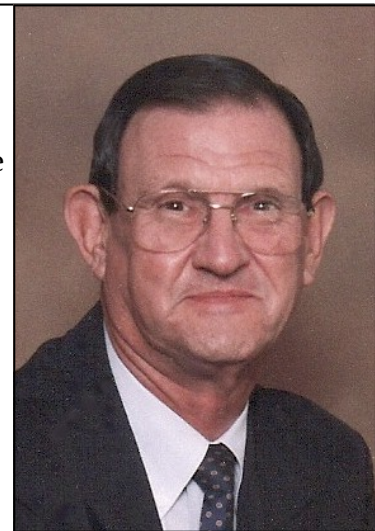


North Carolina East Optimist News

Dear Fellow Optimist:

We have finished the First Half of the year and we are positioned to go full steam ahead to achieve our GOALS we set for the year. The Clubs have cleaned up their roster and are ready to begin the much needed growth during the remainder of the year.

The plans are in place for our 3rd Quarter District Meeting in Wilson to watch the outstanding students compete in the finals of the Oratorical Contest and identify the winners of the scholarships. We will also be announcing the winners of the Essay and CCDHH Contest who will also receive scholarships.



The District Convention is just around the corner on August 22-25 2013 in North Myrtle Beach. Please make your plans early as we are encouraging the Optimist Members to bring their families as we will have plans for the Kids also. We will have a special Family Night on Friday Night that will include entertainment for the Kids.

The International President has developed a number of special programs and awards for the 3rd quarter so let's do everything we can to achieve the 198 new member goals for the 2nd half of the year. This will be tough but if everyone participates, we can get the job done.

I hope to see you at the 3rd Quarter District Meeting at the Hampton Inn in Wilson on Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18. The Wilson Club will be preparing the meal for Saturday and it will be outstanding.

Yours in Optimism,

Jerry M. Medlin

Jerry M. Medlin, Governor

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Club News

Goldsboro Optimist News

Between March 2nd and 5th, nine families with eighteen kids received computers through our Optimist Computers4Kids program.

The Computers4Kids work area at 205 East Walnut Street was completed and is now in full operation for refurbishing computers from start to finish.

Glenn Edgerton, Charlie Wood, and Raymond Clark, along with volunteer Yuliang Jiang, collected two pickup loads of computers and peripheral equipment in the parking lot at Sam's Club on **Saturday, March 9th.**



Andi DeRoin, Lead Tutor from Literacy Connections, presented Charlie Wood with a Certification of Appreciation for the Goldsboro Optimist Club in recognition of our service to the kids in Wayne County through the Optimist Computers4Kids Program, (Photography Staff from Literacy Connections)

From Roanoke Rapids Optinews

Search site benefits OI

The site www.goodsearch.com can provide income for OI. Just go to the site and do a search just like you would on Google. There will be a section asking who you would like to see benefit from the site and click on Optimist International. You can also check to see how much has been provided to OI by using this search engine. See Carey Foster for addition details.



District Membership

New Member Sponsors 1st Quarter 2012-2013

Membership 1st Quarter	Henderson
Cape Fear	William Haithcock
Joe Miller	Ed White
Bennie Bass	Matthew Todd
Wilmington Supper	Denise Usher
Mike Grainger	Roanoke Rapids
Winter Park	Carey Foster
Tom Lamont	Rocky Mount Evening
Elizabethtown	Tommy Peele
Earl Brown	Sam Toler
Whiteville	Northern Wake
Don Harritan	Lynn Turnage
Goldsboro	South Johnston
Billy Edgerton	Jerry Medlin
Charlie Wood	Lonnie Wilson
Greenville	Raleigh
Lou Anna Hardee	David Fritz
Wilson Evening	Waylon Snead
Jimmy Lamm	Gene Lilley
Rocky Mount Breakfast	Southern Wake
Robert Chandler	Darrell Fulcher
	Kevin Bickford



Cash Award prize winners 2011-2012 for membership recruitment.

5 member \$300 winner: Sandy Cyphers, Port City

3 member \$300 winner: Jean Medlin, S. Johnston

3 member \$300 winner: Lou Powell, Duplin

1st \$100 Lottery, Judy Lee, South Johnston

2nd \$100 Lottery, Patricia Peebles, Washington

3rd \$100 Lottery, Auston Pusey, Cape Fear

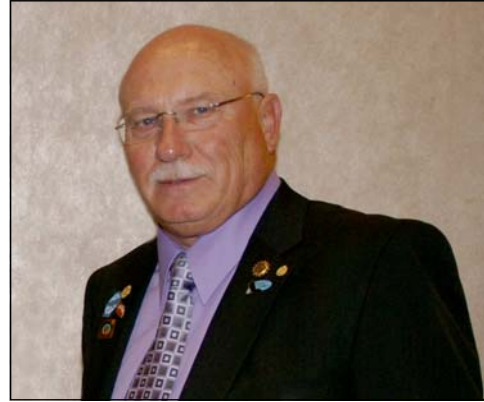
4th \$100 lottery, Stuart Vick, Winter Park

5th \$100 Lottery, Logan Wicks, Wayne Community College

No. 1, Grand Prize drawing winner \$1000, Auston Pusey, Cape Fear

No. 2, Grand Prize drawing winner \$500, Lou Powell, Duplin

No. 3, Grand Prize drawing winner \$200, Stuart Vick, Winter Park

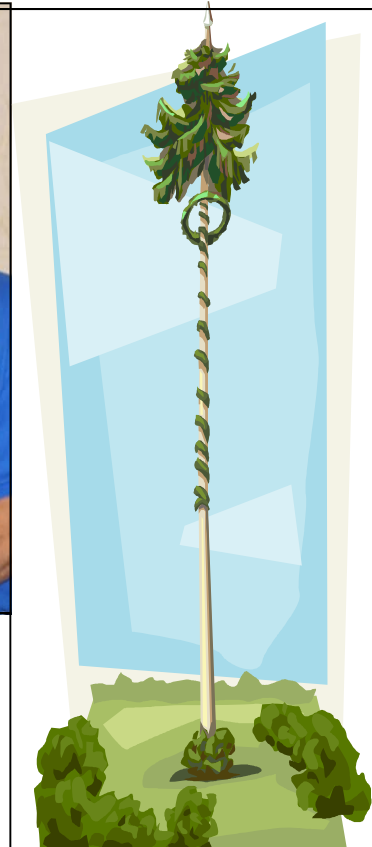


Auston Pusey

Membership Chair



Tommy Peele, Left, Rocky Mount evening, receiving a Membership award from Gov. Jerry Medlin for sponsoring 5 new members in 1st Quarter 2012-2013.



Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina

Boys who perform well in the Optimist Cottage are now eligible to move up to a new program – transitional living in the Stango Cottage. This new program is for young men who are about to graduate from high school or who have entered a local community college curriculum. The transitional living program helps prepare them for life as an adult.



As of April 9, there were 48 children on campus at Boys and Girls Homes. Another 117 children were in our foster care program.



Flemington Academy received its final stamp of approval from the State in March. The charter school will replace the Columbus County public school that is currently on campus. Flemington will offer small class sizes and is embracing a “no-fail, no-expel” policy to keep the students in the classroom, learning the subjects they need for their future plans following graduation. At-risk students from the surrounding community are also eligible to enter the school to get caught up on their schoolwork.

Thus far this Optimist Year, there have been 12 Optimists statewide who have joined the Century Club. Optimists can help support the children at Boys and Girls Homes through a donation of only \$100 annually. Members receive a “For The Love Of Kids” pin and an additional marker indicating their level within the Club.

There are 25 Optimist East clubs who have thus far contributed to help the children at Boys and Girls Homes. Thank you so much for thinking of our children. Always keep them and our staff in your prayers.

Gary Green
B&G Homes



Gary Pender
District Boys & Girls Home
Chair

Boys & Girls Home Annual Awards

Total Raised **\$30,355.**

Highest dollar amount per
Person Wilmington Optimist
\$142.85 per member

Total Donations



No. 1, Winter Park \$5650.
Al Ludlum, Lt. Gov.



No. 2, Raleigh \$3150
Stan Pickett



No. 3, Laurinburg, \$2741
Al Ludlum, Lt. Gov.

Donation
Participa-
tion

1. Cape Fear
2. Chapel Hill
3. Duplin
4. Elizabethtown
5. Garner
6. Goldsboro
7. Henderson
8. Myrtle Grove
9. North Raleigh
10. Raleigh Dinner
11. Roanoke Rapids
12. Rocky Mount Evening
13. Washington
14. Whiteville
15. Wilmington Supper
16. Wilson Evening
17. Wilson Golden Circle

Century Club Award
Carey Foster, Roanoke Rapids





Walter Armentrout Award

Gary Pender

As everyone knows the Optimist year is half over and so far this year the members of the NC East Optimist District have given a little over \$18,000.00 to the Boys and Girls Homes, and I Thank You. Last year, the Optimist Clubs in the NC East contributed \$31,345.00 to the Boys and Girls Homes, that was \$2500.00 less than what we gave in 2011. It cost about \$225,000.00 annually to run the optimist cottage. Your help is greatly appreciated and needed ,so let's see if we can finish our optimist year with at less a 10% increase from last year. Remember what Ray Cockrell said Optimist Can Make a Difference.

Thank You

Gary Pender

NCE Optimist Convention

August 22-25, 2013 Bay Watch Towers, North Myrtle Beach, SC

The convention for this year will be in north Myrtle Beach, South Carolina at the Bay Watch Resort. The dates are August 22-25, 2013.

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

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

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

Dan Durham

Convention Chair



Friday Night Dinner Together at 2nd Board Meeting



1st Quarter 2012-2013 A&A Winners

Top Ten Clubs



From left: No. 1, Chapel Hill, Trish Verne; No. 2, Goldsboro, Madison Howell; No. 3, Roanoke Rapids, Carey Foster; No. 5, Cape Fear, Sylvia Harker; No. 4, Rocky Mount Evening, Sam Toler; No. 6, Henderson, Matthew Todd.



From left: No. 7, Northern Wake, Jennifer Timmons; No. 8, Raleigh, Stan Pickett; No. 9, Golden Circle, Dianne Johnson; No. 10, (Tie), Wilmington Supper, Bennie Bass; South Johnston, Dave Bast.

Top Clubs in Each Zone



From left: Zone 1, Cape Fear, Robin Bass; Zone 2, Laurinburg, Bear Hughes; Zone 3, Goldsboro, Madison Howell; Zone 4, Golden Circle, Dianne Johnson; Zone 5, Roanoke Rapids, Carey Foster; Zone 6, Capel Hill, Trish Verne.

Top Lt. Governors



From left: No. 1, Yancey Hines, Zone 5; No. 2, Jennifer Timmons, Zone 6; No. 3, Bennie Bass Zone 1.

Dan Durham
District A&A Chair



Annual Award 2011-2012 A&A Winners

- | | |
|------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Duplin | 6. Greenville |
| 2. Cape Fear | 7. Whiteville |
| 3. Northern Wake | 8. Winter Park |
| 4. Garner | 9. Rocky Mount Evening |
| 5. Goldsboro | 10. Roanoke Rapids |

Top Lt. Governor
Robert Hassebrock
Zone 6

NEW CLUB BUILDING IN THE N.C. EAST DISTRICT....

A MUST AND A NECESSITY!!!!

Lets see.....ummmmmmmmmmmmm..where can the possibility of a new club or new clubs be?

Zone One? Could there be one in Navassa, Leland, Bolivia, Riegelwood, Hampstead, Jacksonville, Topsail Island, Surf City????

Zone Two? Could there be one in Shallotte, Southport, Tabor City, Chadbourn, Fair Bluff, Lumberton, Fayetteville, Pembroke, Maxton, Clinton, Clarkton, ?????

Zone Three? Could there be one in Swansboro, Emerald Isle, Kinston, Mt. Olive, Winterville, Beaufort, Havelock, Newport, Snow Hill, LaGrange ?????

Zone Four? Could there be one in Farmville, Kenly, Elm City, Lucama, Selma, Smithfield????

Zone Five? Could there be one in Nashville, Louisburg, Youngsville, Oxford, Hertford, Williamston, Little Washington, Chocowinity ?????

Zone Six? Could there be one in Durham, Newton Grove, Creedmoor, Zebulon, Lillington, Buies Creek, Coats, Clayton, Erwin ?????

Just where in the world could they be?

Optimists...WE HAVE TO BUILD NEW CLUBS!...we must provide the opportunity for other communities to assist as a "Friend of Youth" and to "Bring Out the Best in Kids" in their communities like we are and have been doing. We must share this organization openly and unselfishly with other cities, towns and communities. By building we will grow and by growing we can continue to exist as a wonderful service organization doing wonderful and great things in each of our communities. I cannot do it alone...

Governor Jerry cannot do it alone...we must work as optimists..as district leaders...AS A TEAM together to "MAKE IT HAPPEN." I know you can do it and so does Governor Jerry....so let's work together to GET THE JOB DONE for our district and for this organization.

Eight months have already slipped by in our optimist year...leaving only four months to work together to help us grow and build...let's put our best foot forward the next four months and come together as a team and district to make the building of clubs a reality.

I'm here to help in you anyway I can. All that's needed is for you to call.

Sandy Cyphers, NCB District Chairman



Sandy Cyphers

Leadership and NCB Chair

Distinguished Awards 2011-2012

Distinguished
Governor
Jerry Medlin



Outstanding and
Distinguished
Lt. Governor
Alan Ludlum
Zone 1



Distinguished Sec/Treas
Barbara Timmons



Distinguished
 Lt. Governors 2011-2012
 Lou Anna Hardee,
 Zone 3



Robert Hassebrock,
 Zone 6

Distinguished Clubs

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| Wilmington | Bill Taylor, President;
Jerrine Taylor, Sec/Treas. |
| Winter Park | Stuart Vick, President;
Kathy Blackley, Secretary
Troy Schaudt, Treasurer |
| Duplin | Joan Williams, President
Doris English, Sec/Treas. |
| Garner | Dennis Will, President
Bill Oates, Secretary
Danny Thornton, Treasurer |
| South Johnston | Libbie Jean Medlin, President
Connie Jonell, Sec/Treas. |



Honor Clubs 2011-2012

Zone 1

Port City

Wilmington

Wilmington Supper

Winter Park

Myrtle Grove

Zone 2

Duplin

Zone 3

Wayne Community College

Goldsboro

Greenville

Washington

Carteret

Zone 4

Wilson Breakfast

Wilson Evening

Golden Circle

Zone 5

Rocky Mount Evening

Roanoke Rapids

Zone 6

Northern Wake

South Johnston

Garner

Chapel Hill

Club Bulletin Awards 2011-2012

1. Goldsboro, Charlie Wood, Editor
2. Henderson
3. Chapel Hill, Phyllis Stout, Editor



Optimist International Convention

July 4-6, 2013

Cincinnati Ohio

Paddle Boat & Skyline



Carrie Foster, OI Convention
Ambassador

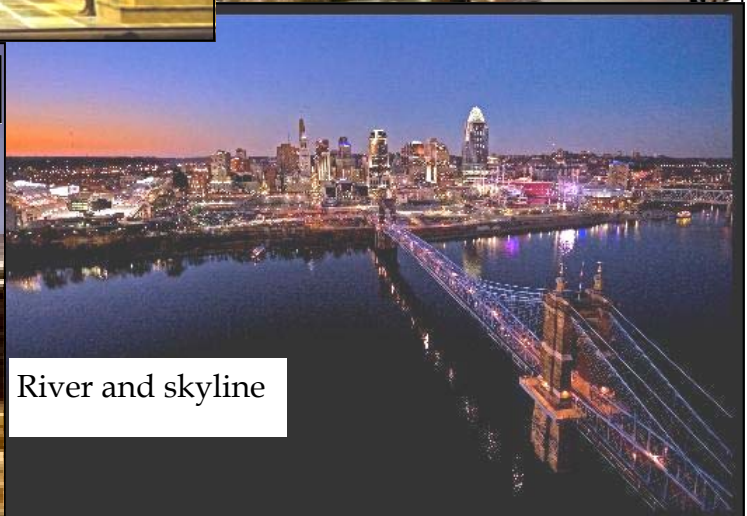


Opera House



City at night

Convention Hotel



River and skyline



Reds Ball Park



Zoo



Aquarium



Convention Center

Good Day Optimist!

This year the North Carolina East District is pleased to announce the Optimist International Junior Golf Tournament Qualifier will be at Scotch Meadows Country Club, Laurinburg, NC. We also have a **NEW DATE** for the event June 15 and 16, so update your calendars. And you have the opportunity to be a part of this District Event by becoming a sponsor and finding golfers for this event.



Your sponsorship:

- Assists the golfers to play in the 2013 OI Golf Championship at PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.
- Places your club or your business name on two signs on the course during the District Tournament.
- Assists the host with hospitality to the golfers during the District Tournament.

Levels of Sponsorship

- Gold \$250.00
- Silver \$100.00 (most popular)
- Bronze \$50.00



We are asking **EACH CLUB** in the district to do a minimum of a **\$100.00** hole sponsorship.

The Sponsorship form can be down loaded from the Golf section at www.nceast-optimist.org.

The District OIJGC Tournament Committee will also accept donations of cases of bottled water, PowerAde, Gator Aid, soft drinks, snacks such as packages of cheese and crackers, peanut butter crackers, salty

snacks, energy bars, bananas, trail mix and NutriGrain bars. If you want to donate refreshment items like these just contact me and I will arrange to get them to the event.

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



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

Please forward this email to anyone that you know that would like to support this event.



District Oratorical Contest



Darrell Fulcher, District

Contest to be held in Wilson at the 3th District Board Meeting May 18, 2013.

The Board meeting will break at 10:00 AM at which time the Oratorical Contest will take place.

The winners will be announced during the Oratorical Luncheon at approximately 12:30.



Childhood Cancer Campaign



Childhood Cancer Campaign

During the last quarter, several clubs have held Kisses For Childhood Cancer Fundraiser activities. The Chapel Hill Club collected \$1160 at the local Harris Teeter stores. South Johnston County Club is planning a collection at their local Wal-Mart.

Many thanks to the South Johnston Club for the donation of knitted caps, scarves, and shawls for

the kids in the hospital. The items were knitted by women at a local church. Thanks also to those who bring all the pop top tabs to the district meetings. The Ronald McDonald houses use the money from recycling the tabs to maintain their facilities. Thanks also to the clubs that are making meals for the residents at the Ronald McDonald houses.

This year the Mile of Hope weekend at the beach is expecting 26 cancer patients with 135 family members to attend. The theme this year is a Pirate Safari. Activities will include fish printing tee shirts, building sand castles, a trip to the NC Aquarium, scuba diving lessons, and a special program by the Pirates. The event is sponsored by the Raleigh Optimist Club and organized by Ed Moore and Gary Turner. The cost to sponsor a family is about \$1,000. Thanks to all those clubs who donate to this project and to those who help make it happen. I'm looking forward to attending this years event.

The Rolesville Baptist Church held an Operation Inasmuch workshop on Saturday May 4. My sister and I assisted the women making the pillow cases and therapy dolls. They made 42 pillowcases and 25 therapy dolls that I brought to the children at UNC Hospital. In addition to the sewing projects, many more participants were working at other community projects. Thanks so much to the church and Barbara Timmons for the invitation and the support for the kids.

The annual CCC Duck Race will be held on Saturday, August 24th at 4:30pm in the outdoor lazy river at the convention hotel. Tickets are \$10 a duck or \$25 for 3 ducks. There will be a limited number of ducks available this year, so get your ducks early. Prizes are \$100 for 1st place, \$50 for 2nd, and \$25 for 3rd. You do not have to be present to win, but you will miss the fun if you are not there.



I have received the Optimist International Childhood Cancer Campaign Gold Ribbon pins. The gold ribbon stands for supporting the fight against childhood cancer. They were created to showcase the dedication of Optimists to "providing the care and finding the cure" for this dreadful disease. The cost of the pin is \$10 each. I have a limited number of the pins available because this may be a one time only production. All the proceeds will go to the CCC research. Contact me at pverne43@gmail.com or by phone at 919-942-4144 or at any of the district meetings for pins or ducks for the race.

Thank you for your support of the kids and their families during their treatment. We are lucky to have these excellent medical facilities in the area. With your continued support we will be able to help many more children have a brighter future.

Trish Verne
CCC Chairperson



The OI Foundation netted \$1330 out of the auction held at the February 15th board meeting.

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.





COMMUNICATION CONTEST for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL 

COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

The CCDHH contest is scheduled to be held in Wilson at the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf. It will be May 9, 2013 at 6:00pm. We will have pizza prior to the contest. All members are invited to attend this very special project that the Optimist sponsors. If any members of your club are planning on attending, please let me know how many. The cost of the pizza and tea and/or soda will be \$5.00 per member. Sherri Vernelson, with the NC Department of Public Instruction has contacted me about the contest. She is over the hearing impaired section and is excited about the contest. Hopefully she will help us get some contestants outside of Wilson. If it's too late for this year, then I feel she will be a great help for next year. If you have not been to one of these contests, you have really missed a treat. You are invited.

THANKS, BILL EDGERTON, 919-920-8541 or bedgerton4@nc.rr.com.

OI Foundation

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

As you are reading this newsletter, we will be approaching our May District Meeting. Many of you have made personal contributions and or club contributions to the OI Foundation. Because of your generosity, the North Carolina East District is in the top ten districts in total dollars and dollars per member given. This is based on the last report I received. In order to keep us near the top, we need for more of our clubs and more of our members giving to the Foundation. Our district gets a very large portion of what we donate back to our district, either in scholarships or in reduced prices or either no cost on the materials we receive from Optimist International. Please consider bringing your club and personal contributions to the meeting on May 18th. If you have any questions please let me know. Thanks for your generosity. Bill Edgerton, 919-920-8541 or bedgerton4@nc.rr.com.

THANKS, BILL EDGERTON



Bill Edgerton, CCDHH and
District OI Foundation Chair

OI Foundation

Clubs Average Member donation

Duplin	\$11.54	Raleigh	\$22.60
Northern Wake	\$15.94	Roanoke Rapids	\$34.82
Cape Fear	\$19.17	Rocky Mount Evening	\$56.47
Raleigh Dinner	\$48.75	Whiteville	\$22.98
Garner	\$20.63	Wilmington	\$153.85
Golden Circle	\$23.19	Southern Wake	\$28.29
Greenville	\$12.44	Wilson Evening	\$86.21
Henderson	\$25.00	Winter Park	\$52.14
North Raleigh	\$15.83	Chapel Hill	\$66.67



Honor patch, \$365 and Honor Benefactor , \$2500 awarded to Roxboro. Receiving patch from Billy Edgerton is Lt. Gov .Yancey Hines.



Presidents club award given to Bob and Trish Verne by OIF Chair, Billy Edgerton. Bob Verne not present at photo time.

Dime a day awards given to
 Robert & Trish Verne
 Bill and Janice Edgerton

Collector Plates given to
 Bill and Jan Edgerton

Build an Optimist Club

2011-2012 OI Foundation Awards Banner Patch Donations Per Year Per Member

Duplin	\$10	Raleigh	\$20
Northern Wake	\$20	Roanoke Rapids	\$30
Cape Fear	\$20	Rocky Mt. Eve.	\$60
Raleigh Dinner	\$50	Whiteville	\$20
Garner	\$20	Wilmington	\$150
Golden Circle	\$20	Southern Wake	\$30
Goldsboro	\$50	Wilson Evening	\$80
Greenville	\$10	Winter Park	\$50
Henderson	\$30	Chapel Hill	\$70
Raleigh North	\$30		

OI Foundation Print 2011-2012

Whiteville \$500

From the Powerful Pen of North Raleigh

For a holiday, an Irishman decided to go to Switzerland to fulfill a lifelong dream and climb the Matterhorn. He hired a guide and just as they neared the top, the men were caught in a snow slide.

Three hours later, a Saint Bernard plowed through to them, a keg of brandy tied under his chin.

"Hooray", shouted the guide. "Here comes man's best friend!"

"Yeah", said the Irishman, "An' look at the size of the dog that's bringin' it".

**North Carolina East District
Optimist International
Second Quarter District Meeting
Hampton Inn & Suites I-95, Wilson, NC
District Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, February 16, 2013**

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, Wilmington, Winter-Park; Zone 2-Whiteville, Duplin, Laurinburg; Zone 3-Goldsboro, Greenville, Washington; Zone 4-Golden Circle, Wilson Evening, Bennett-Wilson; Zone 5-Henderson, Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount Evening, Rocky Mount Breakfast; Zone 6- Raleigh, Raleigh Dinner, Garner, Chapel Hill, Southern Wake, Northern Wake, Wake Forest, South Johnston.

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 Bruce Andrews.

Governor Jerry welcomed our 1st timers and asked them to stand and be recognized. He also recognized our Past Governors and Past International Vice Presidents.

First Quarter Board Meeting Minutes were reported by Barbara Timmons. Motion to accept made by Tommy Peele of Rocky Mount Evening – second by Allan Ludlum of Cape Fear – Approved.

First Quarter Financial Report was made by Barbara Timmons. Motion to accept made by Linda Watson of Golden Circle - second by Allen Stallings of Wilson Evening – Approved.

Governor Jerry advised that per OI requirements, our District review was completed and approved by the Executive Board.

District CPA and Club Services Chair Doug Lamm reported there were only 40 CPA entries turned throughout Optimist International this year. He encouraged us to participate in this next year.

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.

Governor Jerry asked Ed Moore to share the information on the upcoming Mile Of Hope weekend. Ed talked about the benefit of this weekend for the family and advised that 75 children and their families are hosted for the weekend. The date for this event is May 10-12 at Atlantic Beach. The cost per child/family is \$1000.

District JOOI Club and College Club Chair David Fritz reported of the new JOOI clubs in Nash High School and Wake Forest-Rolesville High Schools are progressing and should be chartered soon with all the paper work completed and submitted to OI.

Each school has the advisors support and that is the most important part. David reminded us that the JOOI club dues are to be submitted to OI by March 31.

District Essay Contest Chair Bruce Andrews reported that the deadline to submit the Essay Contestants application, typed essay, copy of birth certificate and completed club submission form to him and must be postmarked by February 28th. Please let him know if there are any questions. Mickey Bast of the South Johnston asked if he could share the topic for next year – Governor Jerry will get that out to us as soon as he gets it.

District Oratorical Chair Darrell Fulcher advised us of his new email address: Darrell.Fulcher@sygenta.com. He reminded us that 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.

Junior Golf/Webmaster/Internet Safety Chair Allan Ludlum advised that the tournament is scheduled for April 20 & 21 in Laurinburg and he advised of the benefits as well. Hole sponsors for \$100 will be needed and the players cost is \$100. 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 A&A Chair Dan Durham was absent this weekend and Past Governor Carey Foster had the awards to pass out. He and Governor Jerry announced the A&A club awards.

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.

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. They thanked us for the donations from the clubs. Ray reminded us that “Optimist make a difference”! Ray reminded us that April 13 is Optimist work day at the campus and that March 16/17 there will be a farm show and the farm. Ray recognized Carlton Baird for his many years of serving on the Board of Directors. They had alter call.

CCC District Chair Trish Verne 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 reminded us of the “Duck Race” that will take place at the District Convention. She took an alter call.

In District Convention Chair Dan Durham’s absence, Governor Jerry advised 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. The West District will be at another resort during the same time and they will be joining our Golf Tournament and will also join us for the Thursday Night Past Governors meal. More information will follow.

We took a break from 9:55 AM to 10:15 AM.

District 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 Tommy Peele for sponsoring 5 members during the first quarter and Lou Powell for sponsoring 25 members during her three years as an Optimist.

District Leadership Development and New Club Building Chair Sandy Cyphers challenged us to “Believe”, “Achieve” and “Succeed” in our efforts to grow our district. She is committed to work with us to get four new clubs built this year.

OI Foundation Representative Billy Edgerton thanked everyone for such a great turnout for the OI Foundation Auction Friday night and advised the total for the auction was \$1330. He had a special thank you for Taylor Bass and her great help with the auction! Great job Taylor! Billy also reported on the CCDHH – the topic was changed. The contest will be at the School of the Deaf in Wilson, NC May 9th at 6 PM for pizza and the contest will begin at 6:30 PM.

Governor Elect Errol Warren thanked us for the opportunity to serve as our Governor in 2013-2014. He is getting his team members in place and looks forward to working with us. He reminded us to get our club officer elect reports in by May 20th and that we will again hold our Lt. Governor elections at the next District meeting. Please keep these important positions in mind. He reminded us “Let your actions speak louder than our words”.



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

We closed with the Creed for our Awards Lunch at 11:32 AM.

After everyone had finished lunch, Governor Jerry presided over our Awards Banquet for this past year's awards.

We closed with the Optimist Creed recited by all.

Due to the weather – snowing throughout our district, the training was cancelled and everyone departed home – safe travels.

Barbara Timmons

District Secretary-Treasurer



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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