

# North Carolina East Optimist News

Hello Optimists,

Myrtle Beach Days are here!

I'd like to welcome you to the 2014 NC East District Convention and the Sands Resort. The Sands is a change in location but I think you will find the accommodations to your liking and the staff more than willing to make your stay an enjoyable one. September is a great time to be at the beach... the crowds have thinned, it's not so hot, and the pace slows. I am so glad you are here and thank you for attending.

This year's Convention is highlighted by a Boys and Girls Home Golf Tournament on Thursday, shagging lessons and a "Beach Party" on Friday night, our General Business Meeting Saturday morning, and culminating with our Installation Banquet and

Governor's Ball, Saturday night.

Plan now to attend our District Town Hall meeting on Saturday afternoon to share your ideas on the future of our District and discuss critical issues like membership and new club building.

I am pleased to announce our OI Representative for this year's Convention is Debbie Hill. Debbie is this year's OI Membership Chair. Debbie will be conducting our President's training and will install our



District Officers. She and her husband Larry Lynch are from Strafford, Missouri. Take the opportunity to welcome Debbie and Larry and demonstrate our "southern hospitality".

A special thank you goes out to our Convention Committee. This Convention would not be possible without the hard work of Lou Anna Hardee, Convention Chair, and her Convention Committee. They have worked tirelessly to ensure that the convention be an enjoyable mix of business, training for the Officer Elects as well as fun, great food and entertainment. I hope you will take part and enjoy all the activities.

As the 2013-14 Optimist Year comes to a close let's take time to reflect on all the things being an Opti-

mist means. With our Optimist Creed we promise ourselves strength, happiness, enthusiasm for the success of others and a commitment to the improvement of ourselves. Borrowing from Ken Garner's, 2014-15 OI President Elect, speech at the OI Convention ....As Optimist we all work selflessly to "bring out the best in kids" - and at times it may seem that we "reach for that impossible star" in our heart knowing that the world will be better for our glorious quest!

Who are we? Optimists that's who!

Errol Warren, Governor

2013-14 NCED Optimist International

## District Membership

Hello NC East District Optimist!

Welcome to the NC East District Convention! This marks the last month in our 2013-2014 Optimist year!

The total membership beginning our Optimist year was **1272 members!**

The total membership ending the third quarter is **1110** which means we lost **162 members!** This total includes the loss of three clubs with **96 members** as of the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter!

At the last District meeting, I challenged our District leaders to commit to sharing their Optimism with new members. Thirteen of our District Leaders pledged to sponsor a total of 27 new Optimist members. As of this date, **5 new members** have been added to their rosters!

Even with just a couple of weeks left in this Optimist calendar year, we as Optimist should ALWAYS be inviting future Optimist to our meetings and events!

Membership in an Optimist club is the very backbone of our organization. When you have a positive membership, you have a club that is productive!

**What are you doing to share your Optimism and build your club membership?**

Be proud of your Club and the activities of your Club

Have your elevator speech ready – practice in front of a mirror

Wear your Club clothing and/or name tag when you are out and about

Always have your Club brochure, business card, membership application and current Club activity flyer with you – replenish supply daily

Be sure to get all potential member's contact information and offer to meet them and/or pick them up for your next meeting or event

Post **all activities** in your Club's **social media** pages, **local media** and **any local business** that will allow you to post your events

Be active in your Club's NOW program through planning, inviting potential Optimist members and follow up after your Club NOW meetings Live the Optimist Creed

Will your Club receive Distinguished or Honor





Club this year?

Will your Club receive any of International President Huxley's membership incentives?

Will your Club receive any of NC

East District Governor Warren's membership incentives?

**Make the Commitment . . .  
Ask for help – your District Leaders have the experience to help – just ASK!**

Barbara Timmons

District Membership Chair



Giant gondola wheel in Las Vegas over 1000' high, Each gondola holds 40 people. . One loop takes 40 minutes. Wheel never stops.



## DISTRICT ORATORICAL CONTEST – CONTESTANTS



From left: 1st place, Emily Rose Hunt, Henderson; 2nd place, Caroline Benthall Hawthorne, Whiteville; 3rd place, Tierra Monique Marsh, Wake Forest



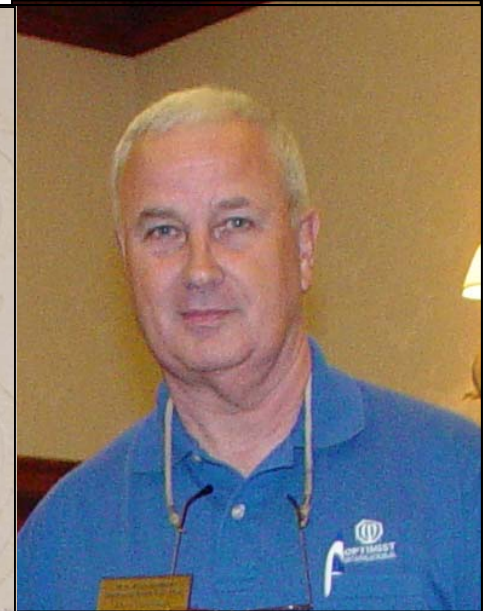
From left: Caroline Benthall Hawthorne, sponsored by Whiteville; Amber Elizabeth Goodyear, sponsored by Cape Fear; Emily Paige Berrier, sponsored by Wake Forest; Samantha Clay Hines, sponsored by Henderson; Emily Elizabeth Hendrix, sponsored by Laurinburg



## DISTRICT ORATORICAL CONTEST – CONTESTANTS



From left: Tierra Monique Marsh, sponsored by Wake Forest; Emily Rose Hunt, sponsored by Henderson; Gayla Olvera, sponsored by Golden Circle; Alyson Jeanae Harris, sponsored by Golden Circle; Walker Jennings Winslow, sponsored by Greenville.



Don Harritan

District Oratorical Chair

1st place winner Emily Hunt,  
Henderson



# Random photos at Cracker Barrel May 17th Board Meeting



## Leadership Development

OI President Ron Huxley's motto for this year has been "More Optimists." He has challenged each of us to plan, develop, and work to provide vision for the future to serve the youth in our communities as we "Bring Out the Best in Kids."

Governor Errol Warren's motto was "Make Your Actions Speak Louder Than Words" as we were encouraged to work hard on retaining members and recruiting new Optimists as "Friends of Youth."

As we reflect on the progress of the NC East District, many programs such as the Essay Contest, Oratorical Contest, Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Respect for Law, and the numerous ball teams sponsored by Optimists have served our youth well. It is my sincere hope that each member and club has worked diligently to obtain those goals and objectives set forth earlier in the year. With the NC East District Convention fast approaching, we have approximately four weeks remaining to finish this year strong and to set the stage for the upcoming year for the incoming officer-elects.

Club Presidents, take a look at where you are, where you want to be, and work hard for the remaining month to achieve being an Honor or Distinguished Club. Please remember to file your President's Pride Report by September 30 and encourage your members to help make this year your Club's best year. **YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU SET YOUR MIND TO DO!**

As Leadership Development Chair, I want to express my appreciation to Governor Warren and all of you for allowing me to serve in this capacity. It has been a rewarding and pleasant experience. Let me know if I can assist you in any way and remember – **Serving Youth Today – Grows Optimist for Tomorrow!**

Yours in Optimism,  
Lou Anna

Lou Anna Hardee  
Leadership Development Chair

2013-14 NC East District, OI



## District Convention 2014

The NC East District Convention will be held at the Sands Resort in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and the Convention Committee has worked diligently to provide you the best convention ever. The committee is excited with the events planned and look forward to having each of you take part in the many activities / training scheduled for September 11-13, 2014. There will be fun activities for everyone and for all ages so please plan to join us and participate. Make your reservations to come early or stay longer to enjoy the beach, sun, fun, and of course, a little shopping.

Debbie Hill will be visiting our fine district as the Optimist International Representative. She will be assisting with training as well as installing the 2014-15 Officer-Elects at the Governor's Banquet on Saturday. Debbie is a wonderful individual and I know you will want to chat with her during her visit.

Get busy packing--we look forward to seeing you in Myrtle Beach!

Yours in Optimism,  
Lou Anna

Lou Anna Hardee

2013-14 NC East District, OI





Bingo photo at 3rd District Board meeting.



Master of ceremonies and number caller for bingo night, Don Harritan. Seated, secretary for the event, Taylor Bass.

<p>Optimist Endowment: \$1,026,202.03</p> <p>Endowment generated \$33,764.76 toward operating revenue.</p> <p>Optimist cottage needs list:</p> <p>New twin mattresses</p> <p>Character bed spreads and sheets.</p>	<p>Oak color wood book case.</p> <p>Flat screen TV for game room.</p> <p>Socks and undershirts</p> <p>Older pinball machines</p> <p>New DVD's</p> <p>Posters in frames of sports teams</p>
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Framed optimist banners or mottos.

Area rug for living room.

Home décor items.

Newer books.

New Book Bags.

Totes for kids belongings

Industrial cottage vacuum cleaner

Ping pong table heavy tournament type

As we wrap up the summer and head to Myrtle Beach for some fun, learning, relaxation, good times with friends and a reconnection to optimism, I thought it would be great to give you a glimpse of your Optimist Cottage activities this summer. Just as we take the opportunity to set aside the stress and worries of everyday life to get away, so have the boys in the Cottage. Their summer has been filled with opportunities and new adventures. The highlight of the summer for the boys was their trip to Camp Snowbird in the mountains of NC. This camp provides a gospel-focused week full of bible study, sharing, relationship building and high adventure! In addition to working with the other campers, your

boys had the opportunity to experience horse-back riding, climbing, zip-lines, white water rafting and many games - all in a beautiful, awe-inspiring, mountain-top setting. This trip was surrounded by the 1st Tee experience in Brunswick County, the NC Aquarium and Civil War Re-enactment at Fort Fisher, on-campus Olympics and many trips to the beach. What a fantastic opportunity for the boys to just be kids again!

Be sure to stop by my display at the Convention to see pictures of the boys in action and for an updated list of needs in the cottage.

Because of you and Optimists across the state, we are able to offer these opportunities and experiences for the boys in your cottage. Thank you for making a difference in their lives!



Hello Optimist From the Boys and Girls Homes

The Optimist year is almost gone another Optimist year is fast approaching upon us. I would like first of all to say THANK YOU for your support of the Boys and Girls Homes this year.

I know with the economy as it is we all have a hard time finding money to help others with. So far this Optimist year the NC East District has given \$18,830.58 as of July a little less than last year in the amount of \$22,238.00.

The year is not over yet so I'm asking you to let's buckle down and pass what we gave last year. As Ray Cockrell always says OPTIMIST MAKES A DIF-

ERENCE and to the Kids at the Boys and Girls Home You do make a difference.

I have enjoyed serving you as the District Chairperson for the Boys and Girls homes and look forward serving you again next year with the leadership of Governor Jimmy Lamm.

For the Love for Kids

Thank You

Gary Pender





## JUNIOR OPTIMIST OCTAGON INTERNATIONAL

# JOOI

### **As an optimist organization we**

are in need of retaining members and bringing in new members, in order for this great organization we are involved with, to continue its existence for future generations. One of the opportunities that we have to grow this organization and leave a legacy for future generations is to consider building J.O.O.I. Clubs in our schools and communities. Here in the N.C. East District we have witnessed that J.O.O.I. members become adult members...An example, Jennifer Timmons, Justin Timmons and Ashley Peele. These young optimists were members of J.O.O.I. Clubs in their schools and have held positions in our district. With all the schools and home schooled students in our communities we have a great opportunity to provide them with a great service organization to become a member, to get involved in their community, learn and or enhance their leadership skills, share ideas, meet and make new friends.

Having had the honor of serving on the International J.O.O.I. Committee this past year I had the opportunity to spend five days at the J.O.O.I. Convention in San Diego, CA, July 5th-9th-with over 150 J.O.O.I. kids from the United States, Canada and the Caribbean. These kids are amazing in their leadership skills, training skills and communication skills. They are so enthusiastic and motivated about being involved in their respective clubs through their community service projects. They are filled with thousands of ideas that they share and shared during the weekend with other J.O.O.I. members. During the

annual convention a Service Project is always planned for the group and this year over 150 kids and adults picked up trash and litter on Coronado Beach in Coronado, CA. This was trash left on the beach from the July 4th holiday visitors...I cannot begin to tell you many trash items that were collected and the number of trash bags that were filled... after the project was completed the optimist clubs in the surrounding area provided lunch with lots of hot dogs and hamburgers..then it was back to the motel for officer training, team building, fun-raising ideas, more activities and then a Luau by the pool with hula dancers, entertainers and good food....then for the final day it was more meetings, training and election of new J.O.O.I. Board Members (with lots of kids running for office and rendering great speeches)...then the President's Ball (kids were dressed in their best)...the theme for the night was based on the "OSCARS" ... The walk down the red carpet, cameras, interviewers, Oscar decorations, speeches and Oscars awarded to the J.O.O.I. Member of the Year, the J.O.O.I. Advisor of the Year and other individuals acknowledged with awards. WOW...to be young again....Believe me..this is a full convention...up at 7:00am and lights out at 10:00pm except for the ball. So what are you waiting for? Go out and form/build a J.O.O.I. Club. Give kids in your communities the opportunity to be involved as part of this organization. Let me know how I can help..it's easy.

Sandy Cyphers  
N.C. East District  
J.O.O.I. Chairman  
2013-2014 and 2014-  
2015 Optimist Inter-  
national J.O.O.I.  
Committee





# PERSONAL GROWTH AND INVOLVEMENT P.G.I.

CONGRATULATIONS !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Congratulations to Past Governors Lou Anna Hardee and Wayne Sidelinger who took my challenge and achieved several levels in P.G.I. Lou Anna achieved LEVEL 6 and Wayne achieved Levels 1, 2, 3 4, 5, and LEVEL 7. I am so proud of these two optimists in working towards their levels...this is a big accomplishment and you make me proud. Keep up the good work...now on to LEVEL 10!

WHERE OH WHERE CAN THE OTHER ONES BE...OH WHERE OR WHERE CAN THEY BE?

My question to each of you, "WHAT IS KEEPING YOU FROM COMPLETING THE NEXT LEVEL"?

Below you will find a list of N.C. East Optimists that attend district meetings and have achieved levels of P.G.I. and only need the little work to make the next level(s).

LEVEL 1: Carol Collier, Brenda Farmer, Barbara Hester, Angela Iwaniuk, Diane Johnson, Linda Shepherd, Linda Watson, Betsy Winborne, Yancey Hines, Barbara Durham, Jennifer Smith, Ken Dixon, Henry Edmondson, Ray Goodwin, Brenda Goodwin, David Hodges, Thomas Peele, Curtis Todd, Errol Warren Jr., Trish Verne, Bob Chandler

LEVEL 2: Jennifer Timmons, Celia Wise, Curtis Hardee, Jr., Charles Ross, Ellen Ross, Thomas McCutcheon, Joyce Leake, William Leake, Curtis Pearson

LEVEL 3: Jimmy Mathews

LEVEL 4: Tom Lamont, Donna Lamont

LEVEL 5: Ann Edgerton, Mary Jo Young, Bob Verne

L LEVEL 6: Robin Bass, Kathy Brennan, Gary Pender, Louwanna Pender, Jackie Young, Judy Harritan, Doug Lamm, Lou Anna Hardee

LEVEL 7: Wayne Sidelinger, Janis Edgerton

LEVEL 8: NO ACHIEVEMENT

LEVEL 9: BILLY EDGERTON.....What's Keeping You From Achieving LEVEL 10?...YOU CAN DO IT!

REMEMBER MY INCENTIVE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Any optimist member that achieves a level of P.G.I. by September 30th will have their name placed in a drawing for \$100.00. Each level that a member has achieved since October 1, 2013 an additional chance will be placed in the drawing. This is an opportunity for each of you to possibly win \$100.00 for growing and being involved as an optimist in your club(s). Also the club that has the most member(s) participation and completing levels from October 1, 2013 thru September 30, 2014 will receive \$100.00. (if there is a tie a drawing will be done to select the winner).

Please let me know how I can help your club get involved or for you to achieve your next level.

Sandy Cyphers

District

P.G.I. Chairman



## NC East members receive Builder of Excellence award



Optimist International President Ron Huxley, left , presents Wayne Sidelinger, Wilson Evening Optimist with BOE award



Optimist International President Ron Huxley , left, presents Sandy Cyphers, Winter Park Optimist with BOE award



District Get together Dinner at OI Convention, Caesars Palace, Las Vegas. From left Donna Lamont, Tom Lamont, Sandy Cyphers, Errol Warren, Melissa Skinner, Carey Foster, Ellen Foster, Sam Fayed , Joyce Leake and Russell Leake. Not in picture Wayne Sidelinger, behind camera.. Absent at the time were Jimmy and Janice Lamm and Angela and Will Iwaniuk



Banquet photos of North Carolina East Optimist at Presidents Banquet and Ball in Las Vegas, July 11, 2014



Melisa Skinner and Governor Errol Warren.



Janice and Jimmy Lamm



Angela and Will Iwaniuk



Donna and Tom Lamont, Sandy Cyphers



Billy and Jan Edgerton



Tom Lamont and Marilyn Monroe



Sandy Cyphers and Tony Curtis

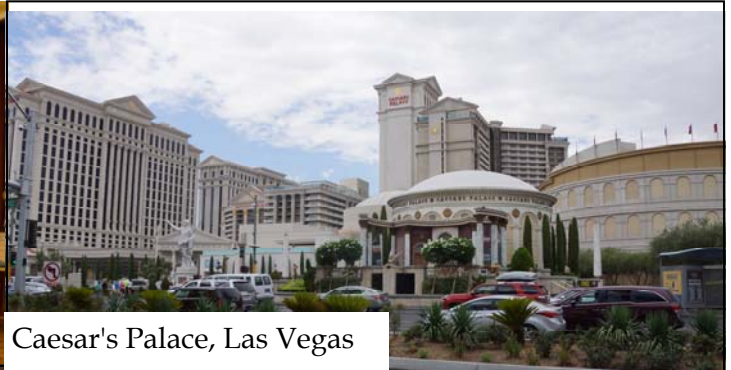


Ellen Foster, Roanoke Rapids, left, receiving award for winning lottery sponsored by Jamaica District for weekend trip to Mango Bay.





OI Convention at Caesar's Palace



Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas



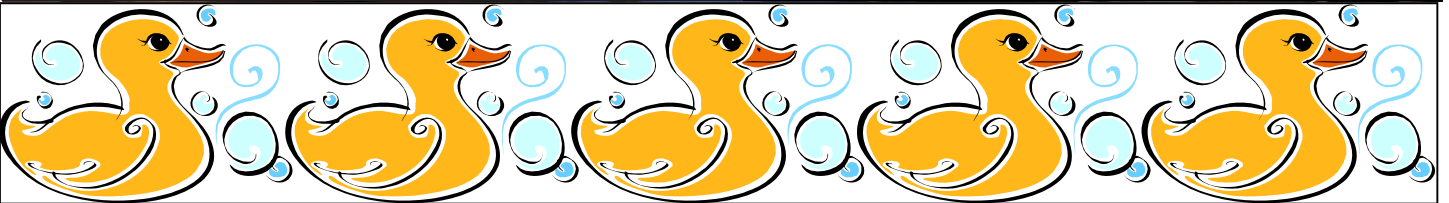
Hoover Dam



Power Generators in Hoover Dam



Shopping mall attached to Caesars Palace in Las Vegas





## 2nd Quarter 2013-2014 A&A Winners

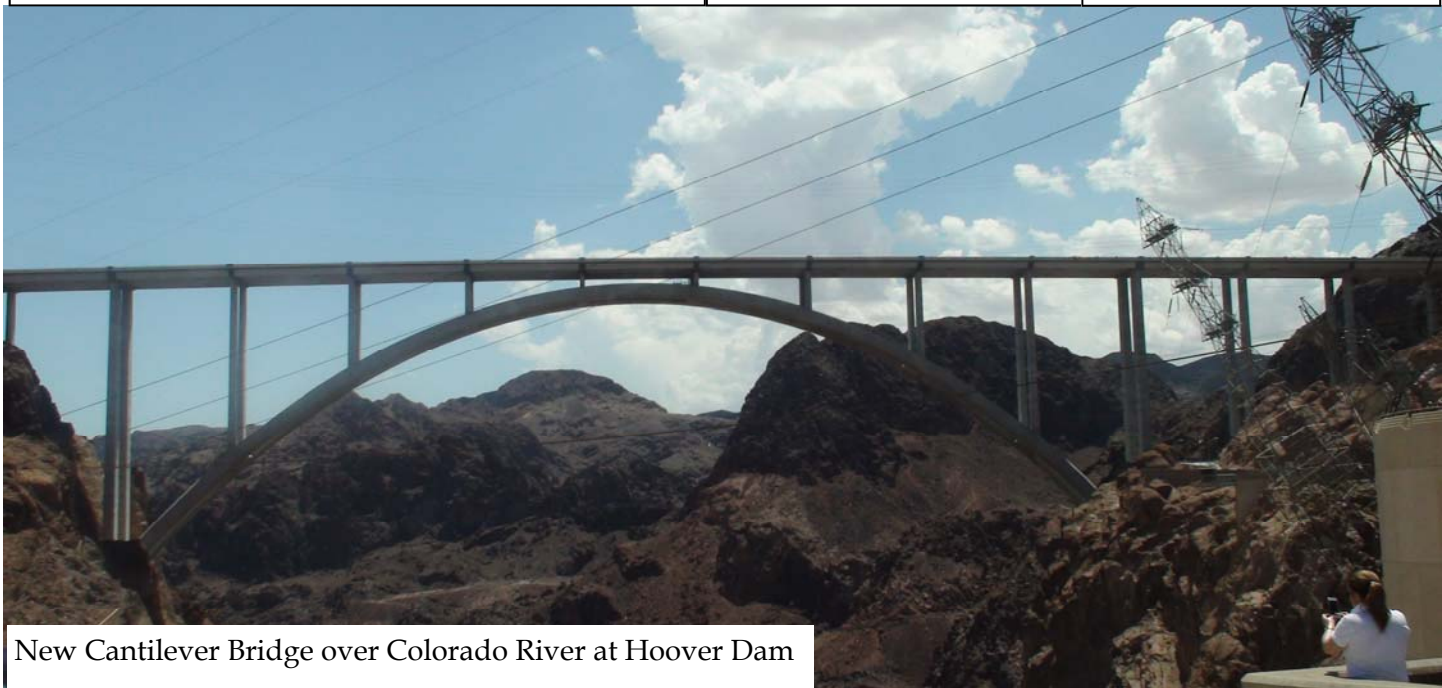
Club Winners for Zone	Top 6 Clubs in District
Zone 1. Cape Fear	No. 1 Chapel Hill
Zone 2. Whiteville	No. 2 Whiteville
Zone 3. Goldsboro	No. 3 South Johnston
Zone 4. Golden Circle	No. 4 Golden Circle
Zone 5. Henderson	No. 5 Goldsboro
Zone 6. Chapel Hill	No. 6 Wake Forest

Top Zones in District	Top Lt. Governors
No. 1 Zone 6	No. 1 David Bast, Zone 6
No. 2 Zone 3	No. 2, Louwanna Pender Zone 4
No. 3 Zone 5	No. 3, Jim Hart Zone 5
No. 4 Zone 2	
No. 5 Zone 4	
No. 6 Zone 1	



A&A Chair  
David Hodges



New Cantilever Bridge over Colorado River at Hoover Dam

# OI Foundation

<p><b>Milestones Achieved.</b></p> <p><b><u>Bronze Benefactor \$15,000</u></b></p> <p><b>Chapel Hill</b></p>	<p><b><u>Honored Benefactor \$2,500</u></b></p> <p><b>Sandy Cyphers</b></p>
<p><b><u>Patch for \$365 donation plus. And print.</u></b></p> <p>Raleigh Dinner</p> <p>Goldsboro</p> <p>Henderson</p> <p>Rocky Mount Evening</p> <p>Whiteville</p> <p><b><u>Dime a day members:</u></b></p> <p>David Bast</p> <p>Kevin Newsome</p> <p>Bennie &amp; Robin Bass</p> <p>Jerry &amp; Libbie Medlin</p> <p>Yancey Hines</p>	<p>Ralph Pickett</p> <p>Dan &amp; Barbara Durham</p> <p>Edward Taylor</p> <p>David Hodges</p> <p>Henry Edmondson</p> <p>Kelly Tyndall</p> <p>Norman Davis</p> <p>Vivian Davis</p> <p>David Heath</p> <p>Don and Judy Harritan</p> <p>Bobby Hensley</p> <p>Mark Harritan</p> <p>Wayne Sidelinger</p> <p>Al Ludlum</p>
<p><b><u>Collector plates shipped directly to the following donors:</u></b></p> <p>Jerry &amp; Libbie Medlin</p>	<p>Ralph Pickett</p> <p>Wayne Sidelinger</p> <p>Sandy Cyphers</p>
<p>Our district is considerably behind where we normally are at this time of the year with our Foundation donations. Through July 31st we have donated \$8,415.50 (27th place) and our goal for the year is \$22,000. I know many of you are waiting for the convention to make your donation or either to add to what you have already donated. Please dig deep and</p>	<p>let's see if we can get back into the top ten where we usually are. Bring your club and personal donations to the convention. The Foundation's motto is "Helping Optimist Help Kids". They can't do it unless we do our part. I look forward to seeing you at the convention.</p> <p>THANKS, BILL EDGERTON</p>





# optimist international foundations



OIF Print, South Johnson, David Bast j



OIF Print, Goldsboro, Gary Pender



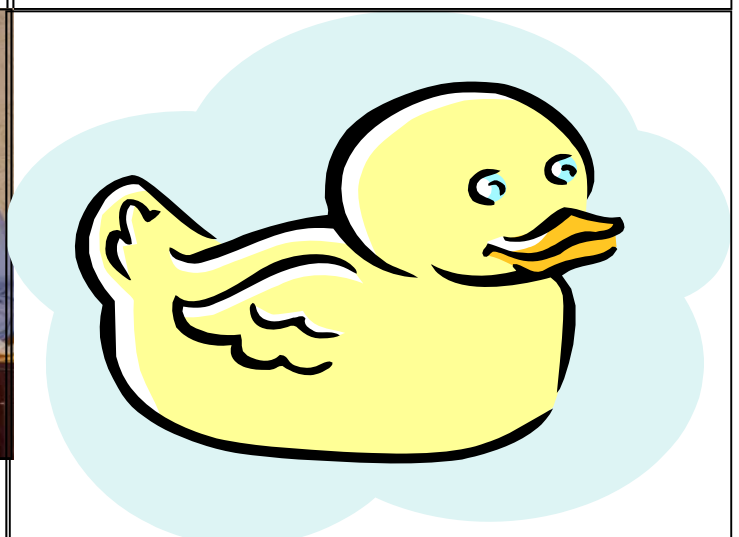
OIF Print, Henderson, John Pecora



OIF Print, Rocky Mount Evening, Ray Goodwin



OIF Print , Whiteville, Don Harritan



## Hello from Junior Golf !

We had 33 golfers that played in our one day event on June 14, 2014 at Wedgewood Public Golf course in Wilson, NC. I want to thank Tommy Davis & his staff at Wedgewood for their help in making this year a success. FYI Tommy Davis is a member of Wilson Breakfast club.

Ryan Chatt our winner in last year's tournament in the Boys 16-18 flight had a Hole-in-One on hole # 10 163 yards.

Here are our winners in each flight:

Boys 10-11: Clay Clinard from Clinton, NC

Boys 14-15: Brian Chen from Cary, NC

Boys 16-18: Patrick Stephenson from Four Oaks, NC

Girls 15-18: Catherine Ashworth from Fuquay-Varina, NC

We did not have any players in Boys 12-13, Girls 10-11 & Girls 12-14 flights.

Brian Chen, Patrick Stephenson & Catherine Ashworth all went to PGA National in West Palm Beach Fla. to play in the OIJGC national event, here is how they scored.

Brian Chen finished Tied for 11th place, out of a field of 92 players. The leader for the Boys 14-15 finished with a -11.

**His 3 day total is 218 = 70 + 78 + 70. (Finished with a +2) Brian Chen had a Hole-in-One on the Palmer course hole # 13 during his second round.**

**Patrick Stephenson finished Tied for 4th place, out of a field of 139 players. The leader for the Boys 16-18 finished with a -12.**



**His 4 day total is 288=72+72+71+73 (Finished Even). Great Finish!**

**Catherine Ashworth finished 12th place, out of a field of 82 players. The leader for the Girls 15-18 finished with a +9.**

**Her 4 day total is 306=74+77+80+75 (Finished with a +18).**

**A great tournament for both all of our players !!!!**

**I want to thank the NC East district for letting me chair the district OIJGC for the last four years, I have enjoyed it and I have had great help at our events. I turn the torch over to David Hodges for the 2015 season.**

**Allan Ludlum**



Tommy & Voloria Peele, David Hodges, Angela Iwaniuk & Ken Dixon  
Refreshment Carts & Rule Committee & Photograph Staff





First Place Girls 14-18, Catherine Ashworth



First Place Boys 16-18 Patrick Stephenson



Starter Carlton Baird - Raleigh Dinner Optimist



Micki & Zone 6 Lt Gov David Bast



Brian Chen left, with family after sinking a hole in one.



Jean & Past Gov Jerry Medlin



# Childhood Cancer Campaign

**Congratulations** to the students and staff of the three Rolesville schools that made forty therapy dolls for the children at the UNC Hospital Pediatric Hematology/Oncology clinic. Each doll has a hand written get well message written by a third grade student. Many thanks to Barbara Timmons and the Rolesville teachers for making this project such a success. For an encore, the schools plan to make dolls for the children at the Duke Pediatric Hematology/Oncology center this year. There are also plans underway to share this project with students in the Huston, TX schools. The best part of this project is kids helping kids.



The Chapel Hill Club held a watermelon party at Camp Kaleidoscope on the last day of camp for the youngest group of campers. Seed spitting contests were enjoyed by campers and their counselors. Prizes were handed out to all participants for accuracy and distance. The campers and staff also enjoyed a demonstration of woodturning by the Chapel Hill Woodturners Club. Finger tops were handed out to the campers to color and take home.

The Chapel Hill Club provided dinner for Ronald McDonald House. Dessert was cupcakes that the residents decorated themselves. Decorating ideas and supplies were provided by the clubs' newest member.

Upcoming events include the Childhood Cancer Duck Race at the convention in Myrtle Beach. The

race will benefit the Pediatric Cancer research project at Johns Hopkins Medical Center. Come join the fun and cheer for the ducks. The race will take place at the Sands Hotel Lazy River at 4pm on Saturday. Tickets will be on sale prior to the race. Prize money will be handed out at the evening banquet. You do not have to be present to win, but you will miss the fun.

The North Raleigh Club will have a booth for a Kisses for Childhood Cancer fund-raiser at the Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club Show on November 8th and 9th at the state fairgrounds in Raleigh. Help is needed to staff the booth and hand out Kisses.

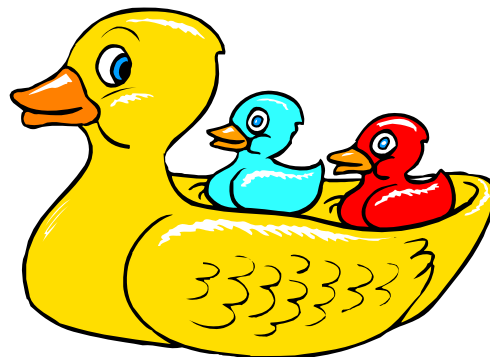
This is a very large exhibit and will be fun to attend.

Contact Gene Dodd or myself to let us know

if you can help out for a couple of hours. Gene can be reached at 919-815-2321 or at eedesq@aol.com

Thanks for all your help this year. The children, families and medical staff appreciate all that you do to help the kids and find a cure for Childhood Cancer.

Trish Verne,  
Childhood Cancer Campaign Chairman.





# NORTH CAROLINA EAST DISTRICT - OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

Third Quarter Board of Directors Meeting.

Hampton Inn & Suites ~ Wilson, N.C.

Saturday, May 17, 2014

The following members of the Board of Directors were present:

Errol Warren	Governor
James Lamm	Governor-Elect
Allan Ludlum	District Secretary-Treasurer
Jerry Medlin	Immediate Past Governor
Bennie Bass	Lt. Governor Zone 1 - Cape Fear
Judy Harritan	Lt. Governor Zone 2 - Whiteville
Louwanna Pender	Lt. Governor Zone 3 - Goldsboro
Carol Collier	Lt. Governor Zone 4 - Wilson Golden Circle
Jim Hart	Lt. Governor Zone 5 - Rocky Mt Breakfast
Dave Bast	Lt. Governor Zone 6 - South Johnston

Clubs Represented:

Cape Fear,	Chapel Hill,
Elm City	Golden Circle,

Goldsboro, Greenville,  
Henderson, Northern Wake,  
Raleigh, Roanoke Rapids,  
Rocky Mt Breakfast, Rocky Mt Evening,  
South Johnston, Wake Forest,  
Whiteville, Wilmington  
Wilson Evening.

Governor Errol Warren called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag & the invocation were given.

Governor Errol Warren recognized first time attendees and Past.

Minuets for the 2nd Quarter meeting were given by Allan Ludlum. Motion to accept was made by Louwanna Pender of Goldsboro - Seconded by Linda Watson of Wilson Golden Circle  
Approved.

2nd Quarter Financial report, given by Allan Ludlum. Motion to accept was made by Tommy Peele of Rocky Mt Evening - Seconded by Billy Edgerton of Goldsboro - Approved.

At 8:50 chairperson reports started. Don Harritan, Oratorical chairperson gave instructions to the membership & guest about the Oratorical contest for later today.

2013-14 OI Foundation information & Roll Call was given by Bill Edgerton. Awards were handed out, 5 OI Prints & several Dime-a-day pins.

CCDHH update & information was given by Bill

Edgerton. Winner was announced.

Childhood Cancer Campaign & Roll Call information, given by Trish Verne. Trish thanked the clubs that were helping put together the Cancer Dolls. More articles are in the OI magazine about CCC. Louwanna Pender gave an update and thanked all the clubs and people that have helped support Skyler in her battle with cancer. Trish said we will have another Duck Race at the 4th qtr district convention. Mile of Hope was this past weekend, May 10th. 25 families attended. Trish said we still needed the Pop-Top tabs.

Boys and Girls Homes report & Roll Call, given by Gary Pender & Ray Cockrell. Century Club pins were awarded & a Walt Armentrout Fellowship award was also given. Wayne Sidelinger was awarded his 7th Century Club pin for a total donation of \$700.00. Ray Cockrell spoke on the cottage being on Spring Break Week. Optimist clubs need to focus on "Making A Difference" with the B&G Home children and the cottage.

2013-14 Membership chairperson Barbara Timmons awarded more incentive thermo cups for adding new members. 3 clubs lost in zone 1, 141 member's loss effects 4230 children in that zone. Club need to have NOW programs to help reduce the loss of membership in the district. Clubs need to conduct an EXIT interview when members decide to leave the club to find out why they are leaving! Get NEW members involved in the clubs actives. Share your Optimism with others - Club brochures, Club Apparel, and do your "Elevator Speech" when you can. Don Harritan's business card was drawn & he won a Blue Ribbon, with "Proud To Be An Optimist" inside the ribbon.

Barbara Timmons also talked about New Club Build-

ing. New club in Zone 6 "Optimist Club of Orange County" BOE's are Bob and Trish Verne.

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

Junior Golf report, given by Allan Ludlum, June 14, 2014 is the date set at this time, location has been set, and Wedgewood Gold course in Wilson will be our location. Allan be will working with Tommy Davis of Wilson Breakfast Optimist & he is also the local golf Pro at the course to complete the details. Need Golfers, hole sponsors and volunteers to help.

2014 NC East Convention information was given by Lou Anna Hardee; dates are September 11 - 14 at the Sand Resort in Myrtle Beach. Information will be on the web site ASAP. Also two ways to complete the registration this year - #1 complete a written form & mail in or #2 complete the ONLINE registration form for each person & mail in your check. She reminded all Lt Governors & clubs to go ahead & work on their assignments for the convention.

Break was taken at 10:00 until 11:30 for Oratorical contest. At 11:35 chairperson reports restarted.

David Hodges A&A chairperson handed out the awards for 2nd quarter.

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

At this time the clubs broke out in to their zone to elect Lt Governors for their zones.

Zone 1, 2 and 3 did not elect any one at this time.

Zone 4 - Rickie Wester,

Zone 5 - Jim Hart,



Zone 6 - Dave Bast. J

James Lamm Governor Elect announced that Angela Iwaniuk will be the District Sec / Treas for 2014-15. James's theme will be a Sports theme. Coach Lamm will focus on the 3 D's - Desire, Determination & Dedication.

Governor Errol Warren gave closing remarks and reminded all of the club presidents to Vote on line for OI President Elect, Board Members & Vice Presidents for 2015-16.

At this time Errol Warren thanked the Wilson Golden Circle club 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.

Meeting closed with the Optimist Creed by membership.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Allan Ludlum  
District Secretary-Treasurer

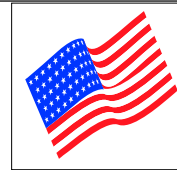


Optimist International Convention in 2015 will be in New Orleans, July 9-11, Shown above the excursion paddle wheeler Natchez featuring dinner and live Dixie Land band.



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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.

### Al Ludlum, **Web Master**

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