

North Carolina East Optimist News

Hello Fellow Optimist,

It is time to start preparing for your attendance at the NC East District Convention scheduled for August 23-26, 2012. in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Excellent Training, fun-filled activities, and great food have been planned for all adults, children, and grandchildren.

Past International Vice Presidents Ted Gaffin and Sandy Williams will be our OI Representatives . Bill and Janis Edgerton will be their official escorts so give them a great BIG Southern Welcome when you see them. Ted and Sandy will be assisting with the Officer Elect Training on Friday & Saturday afternoon.

The Convention will begin on Thursday with the Boys & Girls Home Golf Tournament at Azalea Sands Golf Club at 12:00 Noon. Following the tournament, all Optimists are invited to attend dinner at Benjamin`s Calabash Seafood Buffet honoring Past Governors.



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On Friday morning, the Executive Board will meet at 8:45am and training for the Lt. Governors will start at 10:00am in the same room and will go until 4:00pm. The President Elects and Secretary-Treasurer Elects Training will start at 1:00pm and conclude at 4:00pm. Friday evening will feature a Hee Haw Theme Shrimp-a-roo at a local park in North Myrtle Beach. We will go back to the Hotel at 8:00pm for the entertainment that will be outstanding for the whole family.

Saturday Morning will begin with the Old Timers Breakfast which is for Optimists and Guests of all ages. The Speaker will be Dr. Muriel O`Tuel, North Myrtle Beach, SC.

The General Business Meeting will start at 8:30am with a Memorial Service to remember the Optimist Members who have passed since the last Convention. The Business will start after that Service. The Training for Officer Elects will resume at 1:00pm and continue until 4:00pm. The Governor`s Reception will start at 6:00 until 6:30pm.

The Governor`s Banquet and Ball will start at 7:00pm with Lester Craft as Master of Ceremonies. At the Banquet, new officer-designates will be formally installed by Ted Gaffin, OI Representative. The Address for the evening will be delivered by Past OI Vice president Ted Gaffin. We can then Dance the night away until 11:00pm when the day`s activities end..

On Sunday, we will close the Convention with our parting buffet at the Hotel and an Optimist Inspiritual Departure. Please plan to attend.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU for Dan Durham and the Convention Committee that worked so hard to put on the outstanding convention you deserve.

Yours in Optimism,

Jerry M. Medlin,

NC East District Governor

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NCE Optimist Convention

August 23-26, Bay Watch Towers,
North Myrtle Beach, SC

The time is almost here for the District Convention in North Myrtle Beach. Governor Jerry is looking forward to seeing members from all of the clubs attend this year's convention. Excellent training has been planned and there is something exciting for everyone who is attending. Come prepared to learn about the new elected position you may have in your club and/or the District. Golf, food, fellowship and a great time will be the menu for the weekend of August 23-26 at the Bay Watch. The registration and reservation forms have been mailed out. Plans have been made for the children to go to the Ripley Aquarium as well as other attractions on the beach.



Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina



Gary Pender
Boys & Girls Home Chair



The Boys and Girls Home is doing great so far this year. There are 41 kids on campus this summer. They are working very hard on the farm, country store or working in the garden. I am happy to report that ALL kids on campus passed their grades. The application for a charter school was turned in back in April. The staff at the Boys and Girls Home are working very hard to meet the needs of all kids on campus. With your help we can continue to serve the kids of the Boys and Girls Homes.

You can become a member of the 5x12 Club, The Century Club, The Walt Armentrout Fellowship, donations to the Country Store or by making a donation to the Boys and Girls Homes.

Gary Pender

NC East Chair for the Boys & Girls Home

2nd Quarter 2011-2012 A&A Winners

Top Ten Clubs



From left: No. 1, Garner, Jean Medlin; No. 2, Cape Fear, Robin Bass; No. 3, Northern Wake, Ronnie Lamb; No. 4, Raleigh dinner, Betty Baird; No. 5, Goldsboro, Billy Edgerton.



From Left: No. 6, Whiteville, William Wilkins; No. 7, Rocky Mount Evening, Tommy Peele; No. 8, Winter Park, Sandy Cyphers; No. 9, Greenville, Charles Ross; No. 10, Wilson Evening, Allen Stallings.

Al Ludlum, Web Master

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



Al Ludlum

Top Clubs in Each Zone



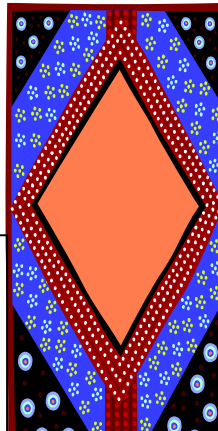
From Left; Zone 1, Wilmington Cape Fear, Robin Bass; Zone 2, Whiteville, William Wilkins; Zone 3, Goldsboro, Billy Edgerton; Zone 4, Wilson Evening, Allen Stallings; Zone 5, Rocky Mount Evening, Tommy Peele; Zone 6, Garner, Jean Medlin.

Top Lt. Governors



From left; No. 1, Lt. Governor, Zone 1, Alan Ludlum; No. 2, Zone 2 Lt. Governor, Eddie Boyette, (Joan Williams, receiving award for Eddie) No. 3, Lt. Governor Bob Hasebrock

Food for thought: In the long run the pessimist may be roved right but the optimist has a better time on the trip.



Dan Durham
District A&A Chair



District Oratorical Contest

The District Oratorical Contest was held at the 3rd quarterly meeting in Goldsboro, May 12, 2012. Tarboro and Wake Forest Optimist clubs sponsor winners.



Boys contest: From Left : Joseph Williams, sponsored by Whiteville Optimist; Shakael Moore, District Boy Winner, Tarboro Optimist ; Michael Sutton, Goldsboro.

Carlton Baird, Oratorical Chairall smiles with girl winner Alayna Veasey



Girls contest: From left; Sara Jackson, Henderson Optimist; Christine McDow, Cape Fear Optimist; Jane Hawthorne, Whiteville Optimist; Joelle Brown, Golden Circle Optimist; Alayna Veasey, District Girl Winner, Wake Forest Optimist; Sir'Tauria Hilliard, Goldsboro Optimist.

Childhood Cancer Campaign



Optimist International has renewed its commitment to the Childhood Cancer Campaign. Our program at Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center is working hard to improve the treatment for pediatric cancer patients. The research is aimed at reducing the toxicity of treatments, while improving their effectiveness. Using DNA to decode a cancer cells weaknesses, doctors are developing treatments that boost a patients' own immune response to any cancer cells. Reduced toxicity will reduce the side effects and the amount of time that children will need treatment. With the results from the research, doctors are working to reduce the number of hospitalizations, limit long term side effects, and cut the risk of a return of the cancer. Finding a cure for this disease will give all of our children and future generations a much brighter future. To support the Childhood Cancer Campaign checks can be made out to OIF - CCC and designated on the memo line Johns Hopkins Research.

Thanks to the Chapel Hill Optimist Club for the many hours they spent during April and early June handing out candy Kisses. The grand total for this years collections is \$2,163.57. These funds will benefit UNC and Duke Pediatric Oncology Departments, the OI Research grant at Johns Hopkins, Mile of Hope, and Hope and Healing in the Garden (UNC). Thanks also to Sally Bassett (Ret. RN) for making another "Angels" lap quilt for the kids.

On Saturday, Aug. 25th at 4:30pm we will hold our annual Rubber Ducky Race in the hotels' Lazy River. Tickets are \$10 per ticket or 3 for \$25. Prizes will again be \$100, \$50, and \$25 for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd yellow ducks to reach the finish line. Tickets are available from several members and at the check-in desk. The race is open to anyone and they don't need to be present to win. This is a fun race that you don't want to miss. I'll see you at poolside for the race.

Congratulations to all the clubs that have made this year a very successful year for the Childhood Cancer Campaign. Your continued support helps all the kids in our communities.

Trish Verne
Childhood Cancer Campaign Chairman



Trish Verne

Leadership Development

100% and Then SOME!

International President Jack Creswell's theme is 100% and Then Some.....As we look forward to the completion of another optimistic year I hope that you as a N.C. East Optimist can say to yourself that you gave your 100% and Then Some to help this wonderful district...We MUST give more than ever before to keep growing this organization and keeping it in existence. We have to GROW in order to survive..in order to continue the many wonderful programs and projects in our communities for the benefits of KIDS. We must never forget that children are the future and leaders for tomorrow's generation...it is essential that we continue to strive as dedicated optimists in "BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS". We must epitomize that this organization known as Optimist International is truly a "FRIEND OF YOUTH".



Sandy Cyphers
Leadership Chair



We have over a month to finish the race....it is up to each of us whether we finish the winner's lap....Winston Churchill "Said DON'T GIVE UP...DON'T EVER GIVE UP". We are not going to give up..we are going to run the final lap full throttle with all engines full speed...will you join with me as we finish the final lap as a "DISTINGUISHED DISTRICT" ...we

have the right fuel....YOU THE MEMBERS OF THIS DISTRICT....We can do it!

Sandy Cyphers

N.C. East District

Leadership Development Chair



Whiteville Optimist: Our AA team won the District Two Championship in Clarkton and played great the entire event. Our AA Supplemental team was runner up in its tournament. Our Majors Supplemental team also finished as runner up in its tournament.

JOOI



JOOI clubs - New School Year Equals New Beginnings

It's back to school...the perfect time to introduce the JOOI club program. If you do not already have a contact at your local school, ask your friends. Want to bet there isn't a retired teacher at church who still has school contacts.

Now more than ever our youth are aware of the importance of giving back to the community. And recognizing youth contributions is a win-win for both students and their communities. Add to that the leadership opportunities JOOI club participation offers.

Now, while plans are beginning setup for the school year is a good time to make an appointment with a teacher or student advisor about next year and planning a new JOOI club. 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.

A teacher or advisor will know one or two key students ready to take on a new project. 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. Here 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

College Clubs

When it comes to identifying successful project ideas, what better source than success stories from the students themselves in the JOOI Club publication, **The Torch** where you will find interesting articles straight from the young people who did the projects like 6 year old Joshua Covall who motivated his church to clean up community parks.

From OI: There are 52 new JOOI Clubs since October 1, 2011

By David Fritz



David Fritz, District JOOI Chair

District New Club Building

We still need to build 3 New Clubs by Sept 30, 2012. We have the following

Clubs being worked on:

East Wake - Bob Hassebrock, Barbara Timmons, & David Fritz

Smithfield-Selma - Jerry Medlin & Billy Edgerton

Kinston - Angela Iwaniuk

New Bern or Williamston - Lou Anna Hardee

Wilmington West - Sandy Cyphers

Warsaw - Allan Ludlum

Shallotte - Les Craft

If anyone knows friends or family in any of those areas, let the organizers know and help them make contact. Working together, we can make it happen.

Jerry Medlin



A woman asked her doctor what her husband should take when he's run down. "The license number", the doctor replied.

Northern Wake Optimist Club

KISSES FOR CANCER

This quarter we raised a total of \$800.00 for another local child named Addie. This total was matched by our club for a grand total of \$1600.00. Another \$200.00 was donated to our friend Carter for travel expenses to his most recent treatment. Together we can help make this time a little easier for those battling cancer.



**BUILD
A
NEW
OPTIMIST
CLUB**

Optimist International Convention

July 4-6, 2013

Cincinnati Ohio



Water Slide at Coney Island Park in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Carrie Foster, OI Convention Ambassador



Above: downtown Skyline, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Right: water slide at Coney Island Park, Cincinnati.



District Essay Contest



Bruce Andrews, Essay chair

Essay winners

Topic: How My Positive Outlook Benefits My community

By Emily Wasek

1st Place Award

Sponsored by

Wake Forest Optimist



Today, humanity inhibits a world tainted by war, poverty, drugs, and economic instability, Yet at this moment, mankind's greatest stumbling block in the journey to create better tomorrow is not this storied list of tribulations, but the cynical human nature that derives from and can further distress these hardships. By submitting to these siren songs of pessimism, society becomes limited in it's abilities. Soon, instead of defying boundaries, society begins defining them through negativity and one of the most dreaded mantras known to man, "Why bother?" Why bother? Within the past couple of years, I have come to loathe these two words the most as they not only reflect the ultimate defeatist attitude, but the utmost lack of ambition to improve one's prospects, whether they be universal or individual.

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"Why bother," I have heard fellow classmates ponder aloud, "studying for my final exam? I know I'm going to fail the class anyway." "Why bother," I have witnessed resigned looking citizens profess, "even participating in the upcoming election? I know my vote doesn't count." To most, these simple words may not mean a lot, but to me they are the equivalent of saying, "I give up."

Thus, I refuse to adopt such an adverse approach to the world. I do bother and I most certainly do not give up easily. Were all to have such a negative outlook, it is certain the many great strides made in history would not have been so easily or readily accomplished. Indeed, British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, once famously stated, "A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty." ("Winston Churchill quotes"). When one reflects upon the magnitude of difficulties Churchill endured throughout his political career, it is impossible to not be struck by this statement's power.

Churchill took office during a time in which his country was at an unprecedented crossroads; constantly under threat of attack and faced with the formidable opponents of Hitler and Mussolini. It was a time when there was little to hope for, but much to fear. It was an undertaking that could have easily crippled any man with dejection and despair, but not Churchill. Refusing to admit defeat in the face of adversity, he strove to not only obtain victory over his political foes, but the comforting arms of nihilism. He persevered, strengthening the resolve of his people with a boundless hope for the future and a positive outlook. ("Churchill: Leader and Statesman"). It would be this idealistic vision that would both sustain Churchill's countrymen throughout the difficult wartime and lead them to a sweeping triumph at its conclusion. For although over the course of the war, lives were lost, battles were lost, and several times it appeared Britain itself would be lost, the faith and spirit of the British people never once wavered under Churchill's persistent positivism. And this perhaps, proved to be the greatest victory of all.

And so I am confronted with the question of how my positive outlook helps those within my community. Like Churchill, I too have seen a battle brewing within the fiber of my peers. There are so many I know who rather than appreciate the numerous gifts they are blessed with bemoan the fortunes they consider themselves denied. So many who know naught of success and happiness because they instead focus upon their perceived failures and dread. So many contest to wallow in their trouble rather than solve them. They are creatures blinded by the blight of pessimism, unable to witness how wonderful life can be when viewed through rose colored glasses. But I

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am working to change such negative perceptions. Striving daily to illuminate others' lives with a jovial smile and an optimistic attitude.

For optimism is a catalyst for positive change and these downtrodden souls have so much potential to improve society, if they would only give themselves a chance. It is incredible how easily one can improve another's attitude by simply patting them on the back and telling them everything is going to be all right after a hard day. It is astounding how beautiful another human being's smile can be when after being beaten down for so long, one refuses to look at their flaws and focuses instead on their perfections. Sometimes all a person needs to get ahead is a little encouragement and a shoulder to lean on. These people are stars who have only begun to shine, and who after losing the darkness of their despair will one day ignite and inspire the future. And it is my dream, that one day like Churchill, through my own optimistic approach I can aid these members of society trapped in the fog of negativism to discover the light of sanguinity, and help them make the world a brighter place.

Emily Wasek

By Chad Higgenbottom

2nd Place Award

Sponsored by

Golden Circle Optimist

Optimism is the source of every persons drive to survive, and it is the secret ingredient behind every genius's innovation.

Alas, in this world, there are scores of orphans, victims of rape, bankrupt business owners, patients battling cancer, and many other distraught people who are searching for answers. It is my desire to inspire people in the community with a positive outlook to overcome their challenges and give them hope for the future. During the mid-1800s,



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William Booth grew up surrounded by poverty in the streets of London. He felt pity in his heart for the less fortunate around him, and in an attempt to spread the news of Jesus Christ to the lost and troubled, he founded the "Christian Mission." However, Booth's service caused few encouraging results, for his group was merely a parallel of several other charitable groups. Conversely after changing the name of his mission to "the Salvation Army," his mission thrived and inspired people with the idea of being in an army to fight sin. By the time of his death in 1912, The Salvation Army was already at work in 58 countries. Through his optimism and perseverance, Booth developed one of the greatest humanitarian services in history. Throughout the 20th century, Optimist Club members worked tirelessly to aid the world around them through actions such as collecting scrap metal for the American productions of weaponry during World War II, delivering chocolate to war-torn youth in Great Britain, and fighting against pornography targeting children by mail in the 1960s. Today, thousands of optimist clubs worldwide continue to serve their communities with an emphasis on their youth. If we adopt their positive outlook into our lifestyles, I believe that we all can benefit the lives of the people around us.

The American army was bruised, battered and bloodied during the Revolutionary War. Whether based on the fact that the British had taken New York, or the fact that the Americans had to walk through snow with only their bleeding naked feet, there were multiple excuses for the colonial army to surrender to the adversity. Nevertheless, the war-torn troops gathered together and forced the surrender of British General Burgoyne during the battle of Saratoga, considered to be the turning point of the war and a defining moment in American History. Yet this victory was not the product of an individual's best fight; it was brought about by the collaboration of George Washington's leadership, Dan Morgan's strategy, and Patrick Henry's fiery proposal to offer his own life for liberty. Thus, this nation's fight for freedom was successful because of unity in optimism for a better life. In our world today, a unified hope among people fuels ambition and innovation to achieve higher goals. For example, I can improve the environment by raising interest in recycling by self-participation and the education of its benefits. I can fight unemployment and poverty by offering creative new ways of helping the homeless to find homes and learn useful job skills. I can aid the local economy by supporting local community businesses

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through my purchases and encouraging my neighbors to do likewise. Finally, I can help my peers achieve their dream by tutoring struggling students in their studies. All of these acts are products of a lifestyle of philanthropy, and those who surround themselves with other optimists make their desire to benefit humanity a reality.

It is evident that John the Baptist lived a rough life. He wandered in the wilderness for days, survived by eating insects, and died by decapitation. Yet, John embraced his hardships to serve as the forerunner to Christ who would proclaim the Gospel ceaselessly. Through his efforts, many gained the gift of salvation and a true sense of hope. The attitudes of hope and optimism are based on the ability to look forward to something greater, but without Jesus Christ, no such opportunity truly exists. The Bible states that all things in this world will pass away, so a hope based on contentment through worldly things is like a house build on quicksand. Everyone encounters struggles, and without a resolve to conquer them, they could succumb to depression. Thankfully, God is all-knowing, omnipresent, loving, and the only source available to lead us out of worldly hardships into an eternity of paradise. Whether it be through church ministry, community service events, or basic friendships, I will always have opportunities to express the heavenly source of my optimism to my community.

I can inspire hope to those around me through a variety of simple actions, such as the one expressed in the following excerpt from the Optimist Creed: "To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile." Undoubtedly, a positive outlook is contagious and is a vital catalyst for humanity to survive.

Chad Higgenbottom

Tom's Punography....North Raleigh Optimist

I tried to catch some fog. I mist.

When chemists die, they barium.

Jokes about German sausages are the wurst.

I changed my i pod name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop anytime.

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

By Kristan Garrett
3rd Place Award
Sponsored by
Roanoke Rapids Optimist



“Positive attitudes create a chain reaction of positive thoughts.” This anonymous quote is a great example of how positive outlooks benefit a community. To have a community that is prosperous and gets along goes a long way. There are so many ways

to have positive attitudes in the community. Giving thanks, getting involved, and being a role model for others are only a few ways to show good attitudes and outlooks.

By being positive, you need to give thanks for even little things in the community. No matter how big or small the community there is always something or someone to thank. For example, there are kids that play in local community sports teams, such as soccer or baseball. These coaches take time out of their day to help teach these kids a sport that they have a passion for. If local communities did not have these types of programs, the town would not get along as well as it does. Just by going out of your way to tell the coach “thank you for all you do” can make a huge impact. So many people take time out of their day to help others. We need to show our appreciation to these people for everything they do. A positive outlook can go a long way. Having the right attitude sets a great example in the community. A simple smile can show how grateful you are for such a great community. The quote, “Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference,” stated by Winston Churchill, is a great example of how someone can show their gratitude toward the community and the people in it.

Having a bright outlook causes you to get involved in the community to make it better for years to come. In school, community service hours were always required to be in clubs or organizations. Most students would try to get out of doing them be-

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cause they “didn’t have time.” Volunteering is a great thing because it gives you a great feeling that you have helped someone else. That is a unique feeling that we all should always feel. Putting others before you is the key to a positive attitude. You never know how you might impact someone's life by just talking to them or giving them encouraging advice. Simple things such as volunteering one Saturday afternoon at a local food pantry, helping local youth organizations, or even coaching recreational activities or sports teams are all forms of getting involved. There are all sorts of ways of getting involved. Volunteering shows great character of a person and is only one example of getting involved. Simple things such as raking an elderly neighbor’s yard once a month or working at an afterschool center to help tutor kids that may not have a good home environment are all ways of helping out the community.

It takes one person to start changing the world as we see it today. People see your positive outlook and how you are changing the community for the better, so they want to do the same. For example, it only takes one person to organize a small community watch program. It would not only keep the community safer but it would also bring people together that believe in a similar cause. This anonymous quote, “One person can’t change the world but it takes one person to start changing the world,” explains how we can be great role models to others no matter what is going on in our community.

Good attitudes in the community show great character of a person as an individual on the inside and out. Having a bright outlook, giving thanks for everything we are provided, and being a great role model show how much you care about the community and people around you. The sense of pride and accomplishment we feel after participating in our community is absolutely amazing. Being positive is the key to success, not only in the community, but also in everyday life. If everyone would take three hours out of one day a week, the community could be a much better place. It’s not hard to show gratitude towards people around you. Just think, what would our communities be like if no one ever got along or associated with each other? How can your positive outlooks benefit your community?

Kristan Garrett

Photos from OI Convention, Milwaukee



The NCE members above received recognition at OI convention in Milwaukee: All three received awards for Builder's of Excellence. From left; Jennifer Timmons, Northern Wake Optimist; Lou Anna Hardee, Wayne Community College Optimist; Barbara Timmons, Northern Wake Optimist. Additional BOE recipients for Northern Wake Optimists are Billy Oliver, Jr. and Carlton Baird.



VP Sandy Cyphers is presented to members of the convention at the President's Banquet and Dance on Friday night.



Gov. Jerry Medlin and Jean, 1st of two stage appearances. One for Governor and one for Governor Elect.



VP Sandy Cyphers, Mid-Atlantic Region is introduced on stage with her District Governors.

Photos from OI Convention, Milwaukee



Ronnie McLamb and District Secretary/
Treasurer Barbara Timmons, Northern
Wake Optimist at Presidents Banquet.



Governor Jerry and Jean Medlin relax prior
to being served at the Presidents Banquet
and Ball.



Jennifer Timmons, President Northern
Wake Optimist and Aelisch Leen, Presi-
dent Elect, pose for a picture before being
served.



Past OI VP Doug Lamm and Wanda
take a break from eating to be photo-
graphed.



Past Governor Lou Anna Hardee and Cur-
tis relax for a photo at the Presidents Ball.



Stan Pickett, President Elect, Raleigh
Optimist and Barbara sitting at table
#19.

District Membership

Greetings Fellow Optimist's.

Great news! Our membership is heading in the right direction. We still have some serious work to do, but we're currently in the middle of the pack Internationally. We're ranked 26th and minus 38 members. Please continue sharing our organization with your daily contacts.



Auston Pusey
Membership Chair

There are several reasons to share our organization with the "outside world". I know I have a tendency to be repetitive, but first and most importantly, each new member we recruit into our clubs equates to helping 30+ children. While that should be our main focus, there are so many more benefits to bringing in new members. Monetarily, each new FOO (Friend of Optimist) brings a profit of \$40 to our club. Also, by qualifying for honor and or distinguished, our clubs will have their International dues reduced by \$100 and \$250 respectively during the first quarter next year. Every Club in our District is within reach of Honor Club.

Individually, everyone who recruits their first new member receives a District TShirt, a District Pin, and are eligible for the year long recruiting incentive. And don't forget our 4th quarter push. Recruit 1 new member and your name is entered for a \$100 drawing (5 drawings). Recruit 3 new members and your name is entered for a \$200 drawing (2 drawings). Recruit 5 new members and your name is entered for a \$300 drawing (1 drawing).

I encourage you to take advantage of the 30 for \$30 recruiting incentive. Anyone 30 years and younger may join for one full year for only \$30, with no registration or District dues. Just \$30!

Bottom line, our organization, our District, our Clubs, and our main focus, the kids need our support. Please join me in doing our part!

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

Auston Pusey

Membership Chair

Jan & Billy Edgerton, Jerry & Jean Medlin, Barbara & Dan Durham wish Carrie Foster would sit down so they would be served at the District dinner in Milwaukee.



Carrie finally sits down with Ellen sharing a table with Russell and Joyce Leake.

OI Foundation

Some clubs and individuals have not donated to the Foundation as of yet. If you can, please bring your donation to the district meeting in N. Myrtle Beach. We are still quite a long way from meeting our goal. The Foundation does a lot to help us and our district and we need to try and meet our goal. I appreciate your help in this. THANKS, BILL EDGERTON



OI Foundation awards were presented to 5 Optimist clubs for donations to the OI Foundation exceeding \$500. From Left, Rocky Mount Evening, Tommy Peele; Henderson, William Haithcock; Goldsboro, Jo Ann Williams; Raleigh, Bob Hassebrock and Cape Fear, Robin Bass.



Billy Edgerton, left, OI Foundation Chair, presents the Christen G. Larsen award, honoring Bennie Bass, Cape Fear Optimist. 2nd from left, Cape Fear members, Auston Pusey, President Jimmy Matthews, Joan Matthews and Al Ludlum.

**North Carolina East District
Optimist International
Third Quarter District Meeting
Holiday Inn Express – Goldsboro, NC
District Board of Directors Meeting
May 12, 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
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	Optimist of the Port City
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Duplin Optimist	Whiteville Optimist
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Zone 3

Goldsboro Optimist	Greenville Optimist
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Zone 4 :

Wilson Golden Circle Optimist	Wilson Evening Optimist
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Tarboro Optimist

Zone 5 :

Roanoke Rapids Optimist

Henderson Optimist

Rocky Mount Evening 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.

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

All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation by Barbara Timmons.

Governor Jerry Medlin welcomed everyone.

2nd Quarter Board Meeting Minutes were reported by Barbara Timmons. Motion to accept made by Tommy Peele – Rocky Mount Evening Optimist; seconded by Linda Watson – Golden Circle Optimist – Approved.

2nd Quarter Financial Report was made by Barbara Timmons. Motion to accept made by Allan Ludlum – Cape Fear Optimist; seconded Dan Durham – Roanoke Rapids Optimist – Approved.

District Boys and Girls Home representative Gary Pender and Ray Cockrell representing the Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw reported on the programs, campus and updates on our cottage. They thanked us for our continued support and asked for alter call.

District OI Foundation Chair Billy Edgerton presented awards for the last quarter and asked for alter call.

District OIJGC Chair Allan Ludlum reported the tournament is next weekend May 19 & 20 at Keith Hills. He asked the clubs to sponsor players and hole's. He reminded us that we need

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players and asked for clubs to sponsor players and if they had members that could help at the tournament. 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.

District Membership Chair Auston Pusey and Governor Jerry presented T-shirts and pins to those who brought in new members. He talked about membership incentives for the last half of the year, he announced the 30/30 membership and that OI will not be charging dues during the 2012-2013 year and that our executive committee voted that the district would not charge dues on these members during the same calendar year. Auston reported that Vice President Sandy Cyphers is offering \$100 for the member that brings in the most members during this last quarter. We can achieve the projected membership increase by building new clubs, bringing in new members, holding NOW programs.

Governor Jerry Medlin updated district plans for new clubs per zone. We need to build five new clubs for our district.

OI Convention Ambassador Carey Foster encouraged everyone to make plans to attend the International Convention in Milwaukee – to date there were 16 members from our district registered. Carey also presented the PGI rewards from the past quarter.

District JOOI/College Club Chair David Fritz reported we have lost two clubs and there is a possibility of adding four new clubs. He reminded us that the 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 Childhood Cancer Campaign Chair Trish Verne updated us on what the clubs in the district are doing. She also talked about the activities at “Mile of Hope” which is going on this weekend. She reminded us that June is national Childhood Cancer month. Trish thanked us for the tabs and asked for 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.

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Candidate Qualification Chairman Auston Pusey announced Jerry Medlin as Governor Elect for 2012-2013. Motion to approve made by Carey Foster – Roanoke Rapides Optimist, second by Allan Ludlum – Cape Fear Optimist, approved.

10:00 AM we stopped and moved to the First Baptist Church for the Oratorical Contest.

District Oratorical Contest Chairman Carlton Baird started the Oratorical Contest promptly at 10:30 AM.

Governor Jerry called the district meeting to order at 11:45 AM.

District A & A Chair Dan Durham and Governor Jerry presented the awards for the 2nd quarter.

District Convention Chair Dan Durham reminded us of the upcoming convention dates August 23 – 25 at the Bay Watch Resort at North Myrtle Beach, SC. He asked convention committee members to remain after the district meeting to discuss the convention plans.

Governor Jerry Medlin asked the members to group by zones and elect their Lt. Governors for the year 2012-2013 and be prepared to report after lunch. He announced lunch would be served at 12:30 PM.

Governor Jerry called the meeting to order at 1:20 pm.

CCDHH District Chairman Billy Edgerton advised there were 6 contestants for this contest which was held May 10th. He announced the winner.

Governor Jerry announced the District Essay winner Emily Wasek and asked her to the podium to read her essay.

Oratorical District Chairman Carlton Baird thanked the clubs, the contestants and their parents, Sgt of Arms Curtis Hardee and Ronnie Mclamb, Judge assistant Bob Verne, Billy and Gary. The winners of both contest, Boy and Girl, were announced and plaques were presented. He reminded the contestants that photos needed to be taken.

Immediate Past Governor Lou Anna Hardee announced the Lt. Governor Elects for Zone 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

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Governor Jerry thanked everyone for all their work and asked for their continued commitment.

Everyone recited the Optimist Creed.

Meeting adjourned 1:50 PM.

Barbara Timmons

District Secretary-Treasurer



Goldsboro Holds Respect For Law



From left to right are Louwana Pender of the Goldsboro Optimist Club, SGT Gary Benjamin Little of the 4th Security Forces at SJAFB, SGT Maylon Arthur Kirby of the NC State Highway Patrol, SGT Brandy Renee Jones of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, and CPT John J. Biggins of the Police Department., (Photograph by Charlie Wood)



On July 11th, St. Mary Catholic School on Edgerton Street upgraded their computer lab with new all-in-one computers. To make room for their new computers, the school donated all of their old computer equipment to the **Goldsboro Optimist Club** for use in its **Computers4Kids**

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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