

North Carolina East Optimist News

Dear Fellow Optimist:

*Welcome to the New Year. I hope you had a Happy Holiday Season. Let`s together make 2013 a very successful year for our Clubs and the Kids we serve. If each Club could increase its Membership by just one member, we increase Membership by 37 and if each Member would bring in just one new member this year, we would have 1,340 new members. If we could just improve the retention of the members we have, that would help also. The other way we can improve membership in our District is by **BUILDING NEW CLUBS**. If you know a place that would be a good prospective New Club location, please let your Lt. Governor know so the location can be worked on. Let`s give the **GROWTH TEAM***



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our full support and again grow our District as you did last year; Auston Pusey, Membership Chairman, and Sandy Cyphers, New Club Building Chair.

We have an excellent Hotel to have our meetings this year. There was an excellent turnout for the First Quarter Meeting so lets grow those numbers for this meeting. On Friday, Registration starts at 4:00pm, the Dutch Dinner at 5:00pm at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant next to the Hotel Parking Lot, The Executive Board Meeting at 6:45pm followed by the OI Foundation Auction.

On Saturday, the Second Quarter Meeting starts at 8:30am, Awards Luncheon at 12:00, followed by the Awards presentation for 2011-2012 and OI Website training at 1:30pm by Barbara Timmons. The Deadline for the Early Bird Rates is Thurs, Feb 7th. For the First Timers, attending, registration is free if you buy a ticket and attend the Awards Luncheon. I am really proud of the Officers and Clubs that are receiving awards this year so please attend the Luncheon and congratulate the winners.

Yours in Optimism

Jerry M. Medlin, Governor



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Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina

Optimists Support Boys and Girls Homes

Several Optimist East clubs made Christmas a little more special for the boys in the Optimist Cottage by sending much needed donations to purchase Christmas gifts and provide Christmas programming during December.

Special thanks to the Winter Park Optimists who hosted the boys for a Sunday afternoon at their tree lot in Wilmington. The boys helped in the tree lot and enjoyed a late afternoon reception and meal with the Optimists.



The Whiteville Optimist Club visited campus and donated a set of pots and pans to the Optimist Cottage. Thank you for your support Whiteville!

The Goldsboro Optimist Club provided a new television set for the Cottage. Thank you Goldsboro!

Please put Saturday, April 13, on your calendar for Optimist Day at Boys and Girls Homes. There will be the usual sprucing projects to help the cottage's appearance. More importantly, Optimists will again serve as mentors and role models for the boys. Following the morning work session, there will be a campuswide cookout at noon under the picnic shelter.

Optimists are welcomed to visit campus for tours. The campus is also available at no fee for periodic club, zone, and district meetings. Your club is also encouraged to arrange to have dinner with the boys on campus or you may choose to host the boys at an event or attraction in your area. Contact Gary Greene at Boys and Girls Homes to make the arrangements. (910) 646-3083 gary.greene@bghnc.org

Photo

PDG Gary Pender (left), Optimist East representative for Boys and Girls Homes, presents a new television to the Optimist Cottage from the Goldsboro Optimist Club.

Photo not available at press time.



Gary Pender
Boys & Girls Home Chair

District Membership

Below is a list of our 2011-2012 Membership Growth Team's recruiting efforts.

43001 Port City

Sandra K. Cyphers

Andrew Nettleman

Susan Nettleman

Summer Nettleman

Total: 10

43077 Wilmington Cape Fear

Allan D. Ludlum

Katherine Brennan

Sylvia B. Harker

Auston Pusey

David Owen

Glenn Heath

Gina N. Hart

Ben S. McPherson

Rusty Ramsay

Total: 33

43430 Wilmington Supper

Lance J. Conner

Total: 1

43475 Wilmington

Allan D. Ludlum

Total: 1

43490 Wilmington Winter Park

Stuart A. Vick

Timothy M. Burleson

Shawn Rivenbark

Jimmy Johnson

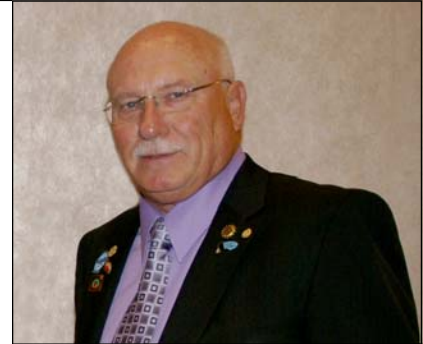
Michael Smith

Total: 12

43498 Myrtle Grove - New Hanover

Fernando Amorim

Total: 1



Auston Pusey
Membership Chair

43002 Duplin

Lou Powell

Joan Williams

Auston Pusey

Edward Boyette

Doris English

Total: 47

43139 Elizabethtown

Billy Ray Britt

Jerry Graham

Michael F. Ryckley

Total: 7

43245 Laurinburg

Ronald L. Riggins
J. Harry Covington
Bill Carmichael
Bear Hughes
Total: 4

43472 Whiteville

Don Harritan
Judy Harritan
Total: 3

43004 Wayne Community College

Logan Wicks
Total: 1

43195 Goldsboro

Leland Walters
Billy Y. Edgerton
Joann Williams
Terry C. Wicks
Total: 11

43210 Greenville

Curtis L. Hardee
Lou Anna Hardee
Ellen G. Ross
Charles R. Ross
Beth Clem
Total: 9

43461 Washington

Shirleyan B. Phelps
Patricia L. Peebles
Total: 4

43505 Carteret

Denard Harris
Total: 1

43060 Wilson-Bft

Randy J. Godwin
Horace R. Joyner
Frankie Pridgen
Milo R. Popowitch Jr.
Mickey Grizzard
Total: 7

43129 Chowan-Edenton

Mike Williams
Billy Barrow

William Davidson

Total: 4

43190 Wilson-Golden Circle

Linda M. Watson
Faye Wheeler
Diane M. Johnson
Linda J. Shepherd

Norma Duell

Total: 5

43435 Tarboro

Willie E. Barnes
Total: 1

43480 Wilson

Wayne Sidelinger
Total: 5

43511 Bennett-Wilson

Doug Lamm
George Lamm
Jimmy Lamm
Total: 6

43215 Henderson

Robert L. Hubbard
Ed T. White
Jon H. Dorsey

Total: 4
43360 Roanoke Rapids
 Marshania Barnes
 Daniel G. Durham
 Total: 4
43375 Rocky Mount-
 Evening
 Tommy Peele
 Ken Dixon
 Henry C. Edmondson
 Total: 9
43380 Roxboro
 Two FOO's with no spon-
 sor listed
 Total: 2
43000 Wake Forest
 Cathy O. Potter
 Richard Beer
 Total: 3
43003 Northern Wake
 Jennifer L. Timmons
 Deidre Harper
 Aelisch Leen
 Christy L. Stokes
 Justin Timmons

Barbara Timmons
 Total: 12
43005 South Johnston
 Jerry M. Medlin
 David W. Bast Sr
 Ellen Bast
 Libbie J. Medlin
 Helen Smith
 Connie Jonell
 Rick Jonell
 Judy B. Lee
 Pam Holland
 Diane B. Godwin
 Total: 23
43126 Raleigh-Dinner
 Lonnie T. Wilson
 Total: 1
43185 Garner
 Robert L. Harvin
 Paul A. Lee
 Jeffrey L. Pearce
 William E. Oates
 Jerry L. Whitby
 Total: 5
43355 Raleigh

Dayne H. Brown
 C. David Fritz
 Total: 3
43479 Southern Wake
 Alan Middleton
 Total: 2
43502 Chapel Hill
 Carolyn K. Mason
 Margaret W. Clemons
 Total: 2
 Including 2 new clubs, the
 NC East District Growth
 Team brought in 317
 new members for 2011 -
 2012.



Membership Presentations



5 member pins were presented by Auston Pusey and Governor Jerry to: from left; Jennifer Timmons, Northern Wake; Charles Ross, Greenville; Sandy Cypher accepting for Stuart Vick, Winter Park. Not in photo, Wayne Sidelinger, Wilson Evening.

Hello Fellow Optimists. As you know, this is our meeting for celebrating last years accomplishments. Officially, we earned Distinguished District honors for the third year in a row. Congratulations!

Also, congratulations in advance to all individual members and clubs for the awards you'll be receiving this weekend. As great as these accomplishments are, we can't afford to rest on past laurels. Seeking new members is a necessary ingredient for the success of our Clubs, District, and Optimist International.

With the registrations for spring sports in full swing, now is a great time to introduce Optimism to parents, coaches, sponsors, and sports fans. The list is endless and you'd be surprised at the positive responses you'll get if you'll just ask.

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

Auston Pusey

Membership Chair

2nd Quarter 2011-2012 A&A Winners

Top Ten Clubs



1st.place: Duplin, Joan Williams; 2nd: South Johnston, Jean Medlin; 3rd: Northern Wake, Jennifer Timmons; 4th: Cape Fear, Al Ludlum; 5th: Garner, Bruce Andrews.



6th: Greenville, Charles Ross; 7th: Roanoke Rapids, Carey Foster; 8th: Winter Park, Sandy Cyphers; 9th: Goldsboro, Jan Edgerton; 10th: Whiteville, David Heath.

Top Clubs in Each Zone



From left: Zone 1, Cape Fear, Al Ludlum; Zone 2, Dublin, Joan Williams; zone 3, Greenville, Charles Ross; Zone 4, Wilson Evening, Jimmy Lamm; Zone 5, Roanoke Rapids, Carey Foster; Zone 6, South Johnston, Jean Medlin.

Top Lt. Governors



Dan Durham
District A&A Chair

From Left, 1st Place, Zone 5, Errol Warren (Sam Toler); 2nd place, Zone 6 place, Lt. Gov. David Fritz; 3rd place, Zone 1, Lt. Gov. Bennie Bass (Al Ludlum).



4th level Century Club from Boys & Girls Home presented to Bill Edgerton (Jan Edgerton accepting) present by B&G Home rep Ray Cockrell.



NCED JOOI Clubs

By David Fritz

JOOI clubs Sprouting Up Everywhere

With over 15,500 members JOOI clubs continue to offer young people an excellent opportunity to make a positive change in their communities. As of February 1st, OI reports 29 new JOOI clubs have been formed since October 2012. This year, adults competing in the JOOI Builder of Excellence Award, have the chance to win a unique prize. The adult JOOI Builder of Excellence who charters the most new JOOI Clubs during the 2012-13 year will be included in the OI Presidents Winners Cruise in November 2013. Airfare and cruise are included for the JOOI BOE winner.

Start a New JOOI Club in Your Community

With Spring just around the corner now is the time to make those contacts, get organized and plan your projects. You will want your new JOOI club to be ready to hit the ground running when the first signs of Spring inspire us all to give back to our communities and the people who live in them. Remember participation in JOOI clubs is a win-win for students and their communities plus the leadership opportunities JOOI club participation offers. Resource materials are available on the OI Website including how to start a new JOOI club and project ideas. And A Successful Launch .

The key to getting started is identifying a teacher or advisor to mentor a new club and not so much finding student leaders. It is surprising how often there are one or two student leaders ready to take on a new project.

Students can be a key part of a successful launch which will require some planning. Use handouts and posters from materials on the OI site or made up by students and have the school include it in announcements.

There is a club registration fee (prorated) and a one-time charter fee of \$50.00. Student individual dues are just \$10.00 per year. The JOOI club structure has 3 age groups plus a college club.



David Fritz,
District JOOI Chair

Alpha Clubs.... ages 6 to 9
 Junior Clubs ... ages 10 to 13
 Octagon Clubs... ages 14 to 18
 College Clubs



Reminder: March 30 deadline for \$60 annual club registration and \$10/member fees to OI.

NCE Optimist Convention

August 23-26, 2013 Bay Watch Towers, North Myrtle Beach, SC

The groundwork has started for the 2013 convention in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The date of this year's convention is August 22-25. The earlier date hopefully will allow your family to have an end of the summer beach trip before the beginning of the school year. One of the possible themes for the Friday night family night will be college football. This will be a great time for you to dress in the school colors of your special team. This possible theme will be the first tailgate party of the year. The convention will provide a great opportunity to see your optimist friends, share in optimist training and meet new optimist friends. I look forward to honoring Governor Jerry in his second convention . The Bay Watch Resort will be the location of all the fun and fellowship. Please see page 13 in the district directory for phone number and room rates . Go optimist!



Dan Durham

A&A Contest

Welcome to 2013. I am looking forward to all of the district clubs being a part of the A&A program. Let the entire district know just how many youth your club is reaching through the large number of projects your club is completing. The A&A program each quarter is a great way to share your activity with all clubs in the district. 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 thank all the clubs that completed the 1st quarter and the awards will be presented during the February 16th meeting. I also remind all clubs that the 2011-12 awards will be presented during the lunch awards program also.

Leadership Development

North Carolina East District Leadership

My position as the District Leadership Chairman does not end in August after the Summer Conference Training. This position is a commitment for the duration of the entire Optimist year. It is of the utmost importance that we continue to train our members all year long..train in the knowledge and overall working of the organization in order for them to have the enthusiasm and desire to step up and take the reign as future leaders. Growing optimist leaders takes a family and team of optimists..not just one individual. I have stated that I am willing to travel to your clubs and your zones to train, educate and inform members. Work with me and other leaders in the district to help optimist members be leaders in the district. We, yes you and I need to train, teach and share our knowledge of the optimist organization, we must be mentors in order for members to take the reign this coming year and for future years to become leaders of this wonderful organization for the future and welfare of its continuation. It is a responsibility of the district to build and train leaders just like it has the responsibility to grow and build the organization. Working together as a team we can BUILD leaders for tomorrow. Let's mentor to our members. Let's instill in our members to Think only of the best, to WORK only for the best and to EXPECT only the best. I Believe, We Can Achieve and Will Succeed.

"If you were plowing a field, which would you rather use? Two strong oxen or 1024 chickens?"

- Seymour Cray (1925-1996), father of supercomputing.

(I WOULD LIKE TO USE 1335 N.C. EAST OPTIMISTS). What great and wonderful things this district could accomplish...

Sandy Cyphers

District Leadership Development Chairman



Sandy Cyphers

Leadership and NCB Chair

NEW CLUB BUILDING

The difference between 'involvement' and 'commitment' is like an eggs and ham breakfast...the chicken was "involved" the pig was 'committed". Both of these were important to the outcome of the success of what the purpose was. We ask. What was the purpose? The purpose was to enjoy a great breakfast, to provide the body with a sufficient amount of nutrients needed to maintain strength, memory, health and endurance. Just like the ham and eggs and the chicken and the pig...as Optimists we also need certain things. We need more involvement and more commitment in order to BRING THIS ORGANIZATION BACK TO LIFE. We need to afford other communities in our district and state the opportunity to more than ever 'BE A FRIEND OF YOUTH", to continue to 'BRING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS. We need to be committed in building clubs with great optimists all over this district. We need to be involved as an optimist member as part of an optimist team is making NEW CLUB BUILDING more of a reality than ever before. We seem to continue to lack that COMMITMENT and the interest in being INVOLVED to make it happen. Think for a moment about the loss we would feel if we were to sit down one morning and never again experience the wonderful taste and fulfillment of having eggs or ham...what a loss for us that love those eggs, hams, grits, hash browns and toast. So to put it into perspective....we as OPTIMISTS would feel a loss if this organization failed to exist. WE need to make a COMMITMENT and be INVOLVED in BUILDING NEW CLUBS. My position as New Club Building Chairman can only be as successful as you, the Lt. Governors, District Committee Chairs and Members help me, Governor Jerry and our district to be. BE PART OF THE COMMITMENT AND THE INVOLVEMENT THIS YEAR. We need to build FOUR (4) CLUBS...

I BELIEVE WE CAN!

WE MUST ACHIEVE!

WE WILL SUCCEED!

Sandy Cyphers, District New Club Chairman



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



Greetings,

For the Newsletter:

Please include that there is a \$2500.. scholarship for the NC East Winner.

2012-2013 Topic "**HOW CAN I HELP**

MY FRIENDS REALIZE THEIR VALUE"

1. The planning guide includes a copy of the entry application and official rules. It is available on the Optimist International website at 222.optimist.org/Documents/Essay_Club_Chair_12-13.pdf

2. A packet of materials on how to plan for the Essay Contest is available on the Package Programs page of the OI website: www.optimist.org/e/member/programs5.cfm. Here, Clubs can find useful materials that will help them organize and run their Essay Contest program.
3. Contestants must be under the age of 19. There is no minimum age.
4. Essay must be between 700-800 words in length.

Bruce W. Andrews, Sr
141 Chillingham Road
Garner, NC 27529-5156
Phones Home 919 779 3031
Cell 919 986 2023 (Do not leave a message on cell phone)



Bruce Andrews, Essay chair

EMAIL ESSAY ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE ALL OF THESE DOCUMENTS
COPY OF CLUB WINNERS APPLICATION FORM

1. **COPY OF CLUB WINNERS BIRTH CERTIFICATE.**
2. **A TYPED, DOUBLE-SPACED COPY OF THE ESSAY WITH COVER SHEET.**
3. **DISTRICT ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM MUST BE PROPERLY AND COMPLETELY FILLED OUT.**

NOTE: It is critical for all students to spend adequate time in following the guidelines and writing their essay. Points are deducted for not following all guidelines and thus will be a waste of the students time if not properly submitted.

Bruce W. Andrews
District Essay Chair





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 NCED 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 (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, fuliched@yahoo.com, (919) 656-7339 or Optimist International .

Darrell Fulcher
District Oratorical Contest Chair



Childhood Cancer Campaign



Childhood Cancer Campaign

Most of our clubs are getting ready for their spring fundraising projects. June is the OI designated month for Childhood Cancer, but often it is too hot to do any outdoor fundraising. The Chapel Hill Club has five planned Kisses For Childhood Cancer fundraisers at the local Harris Teeter stores during the month of

April. In addition to that they have been making meals for Ronald McDonald House residents, making therapy dolls, and delivering other items to the children under treatment at UNC and Duke Hospitals.

The Northern Wake Club has delivered toys and gifts to Ronald McDonald House residents and provides a meal quarterly. Future fundraising projects include Kisses for Childhood Cancer event and Alex's Lemonade Stand. Their next project will be another room makeover for a three year old leukemia patient. This project will take place in Henderson and be completed in cooperation with Special Spaces on February 23rd.

The Southern Wake Club is planning a Kisses for Childhood Cancer fundraiser and plans to make other items for the children at the local hospitals. The Wake Forest Club has also been providing meals for the local Ronald McDonald House.

A recent article in the Daily Tar Heel featured an interview with a parent, Rebecca Floyd, whose son is being treated for childhood cancer. A UNC organization called CPALS, short for Carolina Pediatric Attention Love and Support, pairs a volunteer with a pediatric patient. The support CPALS gave her son provided a distraction from the stress of his situation through this personal relationship with a volunteer. "Unless childhood cancer affects your family, the family you live with, the home you live in and the roof you live under, you cannot comprehend the physical and emotional suffering that happens. When I stop to think about how vital all those people,



teachers, rec therapists, CPALS volunteers were, I realize our experience would've been absolutely miserable," Rebecca Floyd said. Her son Franklin has been in remission for a year and a half.

Everything we do makes a difference in the lives of those undergoing treatment for childhood cancer. Several years ago, I didn't think the therapy dolls were very important or appreciated. The nurses and child life specialists taught me otherwise. Donations of dolls, blankets, hats, and pillowcases helps bring comfort to the children directly. Donations to the CCC helps continue the research. Dr. Dan Wechsler, Duke Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, and Dr. Stuart Gold, UNC Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, are available to speak to our clubs about the work they do and what advances have been made in childhood cancer treatments and research. I look forward to hearing from them. I know your club will too. They can be contacted at the following addresses:

Dan Wechsler, MD, PhD Stuart H. Gold, MD
Duke Children's Hospital UNC
Box 102382 Campus Box 7236
Durham, NC 27710 Chapel Hill, NC 27599
(919) 694-3401 (919) 966-7474
dan.wechsler@duke.edu stuart_gold@med.unc.edu



Please let me know what other projects your club has done or has planned so that I can spread the word about the good things that you are doing for our kids being treated for childhood cancer.

Trish Verne
Childhood Cancer 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.



Al Ludlum



COMMUNICATION CONTEST for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL 

Once again our district will sponsor the Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. All the information and applications are easily obtained from the Optimist website. If you are familiar with both oratorical contest, you know that both the CCDHH and the regular oratorical contest usually have the same title. Since this year's title for the regular contest is "Why My Voice is Important", it didn't take long for someone to point out how inappropriate that title would be for the hearing impaired. The title for this year's CCDHH is "Why My Opinions are Important". That is much better for the hearing impaired.

I know how hard it is to get participants from the local schools to get involved with this contest. However, if you are able to get participants, it will be one of the most rewarding projects your club will sponsor this year. The district winner will get a \$2,500 scholarship just like the winner of the regular contest and the competition is not nearly as difficult. We usually have only five or six that participate.

The contest will be at the School for the Deaf in Wilson again this year. I am planning on having the contest on May 9, 2013 at 6:00pm. I will need your participants application and speech by May 1, 2013. We will provide pizza for the participants and their families. I wish you the very best in your efforts to have at least one participant from your club.

For more information, please call me at 919-920-8541 or E-mail me at bedgerton4@nc.rr.com. THANKS, BILL EDGERTON, District CCDHH Chairman

OI Foundation

You've heard me talk a lot about the OI Foundation in recent years. I keep accepting this job because I feel it is a very crucial part of our Optimist organization and without the Foundation, we would not be able to do all the things that we do as Optimist and as Optimist International. Through our donations, the Foundation provides all the scholarship money for the Essay and Oratorical contests. They also help fund all of the informational materials we get from Optimist International as well as other things. We will be having an auction on Friday night at 7:30 at the district meeting in February. All the funds from this auction will go to the Foundation. There is always a

question as to who should get credit for the money raised at the auction. As far as possible, I will give credit to the club or individual that actually makes the donation of the items. The individuals buying the items may be able to count part of it as a tax deduction. The purchaser would have to make that decision. I hope this is satisfactory with everyone. Please promote this within your club and bring any item or items that you no longer need or that you can donate. One man's trash is another man's treasure. You bring it and it will be something that someone wants. I really appreciate your help in this.



Bill Edgerton, CCDHH and District OI Foundation Chair

Another way you can help is to bring your personal and club donations to the February meeting. Our district is usually in the top ten districts and we are a little behind that point at this time. The slogan of the Foundation is "Helping Optimist help Kids". Whatever you are able to donate will go toward helping kids. That's what it's all about. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS. For additional information please contact me at 919-920-8541 or E-mail at bedgerton4@nc.rr.com.

THANKS, BILL EDGERTON, District Foundation Representative

Collector Plates

Collector Plates presented to:

Bennie and Robin Bass

Yancy Hines

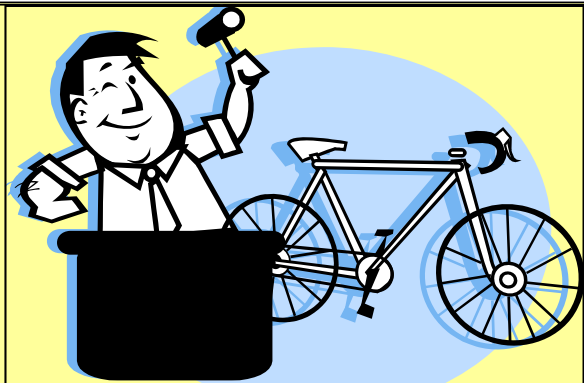
Ronnie McLamb

Ralph Pickett

David Fritz

Carey & Ellen Foster

Auction for
OI Foundation
Friday Night 2/15



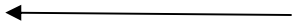
OI Foundation Awards



OI Foundation Prints were presented to: Duplin Optimist, Joan Williams; Garner Optimist, Bruce Andrews; Raleigh Optimist, Dayne Brown; Wilmington Optimist, Al Ludlum.



Christian D. Larkin Award presented to Raleigh Optimist, Dayne Brown.



OI Foundation Benefactor Pins presented to Darrell and Debra Fulcher.



Dime-A-Day pins presented to:
 Angela Iwaniuk, Tom McCutchen,
 Yancey Hines, Ralph Pickett,
 David Fritz, Carey & Ellen Foster,
 Allan Middleton, Doug Wanda Lamm
 Bob and Trish Verne

Wake Forest Optimist go bowling



Here are the photos from the afternoon of bowling last week. All of us Optimists had fun with the kids and staff from the Boys and Girls Club as well as with each other.

Goldsboro Optimist introduce the US Air force to Popcorn



On Saturday, October 27th, the Goldsboro Optimist Club supported the Air Refueling Wing Family Day at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base by providing free popcorn to the attendees of the event. Bill Edgerton, Jan Edgerton, Dawn Clark, Raylynn Clark, Harrison Clark, Maurice Nicholson, Terrence Nicholson, and Charlie Wood represented our club during the event.

**North Carolina East District
Optimist International
First Quarter District Meeting
Hampton Inn & Suites I-95, Wilson, NC
District Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, October 13, 2012**

The following members of the Board of Directors were present:

Jerry Medlin	Governor
Errol Warren	Governor Elect
Barbara Timmons	District Secretary-Treasurer
Bennie Bass	Lt. Governor Zone 1
Lou Anna Hardee	Lt. Governor Zone 3
Jimmy Lamm	Lt. Governor Zone 4
Yancey Hines	Lt. Governor Zone 5
Jennifer Timmons	Lt. Governor Zone 6

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all.

Invocation was given by Yancey Hines.

Governor Jerry welcomed Optimist International Vice President Richard Highland and his wife Gladys Highland to our district. He also asked the 1st timers to stand and there were a total of five.

Fourth Quarter Board Meeting Minutes were reported by Barbara Timmons. Motion to accept made by Sandy Cyphers of Port City – second by Charles Ross of Greenville – Approved.

Fourth Quarter Financial Report was made by Barbara Timmons. Motion to accept made by Horace Goff of Wilson - second by Bob Verne of Chapel Hill – Approved.

District Finance Chair Gary Pender presented the 2012-2013 NC East District Budget. Motion to accept made by Linda Watson.

District CPA and Club Services Chair Doug Lamm reported there are no problems and reminded us that the CPA is due December 15th in virtual format.

District Essay Contest Chair Bruce Andrews reported on the changes and topic in the upcoming Contest. He wants to encourage each Club Essay Chair to consider rewards of \$150 to the winner, \$100 to the second, and \$75 to the third place contestants as this would be consistent across the district. He also reported that his club will be dedicating funds to promote the Essay contest in their community. We may use these same ideas to promote the Essay contest in our community.

District Oratorical Chair Darrell Fulcher reported on the changes and topic in the upcoming contest along with the dates that he suggested for our clubs and zones to set. Each club should have their club contest prior to April 19th, the zone should have their contest prior to May 3, and the District contest will be May 18th. He asked that each club President advise him of their club contest chair and information.

District JOOI Club and College Club Chair David Fritz reported of the potential new JOOI clubs in Nash High School and Wake Forest-Rolesville High Schools are pro-

gressing and should be chartered soon. Each school has the advisors support and that is the most important part. David also reported that we have a new college club – “Dub Club” at Wilmington – UNC with **55** new members.

Junior Golf/Webmaster/Internet Safety Chair Allan Ludlum reported on the possibility of partnering with another organization to help run our Jr. Golf tournament. He discussed the pros and cons. He will get together with Carlton Baird and Donald Baringer to make a final decision by the end of November. Hole sponsors for \$100 will be needed as our part will need to raise \$3,000 in order to send the players to Florida. Allan also advised that he has dvd's of the internet safety program and would be glad to send them to anyone that wanted them. There are no changes in this program. He asked that each club send him the link to their web site, facebook page and their bulletins so that he may get this on our district web site.

District Leadership Development and New Club Building Chair Sandy Cyphers challenged us to “Believe”, “Achieve” and “Succeed” in our efforts to grow our district. Governor Jerry recognized Sandy as the #1 VP. Sandy asked that we share our Optimism to the other communities in our district so that we can serve the kids there! She is committed to work with us to get four new clubs built this year.

Governor Elect Errol Warren thanked us for the opportunity to serve as our Governor in 2013-2014. He gave us his “help wanted” ad and looks forward to working with us.

We took a break from 9:45 AM to 10:00 AM.

Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw Representative Gary Pender introduced Ray Cockrell and they reported on the home and what they are doing now. There are eight boys in the cottage and reminded us that Christmas was right around the corner. Just \$250 would support a child at the home for Christmas. The total for the auction last night was \$967 and they thanked us for the support. Governor Jerry asked 1st lady Jean to write a check for the \$33 so that we could give the Boys and Girls home \$1000 total. Ray reminded us that “Optimist make a difference”! The cottage has needs of pots and pans, basic kitchen equipment, framed “motivational” posters, a flat screen TV. Ray also recognized Billy and Jan Edgerton as Level 4 Century Club Mem-

ber Contributors. Ray presented his membership application to the Winter-Park Optimist club. They had alter call.

Bulletin Chair Wayne Sidelinger requested that clubs send him their bulletin and good photos so that he can have material to put in the bulletin. He will take the photos and events and use them in the district bulletin.

CCC District Chair Trish Verne reported on the total for last year that was collected toward CCC of \$7312.43. She also shared the different events that our clubs had participated in and talked about the surgery dolls, “bling” hats for teen girls and the pillow cases that were made and donated. She took an alter call.

Membership Chair Auston Pusey and Governor Jerry recognized each member that had brought in a new member with a district t-shirt. He also recognized Jerry Medlin with a 10 member pin, Wayne Sidelinger with a 5 member pin and Jennifer Timmons with a 5 member pin.

District Convention Chair Dan Durham reported that the convention will be held at Bay Watch Resort and the rooms will be at the same rate. The dates of the convention will be August 22-25, 2013. More information will follow.

District A&A Chair Dan Durham and Governor announced the A&A club awards.

OI Foundation Representative Billy Edgerton asked his #1 Assistant Jan Edgerton to make his report in his absence. With help from Governor Jerry and A&A Chair Dan Durham, she presented the club awards from last

quarter. Jan also advised that our district ranked #13 in giving. She had an alter call. Thank you Jan for doing such a great job!

OI Ambassador and PGI Chair Carey Foster advised that the dates of the international convention are July 4-7 and will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio. Carey encouraged our clubs to send their club officer elects to the convention. He also talked on the possibility of a train ride if any of us would be interested. There were no new levels of achievements for PGI this time.

Governor Jerry reported that our district policies are not presented in the updated format as required by OI. Thanks to Allan Ludlum for getting this done. Motion to accept made by Sandy Cyphers of Port City - second by Gary Pender of Goldsboro – Approved.

District Secretary-Treasurer Barbara Timmons asked that each Club President and Secretary-Treasurer please update their rosters with corrected meeting place information, corrected address, email address, phone number for each member and for those clubs that have not completed their reinstatement of federal tax-exempt status – please do so immediately. Let her know if you need any help. Also, if any of our officers cannot get logged on to the OI leaders rosters, contact me for help. She also advised that she had sent an email to each of the officer elects to get their rosters updated with email addresses of each member and there would be a drawing for the club that had 100%. The winner of this was the Southern Wake Optimist club which is the only club to have 100% membership with email addresses. Allan Middleton accepted the gift of the “flash drive”.

Governor Jerry thanked everyone for being a part of the district meeting and for work toward growing our district. He looks forward to working with everyone this upcoming year.

We closed with the Creed at noon for lunch.

After everyone had finished lunch, Governor Jerry recognized OI Vice President Richard and Gladys Highland.

Optimist International Vice President Richard Highland recognized our district achievements and shared our President's goals. Vice President Richard reiterated the teamwork theme which was needed to grow our organization. This is emphasized by President JC's use of footballs. Vice President Richard shared a "Baseball" poem titled *"Over the Plate"*. It goes hand in hand with the growth our organization needs in new clubs, membership and retention. In reviewing the new versus the lost members and clubs, it is apparent that our organization has a "Keep them" problem. He encouraged us to consider "what is our legacy?" We each need one new member, one new club and one new project. Will we reach the end zone; will we get the ball over the plate? Let's do it for the future! Let's build our legacy!

Governor Jerry and 1st Lady Libbie Jean presented Richard and Gladys with a basket of "home-made" goodies. Vice President and Gladys thanked us for the basket and a fun weekend and look forward to seeing us at the upcoming PDC Nov 2 – 4, 2012.

Barbara Timmons

District Secretary-Treasurer



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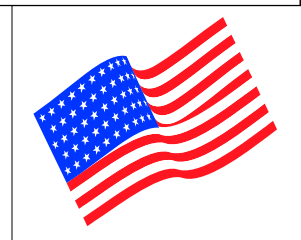
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Promise Yourself



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.



NC East representatives to the Region meeting last November in Roanoke, VA. From left, Yancey Hines, Nancy Hines, Jean Medlin, Gov. Jerry Medlin, Ellen Foster and Carey Foster. Photos by Yancey

