could help our clubs do more for kids and more projects thus helping to better their communities and the lives of thousands of people.

**HOW? WHERE? WHAT? WHEN?** How can we work to change this minus into a plus? Where can we find those perspective members to join this organization? What can I do, what can each of you do in this district to help clubs grow? Where can we grow and build?

**HOW:** By extending membership to others...why do we have a hard time asking? All it takes is asking. Or by finding a community that does not have an optimist club and helping to build one for them.

**WHERE:** Where to find? Our neighbor, a friend, the co-worker, the repairman, the grocery clerk, the bank teller, the bank manager, the mechanic, the painter, the lawn man, the doctor, the nurse, the store cashier, a police officer, the retired teacher, a relative, the list can go on and on and on...Yes we might receive that unwanted no..but at first you don't succeed..**try, try again...**

**WHEN: NOW! NOW! NOW!** We need to do it now..begin the process of just asking and bringing in those new members..begin now in finding/locating a community that needs this wonderful organization..work until **IT HAPPENS**....Keep this organization



**Sandy Cyphers**  
**Leadership Chair**



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going and growing..Keep IT ALIVE for future generations..Let's leave a legacy for others to experience.

Please give that extra 100% and then some for the next 5 months and help our district COME ALIVE.....

Sandy Cyphers

Leadership Chair

## Newly formed South Johnston Optimist Club



Seated from left: Lennis Lee, Mickey Bast and Dave Bast.

Standing from left: Judy Lee and Jean Medlin, President,

# Invite someone to join your Optimist Club

# Communications Contest for the Hearing Impaired



Participants in the CCDHH contest held May 8th at the Eastern NC School for the Deaf in Wilson From left; Williams McNeal, freshman, home town Clinton; Ayana Boone, senior, home town Raleigh; Ashley Mitchell, freshman, home town Conway; Ettastasio Forrest freshman, home town Raleigh; Tilford McNeal, sophomore, home town Clinton; ShaQwana Green, sophomore, hometown Charlotte.



Bill Edgerton, Goldsboro Optimist, sponsoring club, with the winner of the contest, Ayana Boone







**BUILD  
A  
NEW  
OPTIMIST  
CLUB**

# 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

## District Essay Contest



Essay winners will be announced at the Oratorical Contest Luncheon and the winner will read his/her essay.

Bruce Andrews, Essay chair

## District Oratorical Contest



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

This year, as in the past, Club, Zone, and District Contests will be separate gender contests. The first place District male and female winners will each receive a \$2,500.00 scholarship from OI.



Carlton Baird

Oratorical Chair



# Candidate Qualifications

## **NC East District Optimist International Vacancy Announcement (Re-advertisement)**



**Governor-Elect for 2012-2013.** Seeking qualified individual to fill position beginning October 1, 2012. Qualifications for the position include:

- being an Optimist in good standing
- having served as a Club President
- having a passion to serve youth

Candidate will be provided training, mentoring, and all assistance needed to fulfill duties and responsibilities prior to becoming Governor of the NC East District for 2013-2014. Attendance at various meetings and visiting clubs in the district will be:

- a fulfilling experience
- provide the opportunity to meet other Optimists
- learn about ongoing projects
- participate in various events

Interested individuals should give me a call and/or send me a letter or e-mail stating your desire to become Governor-Elect. Please do not pass up a wonderful opportunity for "Bringing Out the Best in Kids," giving 100% *and then some*, and by serving your District.

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

**Lou Anna Hardee**

**Candidate Qualifications, 2011-2012**

**NC East District, Optimist International**

## District Convention – Bay Watch Resort North Myrtle Beach

The convention for this year will be in north Myrtle Beach, South Carolina at the **Bay Watch Resort**. The dates are August 23-26, 2012.

Please register early and bring the complete family. The room rates are very similar to the amount we have been paying after Labor Day.

Governor Jerry will have a complete staff of optimist trainers to teach the duties and needs of the in coming presidents, secretary/treasurer. Training will also be helpful to new members and older members that may have not held an office recently.

Currently, I am talking with the local chamber for possible discounts for activities for the youth and the not so youthful a like. Come and be a part of the Myrtle Beach area and meet new friends and see friends of the past. The registration packets will be coming in June.

The district team is looking forward to seeing you at the beach.

Dan Durham





# District Membership

Greetings fellow Optimists.

I wish I could shower you with great news about the welfare of our District, but unfortunately, we've slipped drastically in the International rankings over the course of the past month. As reported in the last bulletin, we were poised to jump into the top ten and have since slipped to 34th and minus 48 members as of this writing.

There are no big secrets in recruiting new members into our clubs. It's something you've got to see value in. I promise you I'm not asking you to do something that I'm not willing to do myself. Growth is a necessary ingredient in our success as an organization. Most importantly, statistics say, each new member we recruit helps 30 plus children.

I ask you to please share our organization to everyone you can get to lend you an ear. We have a great organization and we don't need to hold on to our secret.

Share what you are most proud of in your club.

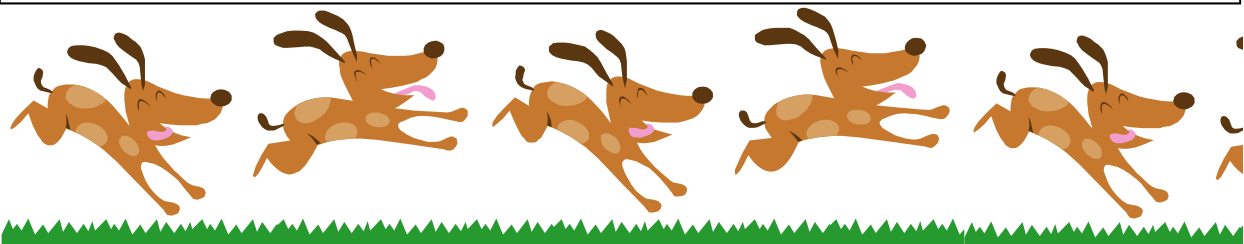
"Remember, membership is an honor and privilege.....so  
SHARE it"

Auston Pusey

Membership Chair



Auston Pusey  
Membership Chair



Per the communication below, let's make an effort to support this "youth movement". Young members are going to be the future of our organization and this incentive is a win for all of us. Please join me in promoting what I feel is one of the best incentives I've seen.

Also, as a reminder, each club who brings in 10 new members between March 1 and May 30, 2012 will receive a Optimist International road sign to hang in your community.

Auston Pusey

Members UNDER \$30

Dear Fellow Optimists,

# OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL



Thank you for the great service you provide to the kids in your community!

To help your Club bring in new energy, talent and leadership, we are offering an Optimistic incentive for young adult Members! For one year, young adults can enjoy the benefits of an Optimist Club with less of a financial impact!

Optimist International is offering a 1 year, introductory membership to civic-minded individuals under the age of 30 for \$30.

Any new Member under the age of 30 that joins a Club between May 1 and September 30, 2012 will receive this special dues offer.\*

\*A onetime fee of \$30 is due along with the completed application. Write '30/30' on the traditional hardcopy application or Club officers may click the designated checkbox on [optimistleaders.org](http://optimistleaders.org) for online '30/30' roster additions.

## NOW PROGRAM

Consider hosting a NOW event geared toward young adults. Read this blog post for tips and ideas to engage younger membership.



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

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL 

The **CCDHH** has been rescheduled and will be held on Tuesday, May 8. We will be announcing the winner at the district meeting.



Billy Edgerton

CCDHHChair

### OI Foundation

OIF. The most recent report on the OI Foundation shows us hovering near the number 10 spot. I would like to encourage all the clubs to bring their checks for the Foundation to our meeting in May. Also, we need more individual members to join the Dime-a-Day Plus (\$40.00) as well as additional President Club members.

(\$250.00) I know our economy isn't what it should be, but I also know that the Foundation should have some level of priority in our giving. Remember the "involvement" of the chicken and the "total commitment" of the pig. We should have some level of commitment. All the money we give goes to help the kids in one way or another. Of course the most visible return on our giving is the \$10,000 in scholarship money that we get back in our district. You don't even have to fill out the form. Just give me your check and club number and I will fill out the forms for you.

**MANY THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR THE KIDS.**

THANKS,

BILL EDGERTON,

District Chair, OI Foundation

**OI Foundation acknowledged two Eminent Benefactor Awards**

**for lifetime accumulation of \$10,000.00 .**

**Billy and Janis Edgerton, Goldsboro**

**Wilson Evening Optimist**



Rich Cash, auctioneer and crew auction off a total \$1471 for the OI Foundation.



OI Foundation presented a framed picture to the Wilson Evening Optimist for exceeding \$500 this year in donations. Pictures from left Governor Jerry Medlin and Wayne Sidelinger receiving the award for the club.

**Builders of Excellence 2010-2011**



Builders of Excellence for building the Wayne Community College Optimist Club. From left; Past Governor LouAnna Hardee, Jo Ann Williams and Charles Ross.



# OIJGC

The Optimist Junior Golf NC East District Qualifier event that is right around the corner at Keith Hills Golf Course May 19 & 20, in Buies Creek, NC.

To make the 2012 event a success, I need every club to complete a sponsor form ( it can be down loaded from the Golf section at [www.nceast-optimist.org](http://www.nceast-optimist.org)) & send in your \$100.00 for a hole sponsor or a tee box sponsor. The golf tournament needs this support to purchase the refreshments on the course for the golfers & help send our 18 year old boy & girl winners to the Florida event. These two items are the two largest cost items of our event. The golfers entry fee covers the cost of the two rounds & the trophies. We will also accept donations of bottled water, Gatorade or PowerAde, crackers like Lance (nabs), etc.

We are also off to a slow start for golfers entering this year, so do not wait. Complete the form & get your golfer entered.

I also only have a few names of optimist that have stepped up to help at the event. if you can help please call or email me so I can add you to the list.

Thanks

Allan Ludlum

OIJGC Chairperson

[aludlum@ec.rr.com](mailto:aludlum@ec.rr.com) or 910-763-9372



Allan 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.



**North Carolina East District**  
**Optimist International**  
**Second Quarter District Meeting**  
**Holiday Inn Express – Goldsboro, NC**  
**District Board of Directors Meeting**  
**February 11, 2012**  
**Minutes**

The following members of the Board of Directors were present:

Jerry Medlin	Governor
Lou Anna Hardee	Immediate Past Governor
Barbara Timmons	District Secretary-Treasurer
Allan Ludlum	Lt. Governor Zone 1
Eddie Boyette	Lt. Governor Zone 2
Lou Anna Hardee	Lt. Governor Zone 3
Angela Iwaniuk	Lt. Governor Zone 4
Errol Warren	Lt. Governor Zone 5
Bob Hassebrock	Lt. Governor Zone 6

The following Clubs were represented: Zone 1 – Cape Fear Optimist; Zone 2 – Duplin Optimist, Whiteville Optimist; Zone 3 – Goldsboro Optimist, Greenville Optimist; Zone 4 – Wilson Golden Circle Optimist, Wilson Evening Optimist; Zone 5 – Roxboro Optimist, Roanoke Rapids Optimist, Henderson Optimist, Rocky Mount Evening Optimist, Rocky Mount Breakfast Optimist; Zone 6 – Garner Optimist, Raleigh Dinner Optimist, South Johnston Optimist, Wake Forest Optimist, Optimist Club of Raleigh, Northern Wake Optimist, Southern Wake Optimist, Chapel Hill Optimist.

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Governor Jerry Medlin called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation by Billy Edgerton.

Governor Jerry Medlin welcomed everyone, recognized first timer attendees, recognized our new club South Johnston and members.

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Board Meeting Minutes were reported by Barbara Timmons. Motion to accept made by Linda Watson – Wilson Golden Circle Optimist; seconded by Carlton Baird – Raleigh Dinner Optimist – Approved.

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Report was made by Barbara Timmons. Motion to accept made by Tommy Peele- Rocky Mount Evening Optimist; seconded by Gary Pender – Goldsboro Optimist – Approved.

Allan Ludlum District Policy Committee Chair presented the updates and advised that the Executive Board will vote on defining the Oratorical Contest of combined gender versus separate gender at the District Convention Executive Board Meeting for the upcoming year. In discussion of the how the combined gender would proceed to the next levels. Motion to approve was made by Eddie Boyette – Duplin Optimist, seconded by Jennifer Nyland – Wake Forest Optimist – Approved.

Governor Jerry Medlin discussed the USO/Optimist Partnership and will be sending out information on this opportunity. He also advised of the HOBY partnership which the event for North Carolina takes place June 15-17<sup>th</sup> at NC State University in Raleigh.

District CPA Chair Doug Lamm reported these are due to him by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and he discussed the guidelines and categories.

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District Essay Contest Chair Bruce Andrews reported these are due to him by February 28<sup>th</sup>. The winner will be presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter District Meeting Luncheon. Don Harriton of the Whiteville raised issues about the age of 18 versus 19 as if the student is still in High School.

District Oratorical Contest Chair Carlton Baird reported the Zone's need to have their winners to him by April 25<sup>th</sup>. He also advised that the clubs should order their medallions as soon as possible. He also discussed the rule changes and age changes. He asked to be invited to the Zone Oratorical Contest so he can attend as many as possible.

District JOOI/College Club Chair David Fritz reported we are plus one JOOI club and one College club. Key dates to correct/change rosters is March 31. If you have contacts at schools, he will help you build a club. Contacts at the school is key!

District OIJGC Chair Allan Ludlum reported the tournament will be held May 19 & 20 at Keith Hills. He asked the clubs to sponsor players and holes. The sponsorships are great for defraying the cost. He also advised that the JGA is being held in March at Duke and would like volunteers. Allan also reported on the Web Site and asked clubs to send their bulletins to him and he will post on the web site. Also, send him your club facebook links and he will add that to the web site. Allan reported there are no updates on the Internet Safety Program.

Governor Jerry Medlin reported on the Leadership Development for our District. There were nine from our district that attended the New Club Building training in Capital Virginia. He recognized how important our JOOI clubs are to us and pointed out that Jennifer Timmons and Ashley Peele started as Junior Optimist and they are involved in their clubs in positive ways.

We took a break at 9:45 AM and reconvened at 10:00 AM.

District Boys and Girls Home Chair Gary Pender welcomed David Passmore from the Boys and Girls Home. The Optimist work date is set for April 14<sup>th</sup> – details will be sent out closer to

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the date. David reported that children are in the cottages and in Foster Care. He also reported on the updates for the home. He and Gary presented awards and then had an alter call.

District Bulletin Chair Wayne Sidelinger reported that he needs quality photos and our club bulletins. He uses the information to put in the District Bulletin.

District Childhood Cancer Campaign Chair Trish Verne advised of her information that needed to be corrected – 919-619-2970 pverne43@gmail.com. Trish advised about how to have a Kisses for Cancer campaign and has offered to help your club. If your club needs smocks – let her know. She thanked everyone for bringing the tabs in. She reported that Duplin Optimist had a work shop to make the Pillow Cases; Garner Optimist donated \$5,000 to Diane Moore whose daughter died from cancer and has started “Striving for more than a cure foundation” – the article is in the district bulletin - she also has copies of “Morgan’s Story” if anyone needs copies; Northern Wake Optimist Kisses for Cancer campaign raised \$1009 and donated to “Carter” as he is scheduled for treatment the end of February; Wake Forest Optimist has a Kisses for Cancer scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup>. Trish asked for an alter call.

District Membership Chair Auston Pusey projected our total membership by the end of March of 1366 members. He and Governor Jerry presented T-shirts and pins to those who brought in new members. He also advised that at the next district meeting he would like to take a full 30 minutes to pass out T-shirts and pins to all for bringing in new members. We can achieve the projected membership increase by building new clubs, bringing in new members, holding NOW programs – all by the end of March.

Governor Jerry Medlin recognized the new club South Johnston, their officers and members. There are five new clubs committed for our district.

Governor Jerry announced the District Convention dates of August 23 – 25 at the Bay Watch Resort at North Myrtle Beach, SC. He and Convention Chair Dan Durham are completing the final arrangements for the convention. Please plan now to attend the convention and encourage your club members to attend as well.

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District A & A Chair Dan Durham and Governor Jerry presented the awards for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

District Foundation/CCDHH Chair Billy Edgerton presented the awards to individuals and clubs that donated to the foundation. He reported the CCDHH contest will be held May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6 PM at the School of the Deaf in Wilson. The flyers for the OI Foundation 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament were passed out to all attending and were encouraged to have the club donate table sponsorships and gifts and encourage club members and friends to play in the tournament which will be held March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Garner Optimist Clubhouse.

Dan Durham reported on the OI Convention and PGI for Chair Carey Foster. Clubs are encouraged to send their officers and members to the convention. Clubs were recognized for their member's level of achievement in the PGI program.

District Candidate Qualification Chair Lou Anna Hardee has asked for nominations of Governor Elect for the upcoming year.

Governor Jerry thanked everyone for their hard work and commitment to their clubs and district. He then gave instructions on our lunch line.

We closed with the Creed at 12 noon.

We had lunch at 12:15 and the program was turned over to Past Governor Lou Anna Hardee for the 2010-2012 Awards Presentation.

Barbara Timmons

District Secretary-Treasurer





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## Promise Yourself

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear  
and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

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