

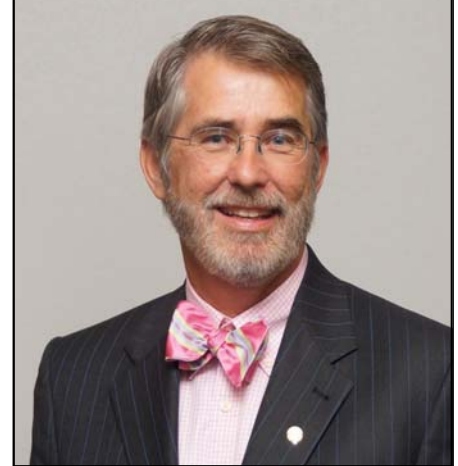
North Carolina East Optimist News

Hello Optimists!

We are beyond the halfway point in this Optimist year. Thank you for all you do as Optimists in your communities. One of the great things about being Governor is the opportunity to see first hand what you are doing. There is a tremendous amount of enthusiasm throughout our District and it shows in membership growth and retention. We even have a new club-The Optimist Club of Orange County.

The month of May is significant for us in several ways. At our Third Quarter District Meeting we will conduct our District Oratorical Contest. "The Mile of Hope" is held Mother's Day Weekend in Atlantic Beach for children with cancer and diseases of the blood and their families. That weekend is a time (a celebration really) for these kids and their

families to briefly forget what they are going through. On May 8, I attended the CCDHH (Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing). Billy Edgerton does such a great job on this contest. It was extremely rewarding to be there and see the hard work these young people had put into their presentations. Everyone that participated was a winner in my eyes. Being there served as a reminder of how important our role can be in the lives of all young peo-



ple.

Looking ahead, the International Convention will take place in Las Vegas, July 10-12. Our District Convention will follow September 11-14 at the Sand's Resort in Myrtle Beach. Make your plans to attend soon. This is a new place for our Convention that I am sure you will enjoy. It will be a great time with just enough training thrown in to benefit everyone who attends.

Share your Optimism. Invite a friend to a meeting or to participate in a program or fundraiser. Aspire to live by our Creed. "Make your actions speak louder than words."

Yours in Optimism,

Errol J Warren Jr, Governor

2013-14 NCED Optimist International

District Membership

Hello NC East District Optimist!

We are half way through our "Optimist Year"! The end of the second quarter has taken a toll on our District membership numbers which **ultimately affects the number of children currently being served in our communities!**

The total membership ending the first quarter was 1238 which meant we were **down 34 members!**

The total membership ending the second quarter is 1131 which means we are **down 107 members!**

We started our "Optimist Year" with **the total membership of 1272 members, then three clubs folded and clubs submitted roster ad-**

justments totaling 141 member loses — we realize just how much we need

to **actively and passionately share our Optimism.**

since the start of the third quarter, we have added 7 new members, deleted 82 members which gives us a -75 adjustment in membership!

It is past time to step up to the plate and actively share your Optimism!

Let's be part of the solution! How?

- **NOW program for your club**
- **Wear your Optimist apparel**

- **Get your club activities projects in the media – ALL MEDIA**
- **Commit to your Club, Zone and District that you will share your passion for Optimism and ASK everyone you know to join your club**

What do you need in order to accomplish this?

- Club brochures
- Applications
- Club apparel
- Elevator speech
- Club members actively asking everyone
- Planning
- Advertising - using ALL sources



Barbara Timmons, District Chair

Get prepared to share your Optimism to everyone you know! The survival of your club, zone and District depend on each of you doing your part by ASKING everyone you meet to join your club!

What will you commit to do?

What will the children your club currently serve do without YOU?

Make the Commitment . . .

Ask for help – your District Leaders have the experience to help – just ASK!

2012-2013 Awards



Distinguished Club Golden Circle, President, Diane Johnson, Brenda Farmer accepting. Secretary Carol Collier, Treasurer Linda Watson



Honor Club, Henderson, John Pecora, President, Matthew Todd (Not Present), Secretary, Eric Pierce (Not pictured)



Honor Club, Laurinburg, Scott Seller, President, Bear Hughes, Secretary.



Honor Club, Rocky Mount Evening, President Sam Toler, Secretary, David Hodges, Treasurer, Henry Edmondson



Honor Club, Goldsboro, Madison Howell, President, Dawn Clark, Secretary/Treasurer



Honor Club, South Johnston, David Bast, President; Connie Jonell, Secretary/Treasurer.

2012-2013 Awards



Honor Club, Rocky Mount Breakfast, President Robert Chandler, Secretary/Treasure, Waymouth Allen(Not present)



Honor Club, Roxboro, President, Carl Bowes, Secretary, David Ayscue, (Not present), Treasurer Raymond Lowery (Not Present)



Distinguished Club, Roanoke Rapids, President Car-ey Foster, Secretary Jennifer Smith, Treasurer Dan Durham



Honor Club, Wake Forest, President Cathy Potter, Secretary/Treasurer, Dawn Nakash (Not Pictured)



Distinguished Club, Wilson Evening, Presi- dent, John Eberwein (Pictured Will Tyson), Secretary, Allen Stallings, Treasurer, Le-land .Galloway, Not Present



Honor Club, Raleigh Dinner, President Lynn Capps (not present), Secretary/Treasurer, Carlton Baird

2012-2013 Awards



Distinguished Lt. Governor, Yancey Hines, Zone 5.



Distinguished Lt. Governor, Jimmy Lamm, Zone 4.

2012-2013 Awards



Membership Award: Elm City, Betty Duke, President (not present) Carol Collier accepting.



Club bulletin award winners. From left, Charlie Wood, Goldsboro; 2nd Lou Anna Hardee, Greenville; 3rd Don Harritan, Whiteville.



Billy Edgerton receiving certificate for being OI Foundation representative.



Sandy Cyphers showing off monogrammed tee-shirt Past Governor, Jerry Medlin gave to all the committee people on his team.



Al Ludlum recipient of special award from Past Governor Jerry.



Receiving membership awards: Dan Durham, Billy Edgerton and Jimmy Lamm.



Absentee Distinguished Club award, Wilmington; Not present Bill Taylor President, Jerrine Taylor Secr/Treas.



Your Optimist Cottage is doing great! As of this writing there are seven boys in the cottage and the Residential Counselors, Pete, Grayson and Herbert continue to provide very positive direction and leadership for the boys.



Boys & Girls Homes of NC

Thank you Optimist! What a beautiful day it was a few weeks ago at Optimist Work Day on campus. We had approximately 25 Optimists come to help us work through some projects, spruce up the Optimist Cottage and fulfill our campus philosophy that "Beauty is a silent teacher." Some of the projects completed include deep cleaning the Optimist Cottage, spreading pine straw around the Chapel, dusting glass items in the Country Store, arranging and cutting boards for the wood-working program, weed-eating and cutting grass around cottages on campus, pulling weeds around the Fellowship Hall and helping to set fence posts in front of the hay-field. It was a productive day! Thank you!!

We have had some recent questions about the status of the Optimist Endowment. You will recall that you reached your goal of \$1,000,000 in 2003. Even through the market roller coaster of the last few years, the balance of your Optimist Endowment stands at \$1,026,202.

I look forward to seeing you all in Wilson as we come together to celebrate Optimism. Always remember - You do make a difference in the life of a child!

Thank you!!
Ray Cockrell

Boys & Girl's Home – club donations 2012-2013	
Chapel Hill	\$826
Duplin	\$600
Elizabethtown	\$600
Garner	\$1160
Goldsboro	\$1726
Greenville	\$17
Henderson	\$1500
Laurinburg	\$3012
Northern Wake	\$117
Raleigh	\$2700

Raleigh Dinner	\$1500
Roanoke Rapids	\$310
Rocky Mount Eve.	\$1190
Roxboro	\$250
South Johnston	\$136
Washington	\$875
Whiteville	\$881
Cape Fear	\$300
Port City	\$100
Wilmington Supper	\$1000
Winter Park	\$2406
Wilson Breakfast	\$30

Wilson Evening	\$300
Golden Circle	\$1214



Gary Pender
Boys & Girls Home Chair

Boys & Girls Home Walter Armentrout Fellowship Award



Award presented to Charlie Wood, Goldsboro, by B&G Rep, Ray Cockrell.



Award Presented to Tom Lamont, by B&G home representative, Ray Cockrell.



Past recipients of Walt Armentrout Award: From left, Robin Bass, Cape Fear; Gary Pender, Goldsboro; Charlie Wood, Tom Lamont; Billy Edgerton, Goldsboro; Jan Edgerton Goldsboro; Dan Durham, Roanoke Rapids, Carey Foster, Roanoke Rapids.

Top Three Dollar Donations to B&G Homes, 2012-2013, 2nd Place not pictured goes to Raleigh Club.



B&G Award to Laurinburg for highest donation 2012-2013. From left Scott Sellers, Gary Pender, District Chair and Ray Cockrell, B&G Home Rep.



B&G Award to Winter Park, for 3rd highest donation 2012-2013 From left, Tom Lamont, Gary Pender, B&G Chair, Ray Cockrell, B&G Home Rep.

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JUNIOR OPTIMIST OCTAGON INTERNATIONAL

With positive reports such as these...**WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? WHAT CONTINUES TO KEEP US FROM BUILDING J.O.O.I CLUBS FOR THE KIDS?** Kids are the future leaders of this country and other countries for tomorrow. By building and teaching Kids about Optimism we can be assured our organization will continue to exist for other generations.

When we were in our teens (yes those of us that are 55 and older and tagged as Senior Citizens)

Many were not fortunate enough to have the opportunity and venue to learn skills such as citizenship, teamwork, communications, self-esteem and leadership through involvement in school, youth organizations or athletics..we had to help with chores around the house or work on the farm. But, Kids today do! Through the Optimists' J.O.O.I programs more than 15,000 young people throughout the United States, Canada and Caribbean each year learn the important of volunteerism and giving of one's self. By volunteering reports show that kids and teens report feeling and improved sense of kindness, increased awareness for those in need, a better sense of self esteem and an overall better sense of coping with cultural diversity.

Lets get started TODAY....don't put off tomorrow what we can do today...

I will be glad to assist any club with their endeavor to grow a J.O.O.I. Club...all you have to do is call and ask.



J.O.O.I. District
Chairman

Sandy Cyphers
910-367-3295

P.G.I.

PERSONAL GROWTH & INVOLVEMENT

The P.G.I. Program offers every Optimist Club member the opportunity to grow personally and learn more about the Optimist Organization while advancing through ten levels of involvement in personal growth and achievement. For more information and to receive booklets, call Optimist International 314-371-6000 and ask for Christina Scott or

call me at 910-367-3295.

Congratulations to both Wayne Sidelinger from the Wilson Evening Club and to Billy Edgerton from the Goldsboro Club for achieving levels this quarter...they are soon to be Level X. I am proud of each of you and know our district is proud of your achievement...continue the good work and get those articles in for possible submission to the Optimist Magazine to assist in your reaching the LEVEL

X achievement. DON'T STOP NOW....you are soooooooooo close.

There are others of you that are soooooo close... such as Doug Lamm, Judy Harritan, Lou Anna Hardee, Robin Bass, Kathy Brennan, Janis Edgerton, Jackie Young, Gary Pender, Louwanna Pender and Bob Verne. Join with others in the district that have received the distinction of Level X...Al Ludlum, Bennie Bass, Auston Pusey, Barbara Timmons, Dan Durham, Ellen Foster, Carey Foster and Sandy Cyphers.

If you would like for me to visit your club and begin your members on the way to their P.G.I. achievement and recognition, please call me to make arrangements for my visit. Many of you have already achieved Levels 1 thru 4...work on achieving at least one or two more levels by the end of the year....

Remember to send all your information to me as the District Chairman and I will forward to Optimist International.

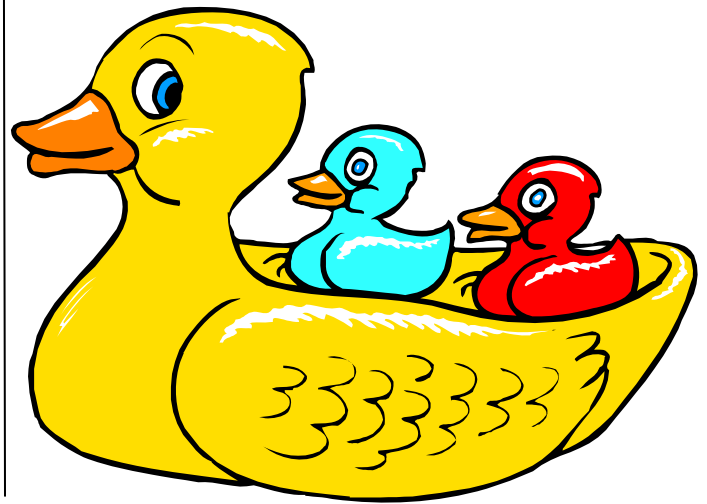
For everyone that participates in P.G.I. through the end of September a drawing will be held for a grand prize at the February District Awards presentation....so why are you waiting? Get working to-day...

Sandy Cyphers

District P.G.I. Chairman

P.O. Box 3523, Wilmington, NC 28406

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Fellow Optimists:

This is the weekend for the District finals in the annual Optimist International Oratorical Contest on the topic "How My Passions Impact the World". The contest will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 17. Eleven contestants representing every zone in the district will be vying for three scholarships of \$2500, \$1500, and \$1000 respectively. The winners will be announced at the afternoon



luncheon. The oratorical contest is one of those events we always look forward to. It is always exciting, always interesting, and always well done by all the young people involved. As Optimist, please introduce yourselves to the contestants and their families, invite them to become Optimist, and regardless of the outcome, remember that Everyone is a Winner.

Don Harritan
Oratorical
Chair



1st Quarter 2013-2014 A&A Winners

First Place – 4 Way Tie



From left; Golden Circle, Brenda Farmer; Wake Forest, Cathy Potter; South Johnston, Pam Holland; Henderson John Pecora.

Second Place 2 Way Tie

1st Place Club Bulletin



From left: Cape Fear, Robin Bass; Goldsboro, Raymond Clark.

Golden Circle, Angela Iwaniuck.



1st Quarter 2013-2014 A&A Winners

Top Clubs in each zone



From left: Zone 1, Cape Fear, Bennie Bass; Zone 2, Whiteville, Judy Harritan; Zone 3, Goldsboro, Raymond Clark; Zone 4, Golden Circle, Brenda Farmer.



A&A Chair David Hodges

From left: Zone 5, Henderson, John Pecora; Zone 6, Tie, South Johnston, Pam Holland; Wake Forest, Cathy Potter.

Leadership Development

In the previous bulletin, my message focused on training provided and Governor Warren's goals of the NCE District. At this time, I want to focus on "spreading the word" about our clubs and our district. There are so many tools available to use for this purpose – e-mails, service announcements, and social networks. I know that you have heard about Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to name a few.

As technology advances, it is synonymous with "the speed of light." Through these means, we can inform our family or friends of our very thoughts, send messages, send pictures, schedule a meeting, lunch, or dinner date, with just the click of a button. Amazing, isn't it?? No longer does it take two or three days delivery and then waiting for a response to requests, but only a few seconds to send out a message and have a reply almost instantly.

By this same method, it only takes a few seconds to share with your family, friends and co-workers about what you do in your club to serve the youth in your community. Develop your distribution list and share your activities and pictures via the methods above to "Make Our Actions Speak Louder than Words!" Invite these individuals to be a part of what your passion is – an Optimist.

We are in the third quarter of our year and are striving to recognize clubs as "Distinguished" and

return the rightful title to North Carolina East of "Distinguished District." It is time that we must use every tool available as well as our face-to-face and word of mouth to grow our clubs and our district membership. Refer to the incentives outlined by our District Membership Chair.

As of this date, we are minus 140 members. To turn this around to a positive number, each club must recruit a minimum of four new members or "Friends of Optimist." With the right mindset to serve our youth, Optimists--we can do this --so let's "Make Our Actions Speak Louder than Words!"

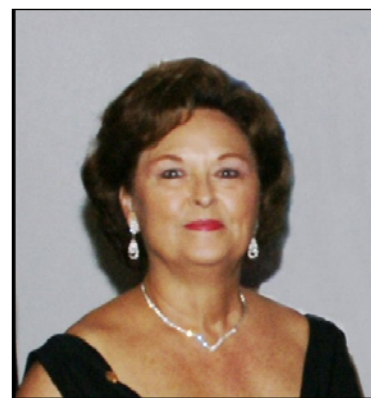
Remember – "Serving Youth Today – Grows Optimists for Tomorrow" And, as Walt Disney said, All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them!

Yours in Optimism,

Lou Anna

Leadership Development
Chair

NC East District, Optimist International



Lou Anna Hardee

District Convention

The Convention Committee is moving right along with finalizing plans for the 2014 NCE District Annual Convention scheduled for September at the Sands Resort in Myrtle Beach. Each individual has engaged in their roles and are ahead of schedule with planning and finalizing plans/activities assigned. Everyone is invited to kick off the conven-

tion on Thursday night which is the Past Governors Dinner. Final details/location will be forthcoming. Governor Designate Jimmy Lamm and his Leadership Development Chair Sandy Cyphers is putting together some terrific training so encourage your club leaders to attend these informative sessions. Anyone who has aspirations to serve at

the club and/or district level will benefit from this training so encourage attendance. An exciting evening of beach music is planned for Friday, so don't forget your "shagging shoes" and note--casual attire will be comfortable to all. For those who enjoy "just listening" to good old beach music, make plans to attend--I hear door prizes will be available to some "lucky" attendees. On Saturday, business will be conducted as usual with training in the afternoon. And, of course, the Duck Race will be held. In the

evening, the Governor's Banquet and Installation of Officers will be held followed by the Governor's Ball.

Start your planning, NOW!

Yours in Optimism,

Lou Anna Hardee

District Convention Chair



Sands Resort, Myrtle Beach SC



NC East District New Club Building

Hello NC East District Optimist,

It is with great pleasure that I introduce our new "Optimist Club of Orange County, NC" which organized March 25, 2014 with 19 new Optimists. This club will meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesday night at "Kelsey's Café" in Hillsborough, NC. Their club President is Craig Lloyd, Secretary is Amy Efland and Treasurer is Lynn Hobgood. Field Representative Carlyle Teague was available to officially get

Please join me in welcoming this new Optimist to our District. Their facebook page is:

<https://www.facebook.com/orangeoptimist>.

Please look at their page!

Thank you to Carlyle, Bob and Trish for their work in getting this new Optimist Club organized. We look forward to meeting these new Optimist friends and our upcoming District meetings.



Treasurer Lynn Hobgood, Sam Hobgood, BOE Trish Verne, President Craig Lloyd, Secretary Amy Efland, BOE Bob Verne, Field Representative Carlyle Teague.

the club organized. Bob and Trish are the BOD's and the Optimist Club of Chapel Hill is the sponsoring Club!

This is an exciting group of Optimists and they already have a huge fundraiser coming up in June! More details to follow. Above & below are some pictures of the Organization meeting.

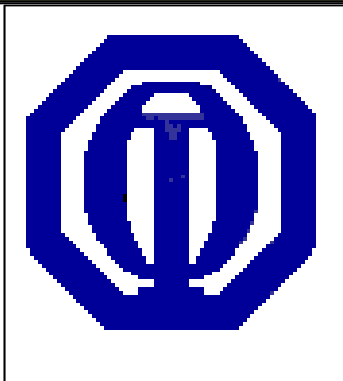
We have many communities in our district that are not serving their children and have no Optimist representation. Do you have contacts in other communities? Would you make that personal phone call and "just ask"? Currently we have committed clubs working on building Optimist Clubs in Oxford, Durham and Lumberton. Do you have contacts in any of these communities? If so, would you commit to make a personal phone call and just ask



The Optimist Club of Orange Co, NC. Charter Members

them to get involved? Share YOUR Optimism with them and “just ask” them to get their friends together to help the children in their community! Let me know your contact information so that I can get it to the club builders! Let’s work together, share our Optimism, and serve the children!

Jennifer Timmons



Ed Moore and Gary Turner and their lovely wives, Sally and Carol, joined us to speak about Mile of Hope 2014, Seahorse Rodeo. The club contributed \$250 to help them make this another banner year. The dates were May 9-11 at Atlantic Beach. There was sand castle building, face painting, diving lessons, shark teeth and fossil digs, movies, bumper boats,

go karts, miniature golf, kites and pirates, just to name a few of the activities that go on during the weekend for children with cancer



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Childhood Cancer Campaign

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The Chapel Hill Optimist Club held four Kisses for Childhood Cancer fundraisers during April and raised \$1100. They were helped by two students who had participated in the essay and oratorical contests.

Congratulations and many thanks to the students in the Rolesville area schools who helped cut out, sew, and stuff therapy dolls for the children at UNC Pediatric Oncology Treatment Center. They plan to repeat the project for the children being treated at the Duke Pediatric Center also. Thank you to Barbara Timmons for getting the students involved in the project.

The Raleigh Optimist Club is celebrating another Mile of Hope weekend at the beach. Twenty to thirty families are expected to attend. Thanks to the Raleigh Club, Ed Moore, Gary Turner, and all the volunteers for their efforts to make this a great weekend for these families affected by childhood cancer. They appreciate your financial support and welcome your participation. Donations can be made to the Mile of Hope Foundation.

The Optimist Club of Orange County, NC is the newest club in the NC East District. They are planning their first fund raiser. This new club has adopted the Hog Day BBQ Festival as their club fundraiser. It will be held on June 20 - 21st in Mebane, NC. The cooking will start Friday evening and barbeque and other activities will be available all day Saturday. They will be promoting Optimist Clubs and recruiting members for their new club. Come say hello at the information booth and enjoy the food and activities.

The Ronald McDonald House in Chapel Hill has broken ground on their new building expansion.

Each year more than 2,200 families are served, but nearly 800 are turned away due to lack of space. The



expansion will double the size of the current facility to 40,000 square feet. It will include a welcome center, twenty four guest rooms, a Hearth building with a kitchen, laundry and play facilities. Also included will be a courtyard and two playgrounds. When completed in 2015, the house will have a total of fifty three guest rooms. For the first time in NC, a palliative care pilot program called "Loving Hands"

will be included at the site. Please continue to support the Ronald McDonald House as they work to support these families and their children.

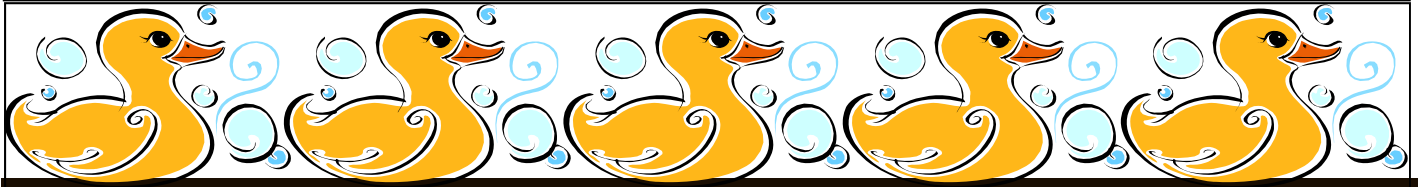


Thanks to the Wilson Golden Circle Club for their donations of prizes for the Friday night bingo party, and to the organizers for



their support of the Childhood Cancer Campaign. We are also planning the annual Rubber Duck Race to benefit the Childhood Cancer Campaign on Sat-

urday, 8/23/14 at 4:30pm at the Lazy River course at the District Convention in Myrtle Beach. Come join the fun and root for the ducks!

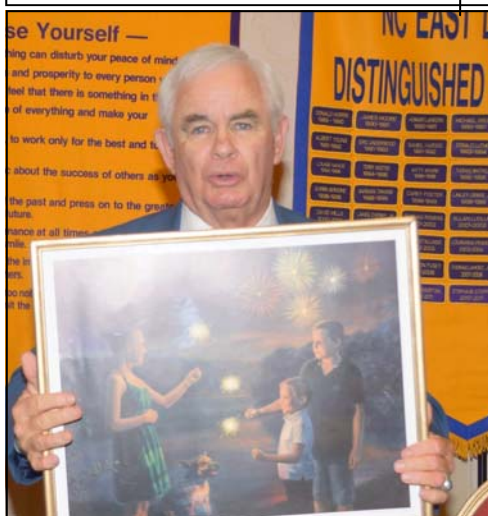




Optimist Clubs Average per member donation to OI Foundation 2012-1024			
Duplin	\$15.27	Raleigh	\$24.15
Cape Fear	\$22.52	Roanoke Rapids	\$20.00
Raleigh Dinner	\$41.67	Rocky Mount Evening	\$58.73
Garner	\$11.07	Roxboro	\$18.25
Golden Circle	\$23.83	Tarboro	\$10.00
Goldsboro	\$76.67	Whiteville	\$29.38
Greenville	\$14.42	Southern Wake	\$20.46
Henderson	\$21.72	Wilson Evening	\$79.12
		Chapel Hill	\$59.00

Dime-A-Day Members		
Waymouth Allen	Billy & Jan Edgerton	Judy Elks
James Hart	Errol Warren	Carey & Ellen Foster
Linda Watson	Sandy Cyphers	Errol Warren
	Betty Duke	Doug & Wanda Lamm

Special Awards	Honored Benefactor	Bronze Benefactor
Presidents Club Pin	Carey & Ellen Foster	Optimist Club of Chapel Hill
Errol Warren		



OI Foundation Print, Wilson Evening, accepting Jimmy Lamm.

← Also receiving print; Billy & Jan Edgerton and Wilmington Club. No Photo.

→ OI Foundation Print, Chapel Hill, accepting, Trish Verne.



OI Foundation

Hello out there, it's me again. As always, I want to encourage you to support the Optimist International Foundation. The Foundation's slogan is "Helping Optimist Help Kids". And they do just that. Please bring your club's contribution to the district meeting and encourage all of your members to join the "Dime-A-Day" club. The Dime-A-Day is only \$36.50

per year and there's not many of us that could not do that as a minimum. Help as much as you can. Many, Many Thanks for what you do. THANKS, BILL EDGERTON, District Chair.

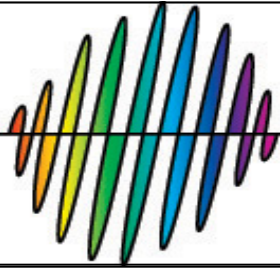


The Friday night auction crew. From left, Auctioneer, Rich Cash, Gofor, Gary Pender and merchandise manager, Carlton Baird.

Taylor Bass, accounting specialist for Friday night auction.



Billy Edgerton, left and Steve Skodak, receiving check for OI Foundation. Steve Skodak our OI Representative for the Board Meeting is Executive Director of the OI foundation In St. Louis. While here, Steve presented a very interesting discussion session on the Foundation during an afternoon meeting.



COMMUNICATION CONTEST for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL 

The District CCDHH contest was held on May 8th at the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf.

The students did an outstanding job as usual.



The winners of the CCDHH are shown with Bill Edgerton, District Chair of the CCDHH contest. They are left to right, first place Rosa Lopez, second place ,Ashley Bowser-Mitchell and third place, Becca Pittard. The top three in the contest received a medallion with the first place winner receiving a

\$2,500 scholarship. Each contestant received a framed certificate. Along with our governor, members of the Goldsboro Optimist Club and several members of the Golden Circle Optimist Club were in attendance. Photo contributed By Bill Edgerton.



Students participating: Kristen Sanderson, Becca Pittard, Rosa Lopez, Ashley Bowser-Mitchell, Jasmine Jenkins, Sha'Quanna Green, Tilford McNeal, William McNeal and NC East District Governor Errol Warren. Photo contributed by Angela Iwaniuk.



Save the Date

Mark your calendar now with the dates and location for the 2014 Optimist International Convention: July 10 -12, 2014, at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

Check out the tentative agenda to help you with your travel plans. The International Convention Registration Form is also available or you may register online at www.optimist.org/convention.

Amazing Rates at Caesars Palace

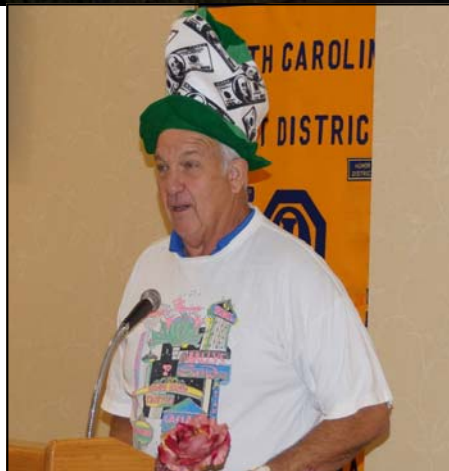
Make sure to make your housing reservation early. It is very important for all convention delegates to stay at Caesars Palace, the host hotel, so that Optimist International can continue to benefit from complimentary meeting space. Please use the following information to book your reservation at Caesars Palace:

Phone: 866-227-5944

Group Name: Optimist International

Group Code: SCOIN4

Carey Foster, OI convention
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 anyone sees a problem with the web site links or wrong information to also email me about the corrections.



Al Ludlum

District Essay Contest



First Place

Sage Corzine

Pittsboro, NC 27312

Sponsored by Chapel Hill

Northwood High School, Pittsboro, NC

How dreams lead to success



cal devices. Within a decade Edison went from poverty to being a wealthy and world-renowned inventor. Known as the "Wizard of Menlo Park," he obtained over 1,000 patents including the first practical electric light bulb, centralized power system and motion picture camera. Edison's inventions failed as often as they succeeded but he seemed to be inspired by the failure rather than consumed by it. He maintained, "Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is to always

Eleanor Roosevelt evoked the sentiment of ages when she spoke the immortal phrase, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." There are but a few rare people that live to see the beautiful forms of their minds realized in the material world. But do these individuals possess some other worldly trait that distinguishes them, or did they simply persevere in situations where a thousand others may have shaken their heads and trudged away? For success, dreams require a belief on the part of the dreamer that sustains him even when his dream seems unattainable. Thomas Edison Isabel Allende and Malala Yousafzai all manifested their dreams through imagination and tenacity.

Thomas Edison was a self-made man who believed in the beauty of science and invention. Although he received limited traditional schooling, by the time he was fourteen, he had already set up several small business ventures in his home town to provide funds for his experiments. Edison held many jobs, but even while working 72 hours a week, he still made time to experiment with electri-

try just one more time." Unlike the common misconception, Edison did not achieve success in solitude but instead encouraged others to dream with him. Menlo Park has been described as one of the first research laboratories, a creation of teamwork and diligence as much as sheer inspiration. When following their dreams, even the greatest can always use a bit of help.

Isabel Allende is a magical surrealist author who believes in the beauty of art. She has surmounted her own personal tragedies to become the most widely read Spanish language author in the world. Allende was born into a family with close connections to the Chilean government. When the government was overthrown by a coup and her second cousin was assassinated, Allende and her family were forced to leave the country in fear for their lives. Initially a journalist, Isabel realized that her fecund imagination would be a greater asset in the realm of fiction. Since her career shift, Allende has received numerous literary awards including the Dorothy and Lilian Gish prize for "writers who have contributed to the beauty of the world." Alt-

though her daughter died of a rare disease and she was forced from her beloved country by political upheaval, Allende has continued to honor them through her work. She has held, as Langston Hughes poetically said, ". . . fast to dreams, for when dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly."

Malala Yousafzai is a young woman who believes in the beauty of equal education and free speech. While living in a Taliban controlled area of Pakistan, she has advocated every woman's right to education through an online blog, spoken before the UN and written a book titled *I am Malala*. The novel relates her social protests and attempted assassination by a Taliban agent. Although she was shot in the head and transferred to England for medical care, she mentions in the book that she does not want to be known as "The girl that was shot by the Taliban". In light of her statements, the UN has started a groundbreaking petition "demanding that all children worldwide be in school by the end of

2015" and Pakistan has ratified its first "Right to Education" bill. More recently Malala was nominated for the Nobel peace prize and graced the cover of *Time Magazine*. Her determination, even in the face of danger, has inspired millions and she lives to see the political change regarding women's education in Pakistan come to fruition. And all this before she has even turned 17!

These great people have changed the world through the beauty of their dreams. They have struggled to bring light, magic and hope into existence even when faced with the prospect of failure or personal injury. As Allende, Edison and Malala have shown us, "This world demands...a temper of will, a quality of the imagination, a predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite of adventure over a love of ease. It is a revolutionary world we live in (Kennedy, 1966)," where success belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams

End

Second Place

Official Topic: How Dreams Lead to Success

Sponsored by Wake Forest Optimist

Writer's Name: Tierra Marsh

Name of School: Wake Forest High School

The Ignition of Success

Imagine that as you lie awake in bed one night your eyelids slowly begin to close and your body begins to shut down. The slight hint of objects in your room fades as you see nothing but darkness underneath your closed eyelids. The seconds, minutes, and hours pass, but still there is only darkness. You see nothing. The vivid images that people so often talk about seeing while they are asleep are simply stories to you. You have never dreamed. You become numb to the idea of an imagination, and as time goes on, all you see is a dreary and dark world

while you go through life as a set of motions. Your lack of dreams has caused you to miss out on seeing things from a new perspective. If this scenario were how life really worked and people never dreamed of a brighter future, everyone would be just like the person described above. They would all be stuck in a bland and uniform place of familiarity, darkness, and nothingness.

One of the biggest examples of a dream becoming a seemingly impossible reality is when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. turned our world around and fought for civil rights. If he would have never dreamt of a better tomorrow, then he never would have been motivated to make a change and speak out. The prominent "I Have a Dream" speech clearly lays out King's hopes for the future. He wanted nothing more than to transform America into the self-claimed "land of the free." His fight to keep his

<p>dream alive is what kept pushing him forward. Without his drive and ambition, there may still be inequality in a country that had claimed equality to be something that everyone already had.</p> <p>The biggest thing to understand is that change comes from dreams. Dreams are not merely the figments of our imagination that play images through our minds as we sleep, but they are hopes. Dreams are hopes for a better tomorrow and a better us. When I read back over the prompt, I did not read the question as, "how dreams lead to success," but instead I look at it as "how success is achieved." Success is the achievement of a personal goal. If one relentlessly goes about one's life wishing for something more or different, then that person has an unfulfilled goal and has not achieved success. Those who are triumphant do not sit around as the day cycles through sunrise and sunset. They are aware that success comes from hard work, motivation, determination, and continuous effort. It is that motivation and mentality that continues to push a person towards one's goals.</p> <p>I, myself, have the dream to become a Broadcast Journalist. At first, it seemed like such a distant reverie, but I have been working hard in order to ensure that I make this dream a reality for myself. I became more involved in classes and activities that revolved around journalism, and I participated in college journalism programs. Recently, I completed my first internship with a radio company where I did hands-on tasks and even spoke on the air. By</p>	<p>getting involved and allowing my own personal dream to be my motivation, I have gained very valuable contacts within the field, worked for the local news station, and I have been accepted into my dream college where I can further my knowledge. Although I have not achieved my ultimate dream, I have still had success along the way that comes from my strong desire to turn my dream into my undeniable reality.</p> <p>A famous poet named Langston Hughes is extremely well-known for his poem "Harlem," famously known as "A Dream Deferred." He constantly questioned what would happen if someone chose to deny their dream and continue on with their daily lives. Does the dream "dry up like a raisin in the sun," or is its denial irrelevant. Every comparison that he makes towards a dream deferred calls for a negative outcome. Clearly, if a dream is deferred, a person who once yearned has now lost incentive. Think of a fire. In order to make a fire, a spark is needed. Once that spark is given off and a fire is formed, it continues to grow until it has consumed everything. This is exactly what goes on in our human minds. The spark is the dream, and the fire is what fuels us to make the dream a reality. The fire consumes our thoughts and actions as it continues to push us towards irrefutable achievement, and without it we would all be that person who lacks the ability to dream.</p> <p>End ..</p>
<p>Third Place "How Dreams Lead To Success" Sponsored by Goldsboro Optimist Hannah R. Lee 1012 North Church Street Mount Olive, NC 28365</p>	<p>High School: Lee Christian Academy</p> <p>Every person, rich or poor, famous or unknown, past or present, has had a dream. Each starts with an idea, a dash of inspiration and a willing spirit. Each one is different and each is equally important. But my dream was somewhat different than most. My dream was to help others simply with a piece of rope and a determined heart.</p>

Like all dreams, my dream to help others started out small. I have been apart of a local jump rope demonstration team for the past six years. Through this team, I have had the opportunity to perform for schools and youth events promoting heart health, serve as an advocate for physical fitness in my community and have taught numerous children the skill of jumping rope through summer camps. I loved teaching and it amazed me to see the joy the children had and the satisfaction they received after learning a new jump. In the spring of 2013, I was preparing for a missions trip to a children's home in Kenya and I had an idea; why not take my passion for jumping rope to other children on a global scale? I knew I did not have the resources or the supplies to fund this dream, but I was determined that it would become a reality. Soon, I began to petition my friends, family, church and 4-H club members and internet followers for donations to help purchase jump ropes for the Pistis Orphanage in Nakuru, Kenya. After several weeks of fund raising and challenges along the way, I was ecstatic to have finally met my goal of \$750, enough to buy ten long beaded ropes and each child their own personal jump rope.

Months later, in August of 2013, while I was in Kenya I was granted the opportunity to hand deliver the jump ropes I had worked so hard to provide. As we arrived at the rural children's home, I noticed three little children jumping rope with a thin piece of synthetic string. I found out this unlikely rope was used to lock a classroom door and it was the only jump rope the orphanage had ever owned. It was just like Christmas morning as we unpacked our suitcases brimming full of jump ropes. Their eyes sparkled as we passed out jump ropes to the children and then taught them simple skills and jumps they could perform with their rope.

Soon the courtyard was clouded with dust from the feet of little children learning to jump. The



smiles on their faces were tremendous! Children were squealing with delight and literally jumping for joy. They were all so hungry to learn as many techniques, tricks and jumps that I could teach them. Teaching these children was the opportunity of a lifetime and it was an amazing moment that I will always remember.

This experience has taught me many life lessons and I have discovered new strengths about myself. First, your dream does not have to involve winning the Nobel Peace Prize to be a success. My dream was to teach others something that I enjoyed and to share that joy with others. I do not need the accolades or to be recognized for what I have done. The simple thrill the children experienced while learning how to jump rope for the first time was enough to know my efforts had been a success.

Also, without hard work and dedication this dream would have been exactly that, a dream. All of the best successors started with a dream. I worked hard for the funds I raised and reevaluated my plans when I could not reach my goal. When you are set

on your goals, nothing can easily deter you. I was determined to make my dream come true and because of that determination, it has become reality.

Finally, share your success with others. Inspiration is the driving force behind any dream. If I had not experienced the pleasure of teaching in my local county, I would not have been inspired to take my passion around the world to other children. Start small and dare to motivate others. It just might end up motivating you.

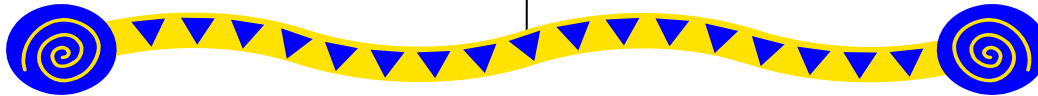
I am proud to say that my dream has come true. With dedication, determination and hard work, anything you imagine can become a success. Now I have a new dream. I want to reach out to others and encourage them to make a difference. If I can inspire one person to reach for the skies and achieve their goals, then my dream will have been a

success. It only takes one person to change the world.



Angela Iwaniuk, District Essay Chair

Golden Circle participates in CCDHH contest held at North Carolina School for Deaf on May 8, 2014.



Front row from left: Janice Bunn, Brenda Farmer, Carol Collier, Governor Errol Warren. Second row: Linda Watson, Norma Duell, Diane Johnson, Angela Iwaniuk . Photo contributed by Angela.

A&A 2012-2013



Top three clubs in 2012-2013. From left: No. 3, Cape Fear, Robin Bass; No. 2, Goldsboro, Charlie Wood; No. 1, Roanoke Rapids, Carey Foster

No. 1 Lt. Governor 2012-2013



No. 1 Lt. Governor, Yancey Hines, right
Zone 5. Presentation made by Dan Durham,
left, A&A Chair 2012-2013



Zone 4 Zone meeting April 25, 2014, Wilson, NC

Raleigh club goes fishing



Pictures and text by
Dayne Brown

I have attached a few photos documenting yet another successful Take-a-Kid-Fishing event at our Optimist Farm lake on May 3rd for your enjoyment. If you were not there, you can see that you missed a lot of kids, fun, fish and hot dogs.

We had over 40 kids from the Salvation Army, Boys and Girls Club and The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford. They were all great kids and caught a lot of fish...and ate a lot of hot dogs too. As for our Optimists...we had more fun then ever!

<p style="text-align: center;">NORTH CAROLINA EAST DISTRICT OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FIRST QUARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Hampton Inn & Suites ~ Wilson, N.C. Saturday, February 8, 2014</p>		<p>South Johnston, Wake Forest, Wilmington, Winter Park.</p>	<p>Southern Wake, Whiteville, Wilson Evening,</p>																				
<p>The following members of the Board of Directors were present:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Errol Warren</td> <td>Governor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>James Lamm</td> <td>Governor-Elect</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allan Ludlum</td> <td>District Secretary-Treasurer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jerry Medlin</td> <td>Immediate Past Governor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bennie Bass</td> <td>Lt. Gov. Zone 1 - Cape Fear</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Judy Harritan</td> <td>Lt. Gov. Zone 2 - Whiteville</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Louwanna Pender</td> <td>Lt. Gov. Zone 3 - Goldsboro</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carol Collier Golden Circle</td> <td>Lt. Gov. Zone 4 - Wilson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jim Hart Breakfast</td> <td>Lt. Gov. Zone 5 - Rocky Mt</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dave Bast</td> <td>Lt. Gov. Zone 6 - South Johnston</td> </tr> </table>		Errol Warren	Governor	James Lamm	Governor-Elect	Allan Ludlum	District Secretary-Treasurer	Jerry Medlin	Immediate Past Governor	Bennie Bass	Lt. Gov. Zone 1 - Cape Fear	Judy Harritan	Lt. Gov. Zone 2 - Whiteville	Louwanna Pender	Lt. Gov. Zone 3 - Goldsboro	Carol Collier Golden Circle	Lt. Gov. Zone 4 - Wilson	Jim Hart Breakfast	Lt. Gov. Zone 5 - Rocky Mt	Dave Bast	Lt. Gov. Zone 6 - South Johnston	<p>Governor Errol Warren called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.</p> <p>Pledge of allegiance to the flag & the invocation were given.</p> <p>Governor Errol Warren recognized first time attendees and introduced Steve Skodak - Optimist International Foundation Rep.</p> <p>Minuets for the 1st Quarter meeting were given by Allan Ludlum. Motion to accept was made by Lou Anna Hardee of Greenville Optimist - Seconded by Gary Pender of Goldsboro Optimist - Approved.</p> <p>1st Quarter Financial report, given by Allan Ludlum. Motion to accept was made by Louwanna Pender of Goldsboro Optimist - Seconded by Jennifer Nyland of Wake Forest optimist - Approved.</p> <p>At 8:44 chairperson reports started.</p> <p>Dan Durham talked about the Club Services & Activities report CPA.</p>	
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test. & Chairperson Angela Iwaniuk also updated everyone on the upcoming Essay Contest information.

Golf report, given by Allan Ludlum, No Dates set at this time, location has been set, Wedgewood Gold course in Wilson will be our location. Allan will be working with Tommy Davis of Wilson Evening Optimist & he is also the local golf Pro at the course to complete the details.

NC East Web Site information & Internet Safety report & information given by Allan Ludlum. Allan asked that any new Facebook pages or web sites be given to him so he can update the links.

Boys and Girls Homes report & Roll Call, given by Gary Pender & Ray Cockrell. Annual Boys & Girls Home Work Day for the Optimist & Lions will be April 12, 2014. Gary also thanked everyone for all of Christmas gifts that were sent to the cottage for Christmas and all of the support that was given at the Boys & Girls Home auction last quarter. We raised about \$1200.00.

Wayne Sidelinger handed out awards & certificates for best news letters & for clubs who do a news letter.

Break was taken at 10:00 until 10:15. At 10:15 chairperson reports restarted.

Yancey Hines talked about New Club Building; the Henderson club is working on a new club in Oxford.

Childhood Cancer Campaign & Roll Call information, given by Trish Verne. Trish thanked the clubs that were helping put together the Cancer Dolls. Rick Jonell, South Johnston Optimist, was specially thanked for his effort in making the dolls in his

spare time. Trish said we still needed the Pop-Top tabs, Mile of Hope was just around the corner and that NCAA Basketball Final Four weekend was a good weekend to do the Candy Kisses fund raiser in your area.

Louwanna Pender thanked all the clubs and people that have help support Skyler in her battle with cancer.

2013-14 Membership incentive thermo cups were given out by Past Governor Lou Anna Hardee who was filling in for Membership chairperson Barbara Timmons. Past Governor Jerry Medlin has three \$100.00 membership incentives drawing to hand out. The winners were: Dan Durham, Dan Durham & Carl Bowes. (Yes - Dan won twice).

Leadership Development chairperson, Lou Anna also provided information about upcoming event for Leadership training in Charlotte, NC on March 1st, 2014. Cost is \$25.00 and this includes lunch. Registration & agenda information was handed out. Lou Anna also noted that the information would be on the NC East District website.

2014 NC East Convention information was given by Lou Anna Hardee, more information to follow as dates get closer. She reminded all Lt Governors & clubs to go ahead & work on their assignments for the convention.

CCDHH update & information was given by Bill Edgerton.

2013-14 OI Foundation information & Roll Call was given by Bill Edgerton. Steve Skodak from the IO Foundation in St. Louis spoke about the purpose of the foundation & how it works with the clubs. Programs like the "Pass Thru" & "Club Campaign Fund". Steve also spoke on the types of Non-Profit

clubs in OI, 501.C.3 and 501.C.4.

Past Governor Jerry Medlin gave his report as Candidate Qualification Chairperson. He stated that each of the Lt Governors needed to be searching for a person to serve as Lt Governor for the year 2014-15. Also he reported that Allan Ludlum had given a verbal commitment to serve as Governor for the year of 2015-16, he is waiting for letter of commitment.

OI Convention/ Ambassador - Carey Foster talked about the 2014 OI Convention and had handouts about Las Vegas.

At this time Errol Warren thanked the Wilson Golden Circle club, Carey Foster & Ray Goodwin for taking care of the registration table. He also thanked Bennie Bass, Carol Collier, Tommy Peele & Wayne

Sidelinger for getting our snacks and drinks for this weekend.

Closing remarks by Gov. Errol Warren.

Meeting closed with the Optimist Creed by membership.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Allan Ludlum
District Secretary-Treasurer



Hello All;

The date & location is set for our district Jr golf. The date is June 14. Location is in Wilson, NC at Wedgewood golf course.

This year it will be a one day event. All the information is at <http://ww.nceast-optimist.org/golf/golfmain.htm>

At that page on the left side you will see a button "OIJGC Club Information" Click on that link & it will take you to the download page.

At this location you can download the entry form, sponsors forms & three flyers you can print & post in you club house, local golf courses, schools or any other location needed.

The deadline this year is June 7th. Please call me if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Allan Ludlum

OIJGC District Chairperson 2013-2014

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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.



Cracker Barrel dinner, Friday 2/7/14