

North Carolina East Optimist News

The 2011-2012 year is over; the year has shown excellent results, and I want to THANK everyone that contributed to that success. Our Region finished # 1 in Optimist International, our District finished # 1 in the Mid Atlantic Region, our District finished # 3 of 50 Districts in Optimist International, and plus 62 in Membership.

The 2012-2013 year is here; we must switch gears, and start planning to attend the First Quarter District Meeting to be held at the Hampton Inn and Suites Wilson I 95, 5606 Lamm Road in Wilson, NC 27896. The FIRST TIMERS, who have never attended a District Meeting, the registration fee will be waived; you only need to stay and pay for your lunch on Saturday. Every Optimist Member is invited to attend and especially the Officers of your Club. You can make a difference in the Children's Life.



On Friday, the registration table will open at 4:00pm. The informal “Dutch” dinner will begin at 5:00pm at the Cracker Barrel, across the parking lot from the Hotel. We will be in a corner of the Restaurant, they do not have a private room but will try to keep us all together. We will have the Executive Board meeting at 6:45pm in the Hampton Board Room. There will be an Auction for Boys & Girls Home at 7:45pm in the Hampton Ballroom.

On Saturday Morning, there will be a Free Hot Breakfast for the Optimist staying at the Hotel and we will have Coffee, Drinks, and Water next to the meeting room. The District meeting will start at 8:30am in the Hampton Ballroom. Our International Vice President Richard Highland and his wife Gladys will be with us for the weekend. Following the meeting, we will have a Luncheon in the Hampton Ballroom at about 12:00 Noon when Richard will speak to us.

The SUCCESS of this District depends on all of us participating in the affairs of the District and giving our input into its operation. The association with our fellow Optimist is important in developing teamwork and helping each other to attain our individual goals. We do all this “FOR THE FUTURE” of our KIDS.

Yours in Optimism,

Jerry M. Medlin

Governor 2012-2013

NC East District

, Optimist International



Roxboro Optimist installation of 2012-13 Officers



Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina

The impending opening of The Lake House for the Teen/Mom program and the conditional approval of Flemington Academy charter school highlight the great news coming out of Boys and Girls Homes in recent days.

The Teen/Mom program will be located in Wakefield Cottage, especially renovated to offer small suites to the teen moms and their babies. These moms are in the custody of Social Services. In a lot of cases, the mom and child are separated due to no foster homes willing to take the teen mom and her baby. This program will allow them to live together, but at the same time teach the teen mom parenting and life skills so her child will not end up in a foster home.

The North Carolina Board of Education gave preliminary approval for the new charter school on the campus of Boys and Girls Homes. Academy trustees and staff will attend training sessions over the next few months. Final approval for the charter school is expected in March 2013. Flemington Academy will open in the fall of 2013.

The Whiteville Optimist Club held its awards night and officer installation in the Optimist Cottage in September. Both Whiteville and the Wilmington Optimist Club gave generous donations in September.

As of Wednesday, Oct. 3, there were eight boys in the Optimist Cottage. There were 45 students on campus with another 105 foster care children. There have been 32 adoptions through the program.

When was the last time your club had a speaker from Boys and Girls Homes? If you're interested in a program, contact Gary Pender or Gary Greene (910) 646-3083.



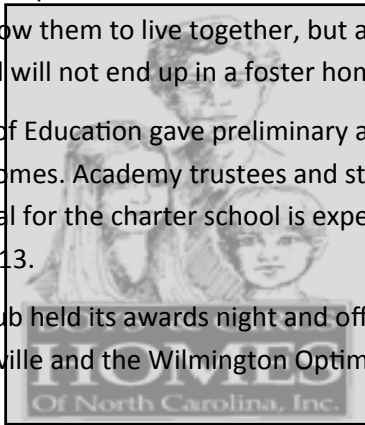
The Boys and Girls Home is doing great so far this year. There are 41 kids on campus this summer. They are working very hard on the farm, country store or working in the garden. I am happy to report that ALL kids on campus passed their grades. The application for a charter school was turned in back in 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



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Boys & Girls Home Chair



2012 – 2013 NC East District Officers



Past OI VP Ted Gaffin, Visiting OI Representative and installing Officer.



Past Governor Jerry Medlin installed as Governor 2012-2013



Governor Elect Errol Warren.



Secretary/Treasurer Elect
Barbara Timmons



Lt. Governor Zone 1, Bennie Bass



Lt. Governor Zone 2, Don Barringer

2012 – 2013 NC East District Officers



Lt. Governor Zone 3, Lou Anna Hardee



Lt. Governor Zone 4, Jimmy Lamm



Lt. Governor Zone 5, Yancey Hines



Lt. Governor Zone 6, Jennifer Timmons



NC East 2012-13 Officers being installed at District Convention

2nd Quarter 2011-2012 A&A Winners

Top Ten Clubs



From left: No. 1, Duplin, Joan Williams; No. 2, Cape Fear, Robin Bass; No. 3, Goldsboro, Billy Edgerton; No. 4, Greenville, Charles Ross; No. 5, Northern Wake, Deidre Harper.



No. 6, Winter Park, Sandy Cyphers; No. 7, Garner, Bruce Andrews; No. 8, Chapel Hill Trish Verne; No. 9, Wake Forest, Bob Hassebrock; No. 10, Raleigh Stan Pickett.

Top Clubs in Each Zone

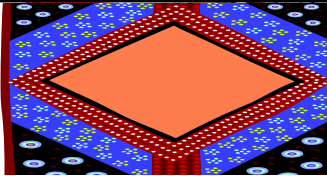


From left: Zone 1, Cape Fear, Robin Bass; Zone 2, Duplin, Joan Williams; Zone 3, Goldsboro, Billy Edgerton; Zone 4, Golden circle, Carol Collier; Zone 5, Rocky Mount Evening, Tommy Peele; Zone 6, Northern Wake, Deidre Harper.

Top Lt. Governors



From left: No. 1, Lt. Governor, Lou Anna Hardee; No. 2, Lt. Governor Allan Ludlum; No. 3 Eddie Boyette, (Joan Williams)



Dan Durham
District A&A Chair



District Membership

Hello Fellow Optimists. Unofficially, our District has once again achieved Distinguished honors, finishing the year plus 64 members and 3rd in the International rankings.

Congratulations to the entire growth team for a historical year.

Internationally, we finished at minus 2100 members.

This is an improvement over

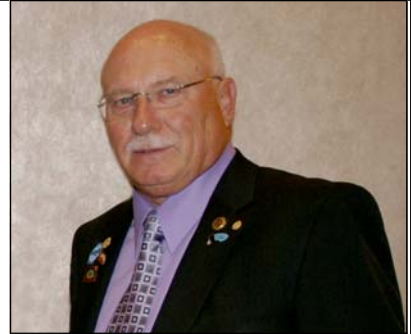
recent years, so hopefully we can build on the momentum set this year and once again return to positive growth.

This will be a brief update, as Governor Jerry and I haven't had a chance to sit down and tweak the incentive program for this year. We are considering making it a quarterly program to entice more excitement. Look for updates via e-mail soon.

I know we talk a lot about membership and as your membership chair, that's my job. But, make no mistake about our mission as Optimists. Awards and accolades are nice, but the rewards we receive for putting a smile on a child's face or helping a needy family or a child with cancer is far more rewarding. That's our real reason for being a part of this great organization.

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

Auston Pusey
Membership Chair



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Membership Chair



NCE Optimist Convention

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

Welcome to the new year. I am looking forward to all clubs being a part of the A&A program for this year. Let the entire district know just how many kids NC East is reaching with the large number of projects each club is doing. Remember there is a new on-line A&A form on the NC East Optimist web site. Any questions on how to complete the form on-line need to be addressed to our web master, Allan Ludlum. I will be also sending the 1st quarter form in December to be completed by January 15, 2013. Thanks for all the hard work each club is doing and now I want your club to brag on the successful projects you are doing by being a part of the A&A program.

I want to give a great big thanks to all the clubs that attended the district convention in August and to all the committee members and clubs that worked together to make the convention a great success. Now is the time to start thinking about the 2013 convention. The convention will again be at North Myrtle Beach in South Carolina. I will let you know where we will be having the convention when the decision has been made. NC East may possibly be joined by the NC West this year, this would be a great opportunity to see optimist friends from the West. Let me know if you have suggestions, comments, complaints, or complements from last year.



Dan Durham

Dan Durham
Convention Chair



JOOI



David Fritz, District JOOI
Chair



Sandy Cyphers has agreed to serve as New Club Building District Chairperson for this year along with Leadership Development. We want to build 4 New Clubs this year and Jacksonville, Durham, and others have been talked about as possible.

Last year, we had 97 New Members that came from New Clubs and that helped us In getting to plus 62 in Membership for the year.

Let's make New Club Building a real part of our GROWTH EFFORT and make a NEW MEMBER per month per Club a part of our GOALS. That could give us the Number of Members we need to get back to the place Alston Pusey took us in 2009-2010 to plus 204.

Jerry Medlin

A **New Optimist Year** with a group of new Presidents and even with two new clubs in the North Carolina East District...**HOW EXCITING!** Or at least I find it exciting as the Leadership Development and New Club Building Chairman for the district. I am excited about the team Governor Jerry has put together as well as the team of Presidents that optimist members in the district have elected to serve as their respective club leaders. We must work harder than ever to be successful in our communities in **"BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS"** and being known as the service organization that is a **"FRIEND OF YOUTH"**.



Sandy Cyphers
Leadership and NCB Chair

I am asking each of you to please help this district continue to grow and build. We need to leave a legacy for future generations. Governor Jerry has set his goals and in those goals he has the highest of confidence that our district can and will build **FOUR (4)** new clubs in the North Carolina East District. Now I cannot do it by myself, nor can Governor Jerry do it by himself...We must all work as a team and as a district to successfully accomplish this goal. The time to start is now..**NOT SEPTEMBER 2013**....lets get started and finish early to **MAKE IT HAPPEN!** I am willing to work with any of you to get started and to finish successfully in sharing **OPTIMISM** to a

Leadership Development

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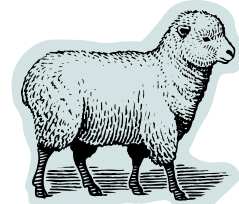
new community...the success will be the rewards we will feel in knowing that we have shared our love for this organization to others.

If I can assist with helping you begin and where to begin to build please give me a call.

Also, at the **next** district meeting we will work and plan to have a presentation for new and mature members to assist with building leadership skills and Personal Growth and Development on Saturday Afternoon...Please make plans to stay an hour or little longer that afternoon...I promise you a fun time, with many surprises!

Sandy Cyphers

District NCB and Leadership Development Chairman



NCE members recognized by visiting Optimist International VP as Builders of Excellence. From left: Jennifer Timmons, Carlton Baird, Charles Ross, Barbara Timmons and Anna Lou Hardee.



Ray Cockrell left awards Walt Armentrout Boys & Girls home award to Auston Pussy, Cape Fear.

Bill Edgerton awards OI Foundation framed photo to Chapel Hill for \$500 plus donations.

Optimist International Convention

July 4-6, 2013

Cincinnati Ohio

The International convention will be in Cincinnati July 4-6. I will have more information later. The people who got together and road the train to the Baltimore convention in 2011 seemed to enjoy it. If interested, I will check into doing one again this year.

The PGI program helps members learn more about being an Optimist and helps clubs grow. More clubs need to get involved in it. The information is on the web site or they can contact me.

Have a Great Day!
Carey



Carrie Foster, OI Convention Ambassador



District Essay Contest



Eligibility

Youth under the age of 19 as of December 31 of the current school year 2012-2013

Topic

For the 2012-2013 contest, the topic is:

"How Can I Help My Friends Realize Their Value".

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The essay must be between 700 and 800 words in length.

Prizes

Club Level - medallion. Clubs are allowed to give monetary awards of up to \$500 per winner for the Essay contest in addition to the official medallions. The Club level awards may be given in the form of a scholarship, savings bond or cash prize but are completely discretionary.



Bruce Andrews, Essay chair

District Level - Club winners advance to the District contest to compete for a \$2500 college scholarship.

International Level - An International Essay Panel judges the district-winning essays. Each District winner is automatically entered into the International Essay contest where a panel of judges select the top essay. First-place: winner's plaque, recognition in The Optimist magazine

Key Dates

Clubs entries (one per club) must be delivered or mailed to the District chair and be postmarked no later than February 28, 2013. Entries must include all of the following four documents:

1. District Essay Contest Entry Form (see Club Chair Packet)
2. Copy of the club winner's application form
3. Copy of the club winner's birth certificate
4. A typed, double-spaced copy of the essay with cover sheet.



By April 10, 2013, the district winner will be named and notified and all necessary information will be sent to Optimist International for the international competition. The first-place winner will be invited to the third quarter NC East District meeting to present his or her essay.





District Oratorical Contest

Happy New Year to Everyone.

Below are some details regarding the NCED 2013 Oratorical Contest. Please review and forward any questions to

your zone Lt. Governor or myself.

See you at the district meeting in Wilson.

Best Regards

Darrell Fulcher

Topic: **"Why My Voice is Important"**



Who: Students under the age of 19 who have not yet graduated from high school or the equivalent and who are educated in the United States, Canada or the Caribbean.

How To Enter: Interested students submit a speech on the pre-assigned topic to their local Optimist Club.

Students:

The deadline to enter is determined by the sponsoring Optimist Club. All Club-level contests are typically held by late March.

Clubs and Districts:

The District deadline to submit winners to Optimist International is June 15, 2013. Optimist International does not set Club/Zone/Regional deadlines. The NCED contest will be held in Wilson, NC, May 18, 2013.

The Optimist Oratorical Contest gives youngsters the chance to speak to the world. More than \$150,000 in college scholarships funded by the Optimist International Foundations is awarded annually from this program.

First conducted in 1928, this is the second most popular Optimist International Pro-

gram. Nearly 2,000 clubs participate in this program each year. All contests will be conducted as a combined gender structure. The winners at the Club level receive medallions and Zone winners receive a plaque. The NCES will provide a first place scholarship of \$2,500, a second place scholarship of \$1,500, and a third place scholarship of \$1,000.

Information for Optimist Members planning the contest:

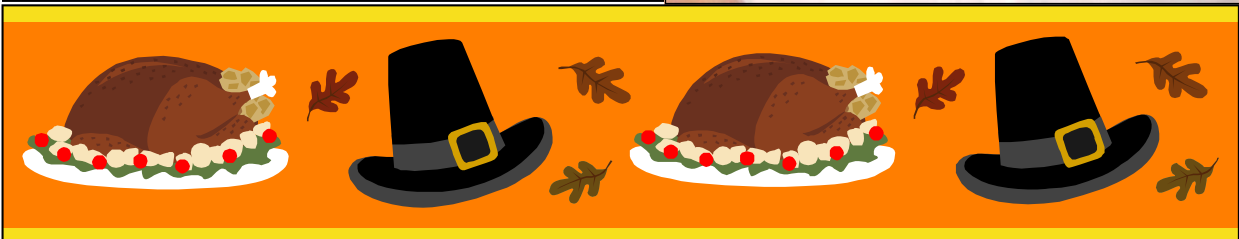
All Members can now view and conveniently print planning pages for any International Program from your home computer. To view the 2012-2013 District Oratorical Contest Planning Pages, participate application or other promotional materials visit the Optimist International home page and click on scholarship programs.

Oratorical Contest Package - A Program Package for the contest has been provided for each and every club in the district. Contact your Lt. Governor or Darrell Fulcher @ dfulcher@rgdinc.com (919) 656-7339. Clubs can find useful materials to help them get started with the scholarship contest.

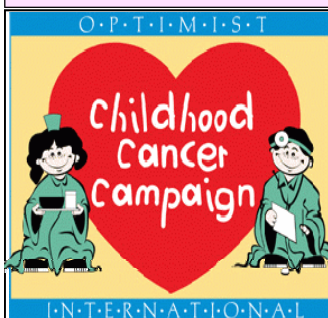
Recognition: Support merchandise for this program can be ordered through Optimist Supply.

For additional information, please contact Darrell Fulcher @ dfulcher@rgdinc.com (919) 656-7339 or Optimist International

Darrell Fulcher
District Oratorical Contest Chair



Childhood Cancer Campaign



Childhood Cancer Campaign

After the August convention, I delivered several crocheted blankets, therapy dolls, some "Really Bad Hair Day Caps" and cheerful pillowcases to the kids at Duke and UNC pediatric Oncology/Hematology clinics. Special thanks to the Wilson Golden Circle Club for making 25 colorful pillowcases to brighten their hospital rooms. I also had the pleasure of delivering checks of \$1500 to both Duke and UNC from the Chapel Hill Club. These funds were raised at the "Kisses For Childhood Cancer" drive in April and June.

I received an email from Duke about their immediate need for more therapy dolls. I was able to deliver some right away. Tracy Lamar gave a doll to a little girl who was very excited because the gown on the doll matched the one she was wearing. "Through the dolls the children are able to act out their feelings, express their frustrations, and gain control over the procedures they have done to them. Thank you on behalf of the children and the Child Life Staff at Duke". Tracy Lamar, Child Life Specialist. We can help so much with something so simple.

The following clubs made end of the year donations to the OI research project at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Cape Fear - \$1,000

Chapel Hill - \$500

Whiteville - \$500

Rocky Mount Evening - \$125

Golden Circle - \$150

Roanoke Rapids - \$225

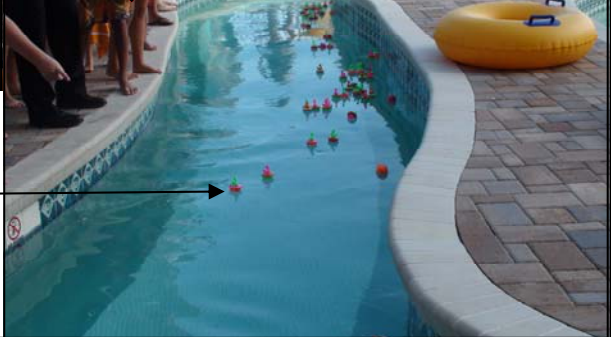
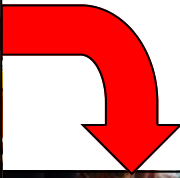
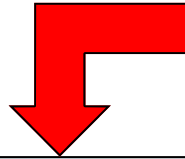
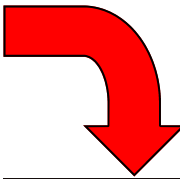
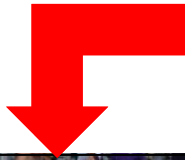
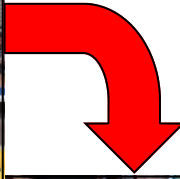


The Yellow Duck Race was a big success. Special thanks to Tom Lamont for staying to "call the race". With the help of the cheering crowd, the 90 ducks all made it to the finish line. The winners were 1st place - Nancy Hines, 2nd place - Bob Verne, and 3rd place - Curtis Hardee. All three of these winners donated their prize money to the ticket sales. A grand total of \$3,230 was raised for the Childhood Cancer Campaign and the Johns Hopkins Leukemia Research Project.

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The now famous duck race



Winner



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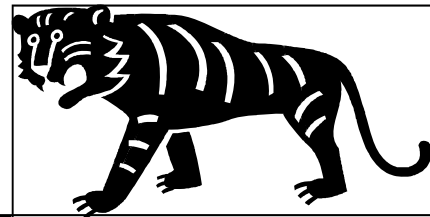
The Goldsboro Optimist Club donated \$1,040 to the family of a local child to help cover expenses for treatment. The Northern Wake Optimist Club spent a weekend helping a decorate a child's room with a Hurricanes' Hockey theme. They worked with Special Spaces of the Triangle to clean and decorate the room for Addy. Muddy Mudcat was also in attendance. Addy and her family were special guests at a Hurricanes hockey game, with seating in the VIP suite and VIP parking. The North Raleigh Optimist Club will hold its annual Music and Storytelling Festival. Contact Alan Hoal for more information at 919-469-0394. The proceeds will benefit the Childhood Cancer Campaign. The artists are professional storytellers and musicians. This is a great outing for the whole family. Thanks to all our volunteers and club members for your generosity of time and money.



NC East District raised over \$7,000 this year for the OI Childhood Cancer Campaign. Another \$6,000 plus was donated directly to families and the area hospitals. The Mile of Hope project probably brings our district total to over \$50,000. Thanks to all our volunteers and club members for your generous gifts of your time, energy, and financial support. We are making a difference in the lives of these children and their families, and having fun doing it. Thank you again for all you do for the kids.

May we continue and have an even better year ahead.

Trish Verne
Childhood Cancer Campaign Chairman



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.



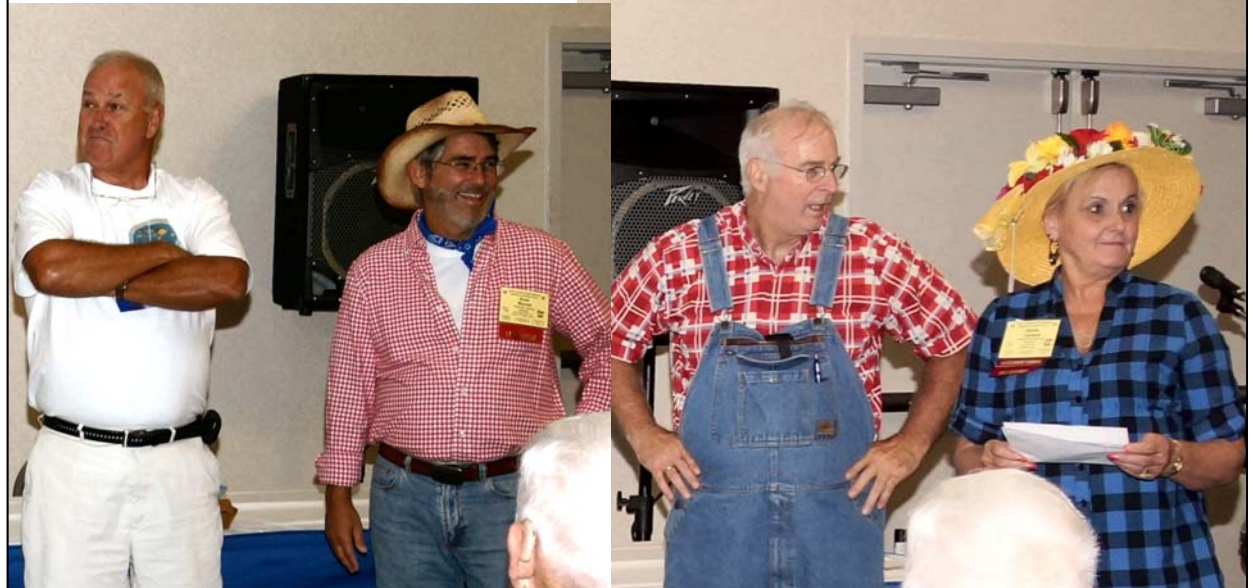
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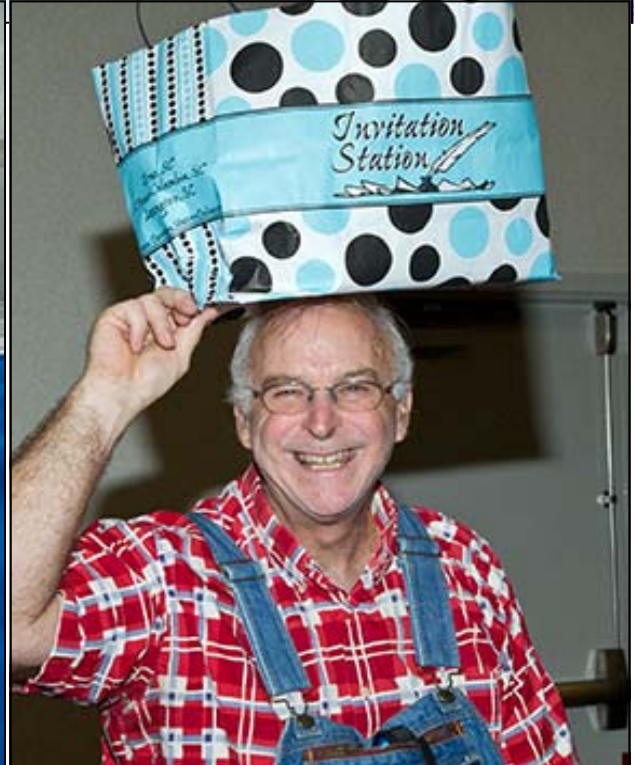


Past OI VPs Ted Gaffin & Sandy Williams



Friday night "Hee Haw" at the District Convention







COMMUNICATION CONTEST for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL 

COMMUNICATION CONTEST FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

Once again we will be having the oratorical contest for the deaf and hard of hearing at the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf. This seems to be a long time off, but time flies when you are having fun. This will give you plenty of time to check out the students in your school system that qualify for this contest. There will be one contest and the winner will receive the \$2,500 scholarship the same as the other scholarship contest we have. You can get all the rules and other information about the contest on the Optimist web site. The contest will be held in May just before our district May meeting. I will send out more details later. In the meantime, if you have an questions, please don't hesitate to contact Bill Edgerton at 919-920-8541 or E-mail at bedgerton4@nc.rr.com.

OI Foundation

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Foundation's goal this year is to reach a \$1,000,000 in donations. This is a lofty goal, but we have been very close to that figure in recent years. I think we can reach that goal. The only way to accomplish this is for you, me and many other Optimist to give to help the kids through the Foundation. You may remember me talking last year about the man that donated \$100,000 during the tenth anniversary of the Foundation to make the total donations, to that point, \$1,000,000. Many thanks to you and other Optimist that help the Foundation.

The Foundation helps our district and every district in Optimist International in many ways. First, all of the program materials you acquire from Optimist International are either paid for or partially paid for by the OI Foundation. Another main thing that it does is to fund all four of our scholarship contest for a total of \$10,000. The kids in our district are directly affected by the Foundation with these scholarships.

The starting point for donations is the Dime-A-Day which is \$36.50 per year. Every person that makes a donation at the Dime-A-Day level gets a lapel pin. We also have the President's

Club member which is \$250. It is very important for individuals as well as clubs to contribute to the Foundation. Club or individuals that donate \$500 will get a numbered, framed print. Clubs or individuals that contribute \$1,000 can honor an individual with the Christian D. Larson award. There is more information on the OI Foundation web site and you will be hearing more about the Foundation from me as the year goes on. If you have any question, please contact Bill Edgerton at 919-920-8541 or E-mail at bedgerton4@nc.rr.com.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO TO HELP THE KIDS

Bill Edgerton



Bill Edgerton, CCDHH and District OI Foundation Chair

Roanoke Rapids 2012-13 Officer Installation



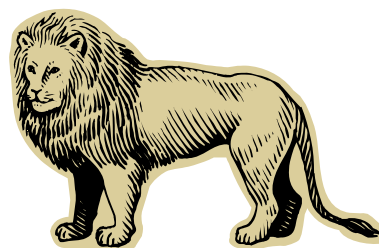
Rocky Mount Evening 2012-13 Officer Installation



District Board of Directors Meeting
North Carolina East District – Optimist International
2012 Convention – Bay Watch Resort and Convention Center
Minutes
Saturday, August 25, 2012

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, Wilmington Optimist; Zone 2 – Duplin Optimist, Whiteville Optimist, Laurinburg; Zone 3 – Goldsboro Optimist, Greenville Optimist; Zone 4 – Wilson Golden Circle Optimist, Wilson Evening Optimist; Zone 5 – Roanoke Rapids Optimist, Henderson Optimist, Rocky Mount Evening Optimist; Zone 6 – Garner Optimist, Raleigh Dinner Optimist, South Johnston 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 9:00 am.

The Color Guard of Roanoke Rapids Troop presented the Flag. All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Invocation by Dan Durham.

Past Governor presented the Memorial Service for Optimist members who passed since the last convention. He read Luke 8:5-8A and called on Stan Pickett – Raleigh Optimist, Jimmy Lamm – Wilson Breakfast and Ted Gaffin – Past OI President to light the candles of those passed.

Governor Jerry Medlin introduced North Myrtle Beach Councilman Bob Cavanaugh. Bob welcomed us and gave us information on North Myrtle Beach.

Governor Jerry Medlin welcomed everyone and introduced our Optimistic International Representatives Past OI Vice Presidents Ted Gaffin and Sandy Williams. He also recognized Past OI President Les Craft, OI Vice President Sandy Cyphers, Past OI Vice President Doug Lamm, 15 Past Governors and 8 first timers.

3rd Quarter Board Meeting Minutes were reported by Barbara Timmons. Motion to accept made by Gary Pender – Goldsboro Optimist; seconded by Bob Hassebrock – Raleigh Optimist – Approved.

3rd Quarter Financial Report was made by Barbara Timmons. Motion to accept made by Tommy Peele – Rocky Mount Evening Optimist; seconded Allan Lud-

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lum – Cape Fear Optimist – Approved. District Disbursement forms need to be sent in by September 30th.

District Convention Chair Dan Durham updated us on the events planned for the convention and thanked everyone for their help in making this convention a success.

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

District Childhood Cancer Campaign Chair Trish Verne updated us on what the clubs in the district are doing. She reminded us of the Duck Race at 4:30pm at the lazy river and Ducks are still on sale! She received Pillow Cases from the Golden Circle Optimist club. Trish thanked us for the tabs and asked for alter call.

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..

District Leadership Chair Sandy Cyphers discussed the upcoming training for the day and encouraged everyone to attend the training!

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District OIJGC Chair Allan Ludlum reported on the tournament held May 19 & 20 at Keith Hills. He shared which players went to Florida. 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.

OI Convention Ambassador Carey Foster thanked everyone that attended the International Convention in Milwaukee. He reported that our district went out to eat and generally enjoyed the convention and location. The upcoming conventions are: Cincinnati, Ohio; Las Vegas; and New Orleans. Carey also presented the PGI rewards from the past quarter.

District CPA Book and Club Services Chair Doug Lamm reported the rules for the CPA books have changed. Everything is on line and we need to submit the project on a CD which needs to be mailed to OI by December 15th. The project itself must be completed by September 30th.

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 Oratorical Chair Carlton Baird reported on the Executive Boards approval of our district holding the combined gender contest for the upcoming year.

We stopped for break at 10:15 am and reconvened 10:30 am. Governor Jerry invited all to the hospitality suite.

District Boys and Girls Home representative Gary Pender and Ray Cockrell representing the Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw reported on the programs,

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campus and updates on our cottage. Cape Fear Optimist were recognized for donating a Walt Armentrout Fellowship to Auston Pusey. They thanked us for our continued support and asked for alter call. Allan Ludlum reported the winners of the Golf Tournament and presented their awards and that the fundraiser totaled-\$800 to the Boys and Girls Home.

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

Governor Jerry reported on the new JOOI club that is being formed by the Golden Circle Optimist Club. Lt. Governor Angela Iwaniuk and Linda Shepard shared their progress on this club – Southern Nash High School. Governor Jerry also recognized just how much a JOOI club can benefit a club and recognized Lt. Governor Elect for Zone 6 Jennifer Timmons – She was the JOOI charter club president for the Wake Forest-Rolesville High School club.

Candidate Qualification Chairman Lou Anna Hardee presented Errol Warren and the candidate for Governor Elect 2013-214. Motion to approve made by Jerry Medlin – Garner Optimist, second by Sandy Cyphers – Port City Optimist, approved. Past Governor Lou Anna Hardee also recognized the Builders of Excellence that were awarded at the International Convention.

Governor Elect Errol Warren thanked everyone for their support and looks forward to working with them.

OI Representatives Past Vice Presidents Ted Gaffin and Sandy Williams thanked us for our hospitality. He recognized our growth and encouraged us to reach our goals. He also recognized Jennifer Timmons as a prime example of an Optimist! He recognized our fellowship, comradely and that we are a wonderful district.

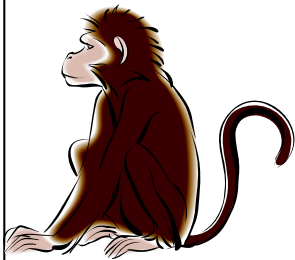
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He and Sandy recognized their host Past Governor Billy and 1st Lady Jan Edger-
ton and presented them with gifts.

Governor Jerry thanked everyone for all their work and asked for their continued
commitment. He reminded us of our upcoming year district meeting and the
PDC in November locations and dates.

Everyone recited the Optimist Creed.



Meeting adjourned 12 noon

Barbara Timmons

District Secretary-Treasurer



Whiteville Installation



(L-R)Brad Johnson; Glenda Wolfe; Sec-Treasurer Don Harritan; President David
Heath; Past President Willie Wilkins; Evan Gore; Recording Secretary Bobby Hensley;
and Mark Smith. Not pictured are Eric Underwood, Don Smith, and President Elect
Mark Harritan.

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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October, Animal adoption month