

North Carolina East Optimist News

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

SHARING OUR VISION: MOVING FORWARD

People believe that efforts can make a difference, and work with greater commitment, when they are guided by a vision. You may have heard the saying, "in order to achieve your goals, you sometimes have to get out of your own way." There are reasons for maintaining beliefs or attitudes that keep us from sharing our OPTIMISM with others and achieving our goals. These beliefs have a "pay off and a cost." The payoff is the benefits we receive. The cost is the price we pay.

As we are entering the last four months of this Optimist year let's not look back but look forward. Our District has done quite well this year and I am proud of you for what we have accomplished.

Remember, most games are won in the second half, so let's put our best foot FORWARD and finish the year with a bang.

We are nearing the time of our fourth quarter District Convention in North Myrtle Beach. The convention committee has done an outstanding job in getting ready for the District Convention. District meeting dates are August 27,28,29 and will be held at the Beach Cove Resort in North Myrtle Beach, so make your reservations soon.

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We will have two special guests with us in North Myrtle Beach. Ken Garner, the International President, and his wife Patsy will be with us for the weekend. Ken will be conducting training sessions on Saturday. Ken and Patsy live in Dallas, Texas and they are an exciting couple to be around. Let's give them a great big Eastern North Carolina welcome when they arrive.

In closing, keep up the good work that you

all are doing for our youth because they are the "LIGHT OF THE FUTURE."

IF WE BELIEVE WE CAN DO IT,

THEN WE DO IT,

WE BELIEVE

Yours in optimism,

James Lamm, Governor, 2014-2015



Our soon to be OI Vice President, Barbara Timmons and NC East District Governor, Alan Ludlum



2nd Quarter Board meeting February 7, in Fellowship Hall, Boys & Girls Home, Lake Waccamaw.

New Club Building

NEW CLUB BUILDING

Oh Where, Oh Where Can They Be? Are they hiding? If so, they have certainly found a good hiding place from all of the N.C. East Optimists. Maybe if we worked together with a bigger and stronger team and group we could find their hiding place or places. I'm willing to give it a try....who of you are willing to give it a try with me or other optimists in the district? There is no telling what this district could do or achieve in the area of building new clubs if we put our ideas, energy, interest and desire to get the job done within one group. The world as we have been taught was created in seven (7) days. A new club in a community with hard work, dedication and determination could possibly be built in that time. However the important thing is that we look at where a community is in need of an Optimist Club. Could it be in Robeson, Cumberland, Dare, Edgecombe, Pender, Brunswick, Franklin, Warren, Onslow, Jones, Craven, Lenoir, Greene, North Hampton, Bertie, Gates, Hertford, Sampson, Hoke, Granville, Martin, Chowan, Camden, Currituck, Pasquotank

and Harnett. Twenty six counties in Eastern North Carolina with some I may have neglected to list that do not share in the experience of belonging to the optimist organization we love. Kids in communities that do not know or have never heard the name optimists. We owe it to ourselves and them to work together to MAKE IT HAPPEN! Work with Governor Jimmy, with me, work with Lt. Governors and other members and leaders in the district. This district can do it....yes we build and some we lose..that is such as in life...babies are born and people die....but we have to continue the mission of sharing and growing this organization for future generations...We need to leave a legacy of "Being A Friend To Youth" in every community.

Sandy Cypher,



Sandy Cyphers, center, New Club Building Chair, spends time at the business meeting encouraging Lt. Governors to get involved in building a club. From left, Lt. Gov. Zone 4, Rickie Wester; Lt. Gov. Zone 3, Gary Pender; Lt. Gov. Jim Hart, Zone 5 and Lt. Gov. Zone 1, Tom Lamont. The chart lists potential locations.



Wilmington Club honoring B & G Home Walt Armature Award to member Bill Taylor. Front Row, Jerrine Taylor, & Bill Taylor; Back Row from left, Sandy Cyphers, Auston Pusey & Al Ludlum.

Bill Taylor, charter member of the Wilmington Optimist Club, receiving Walt Armature Award from Boys & Girls Home representative, Ray Cockrell.



Ray Cockrell, B&G

Current honorees of the Walt Armature Award: From left, Ray Cockrell, B&G Home Representative, Carey Foster, Roanoke Rapids, Dan Durham, Roanoke Rapids; Billy Edgerton, Goldsboro; Auston Pusey, Cape Fear; Gary Pender, Goldsboro; Tom Lamont, Winter Park.



Gary Pender, B&G Chair

Boys & Girls Home Awards for 2013-2014

Top 3 Clubs in Giving



Gary Pender, District chair presents award to Ra-
leigh Optimist Club, Barbara Timmons, Zone 6,
receiving award, for top donation of \$2480.



Lake Waccamaw as viewed from the entrance to the fel-
lowship hall.



Second place award to Laurinburg Optimist Club
rep, Judy Harritan, for donation of \$2050.



Lake Waccamaw Boys & Girls Home chapel with fellow-
ship hall on bottom floor.



Third place in giving for 2013-2014, Rocky Mount
Optimist Club, rep Errol Warren.

District Oratorical Contest

NC East District Oratorical contest will be held in
Wilson on Saturday, May 23rd, at Hardy Alumni
Hall, Barton College, Wil-
son. Contest will start at
10:30 am. Winners will be
announced at luncheon.

Yancey Hines, Chair



Club News Letter Awards 2013-2014

1st Place

Golden Circle, Angela Iwaniuk, Editor.

2nd Place

Goldsboro, Charlie Wood, Editor

3rd Place

Northern Wake, Barbara Timmons, Editor

Clubs Publishing a News Letter, Web Page or Face Book.

Cape Fear, Bennie Bass, Editor

Chapel Hill, Phyllis Stout, Editor

Chowan-Edenton

East Wake

Elizabethtown

Elm city, Linda Shepherd, Editor

Garner

- Golden Circle, Angela Iwaniuk, Editor

Goldsboro, Charlie Wood, Editor

Greenville, Lou Anna Hardee, Editor

Henderson, Cindy Harris, Editor

Northern Wake, Barbara Timmons, Editor

North Raleigh, Tom McCutcheon, Editor

Raleigh, Carlyle Teague, Gary Turner, Editor

Roanoke Rapid, Carey Foster, Editor

Rocky Mount Evening, Tommy Peele, Editor

Roxboro

Southern Wake, Kim Brown, Editor

South Johnston, Jerry Medlin, Editor

Tarboro

Washington

Wake Forest, Dawn Nakash, Editor

Whiteville, Don Harritan, Editor

Wilmington, Jerrine Taylor, Editor

Winter Park

Note: Editors shown if club has news letter.

Bringing Out the Best Banner Patch 2013-2014

Garner

Roanoke Rapids

Golden Circle

Whiteville

Northern Wake

Greenville

South Johnston

Henderson

Las Vegas Convention Attendees 2014:

Sandy Cyphers, Carey Foster, Ellen Foster, Jimmy Lamm, Janice Lamm, Tom Lamont, Donna

Lamont, Joyce Leake, Russell Leake, Wayne Sidelinger, Sam Fayed, Errol Warren, Melissa Skinner.

Governor Errol Warren Presenting Honor Club Certificates for 2013-2014



Greenville, President, Curtis Hardee.



Northern Wake, President Jennifer Timmons; Receiving award, Ronnie McLamb.



Golden Circle, President Brenda Farmer.



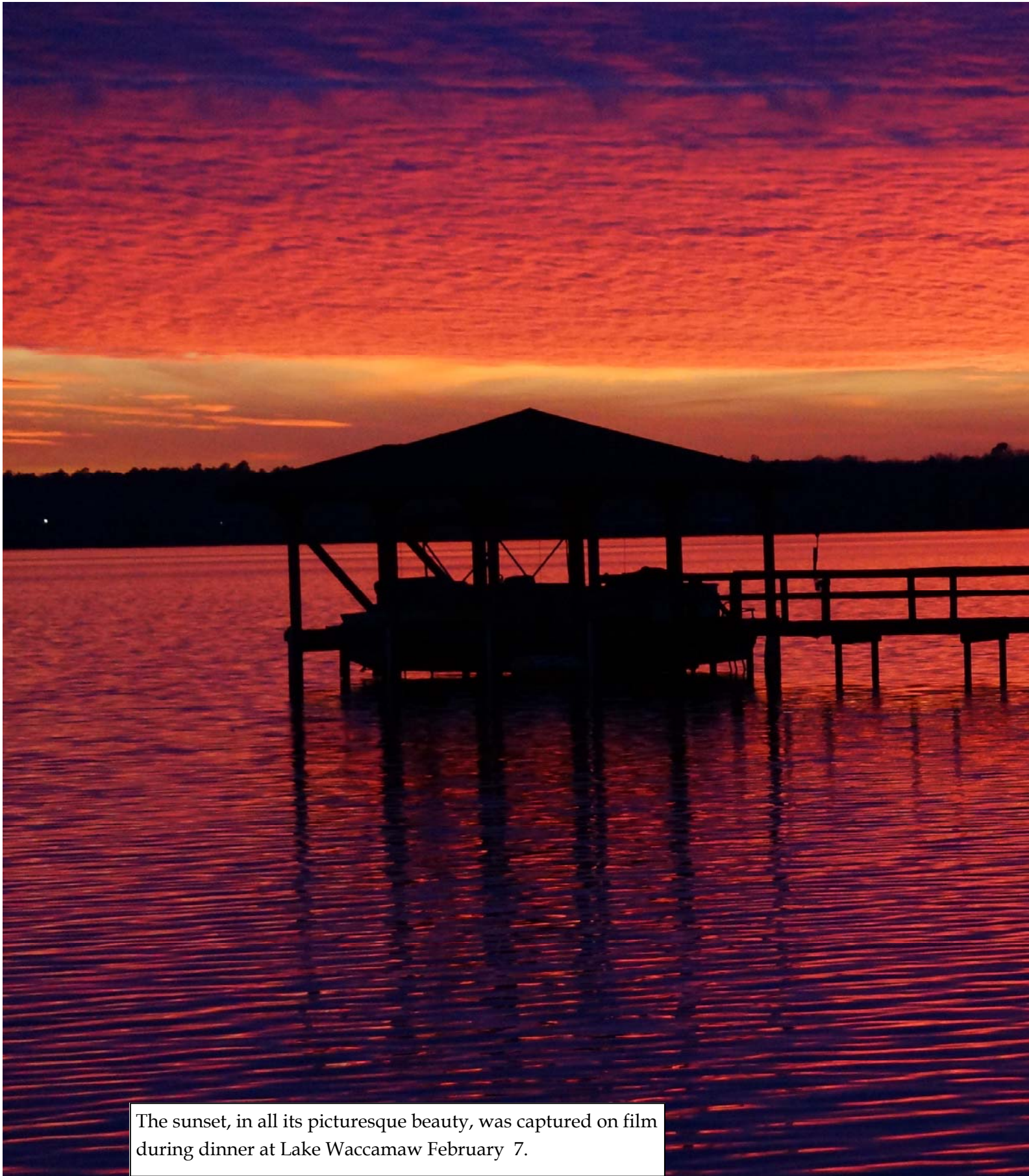
South Johnston, President, Pam Holland. Receiving award, Jerry Medlin.



Henderson, President John Pecora.



David Bast ,Distinguished Lt. Governor for 2013-2014. and Ellen Bast



The sunset, in all its picturesque beauty, was captured on film during dinner at Lake Waccamaw February 7.





Hitchhikers First Robotics Team, project of Raleigh Optimist.



Wake Forest has new road sign.

From Whiteville: Welcome to Darren and Shelly Currie as the newest members of the Whiteville Optimist Club. Darren is the Whiteville City Manager and has extensive knowledge of youth programs.

They have a child in our baseball program. Both are currently supporting baseball, Darren on the inside of the fence and Shelly on the outside. We are excited to have them as part of optimism.

From Raleigh Dinner: The club voted to sponsor a

family for the "Mile Of Hope" Childhood Cancer.

From Raleigh Bulletin: Optimist Road roadside cleanup was held as scheduled for Saturday, April 11. There were 8 Optimists present and 13 members of the Hitchhikers Club as well. The group collected 13 bags of trash and 8 bags of recyclable material.

More importantly, 25 Krispy Crème donuts were consumed. Optimists present were Carlyle Teague, Dave Fritz, Stan Pickett, Earl Miller, Kevin Heiderman, Ashleigh Lucas (and Margaret), Bob Hassebrock and Dayne Brown.

From Wake Forest: Saturday, June 6, is the actual yard sale at The Forks Cafeteria parking lot, 339 Brooks Street, Downtown Wake Forest from 8am to 1pm. We will need the yard sale items at The Forks before 7am. We also need your help in unpacking, selling, collecting money, packing up. I have Help-

ing Hands Missions coming at 1pm to pick up whatever we have left. We have a few vendors who will be giving our club a portion of proceeds from any bookings or sales they receive from our sale - Thirty One Gifts, Pampered Chef and Usborne Books.

From North Raleigh: The club agreed to donate the monies we raised from our Kisses for Cancer project to three organizations, each to receive \$600. The or-

ganizations are the UNC Pediatric Oncology Department, the ECU Camp Rainbow, and the Duke Kaleidoscope Camp.

From Elm City Optimist: We've been choosing a student of the month at Elm City Middle School, we've collected cards and goodies for a young man (6) near Fayetteville who unexpectedly lost his father ("Letters for Wyatt"), we've held a raffle for a Hershey kisses type of necklace for Mother's Day, we sat outside the Food Lion on Hwy 97 on last Saturday and gave away Hershey kisses in exchange for donations towards the fight against childhood cancer. We

also collaborated with the Golden Circle Optimists on a spaghetti plate sale. We welcomed a new FOO member, Elm City Furniture, we judged a livestock show at the fairgrounds (and won!), and we put up new EC Optimist Club signs at the entrances to town. We're planning another Bunko night in June. We're planning another Bunko night in June and possibly a 5K walk/run in October. Whew!

NCEast District Convention, August 27-30, 2015

Beach Cove Resort, North Myrtle Beach, SC

The North Carolina East Convention location has been changed. Originally planned to be held at the Landmark Hotel in Myrtle Beach it has since been moved to North Myrtle Beach at the Beach Cove Resort. New Dates will be Aug 27 – 30. Reservation



and registration information should be available by June 30. All updates will be on line at nceast-optimist.org.

Questions about security at the Landmark facility prompted changing venue.

All suites, regardless of number of bedrooms, have complete kitchen facilities with a choice of king bed or 2 queen beds. Take note of the historic tv's.

Total room cost will be up a little from last year but every room has ocean view in one of two towers.

Plans are progressing on the timetable and start with the Past Governors dutch dinner on Thursday night, August 27.

New this year, on Friday night ,reservations have been made at the Alabama Theater for one of their fabulous shows. Dinner Friday night will be at the hotel and 7:30 will proceed to the theater.

The total cost for theater ticket is \$29.00 per person. Price was negotiated down from their standard \$49.00 rate. Ticket payment has to be made up front by the convention committee so make your reservations early this year.

Training will be both Friday and Saturday with the business meeting Saturday morning..

Governor's banquet and ball is Saturday night starting with reception at 6:30.

OI President Ken Garner and Patsy, will be the OI Representative this year

Doug Lamm

Convention Chair.



OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

July 9-11, 2015

There's a song "Walking to New Orleans". Although you would never find me nor neither would I attempt to walk such a distance to N' Awlins, but I definitely will be there with excitement and enthusiasm as optimists across the United States, Canada and the Caribbean come together to celebrate the 97th Annual Optimist Convention. I'm sure to be wearing my jewelry of purple and gold beads, sharing time with the JOOI Board and let me think who else...Y. O. U. Yes YOU the members of the N.C. East Optimists. I hope many of you are making plans to have fun, fellowship, food, entertainment, fun, fellowship, food, entertainment and oh yes... I forgot to mention training with fellow optimists and friends at the 97th Annual Optimist Convention. This is definitely a time for fellowship with friends, to make new friends and a time of celebration for last



year's successes and achievements as well as a time to prepare and learn new ideas and information to take back to our clubs and the district. We will share in the presentation of Governor Designate, Al



New Orleans Louisiana



Ludlum and Vice President Elect, Barbara Timmons, as well as the new optimist international president and two new board members. So don't procrastinate! Join in with the other thousand of optimists in "Bringing Out The Best" in N'Awlins. Make your reservations and submit your registration.

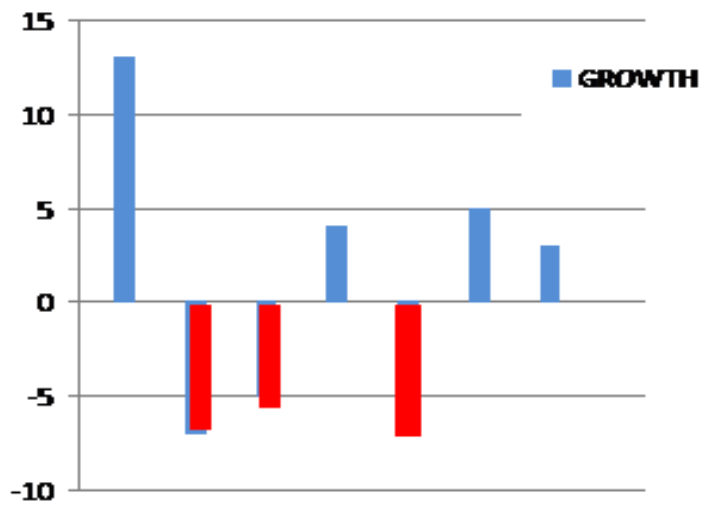
You'll be glad you did.

Sandy Cyphers
N.C. East District O.I. Ambassador



CLUB NAME	10% GOAL	2nd QTR
WILMINGTON-CAPE FEAR,	08.2	15
WILMINGTON-SUPPER, NC	02.0	0
WILMINGTON, NC	01.6	-2
WINTER PARK, NC	06.7	0
Total for Zone 1	18.5	13
DUPLIN, NC	03.1	-2
ELIZABETHTOWN, NC	03.4	0
LAURINBURG, NC	07.1	-5
WHITEVILLE, NC	03.8	0
GREATER SPRING LAKE, NC	01.6	0
Total for Zone 2	19.0	-7
GOLDSBORO, NC	04.4	4
GREENVILLE, NC	02.1	-1
WASHINGTON, NC	03.5	-2
CARTERET, NC	01.7	-6
Total for Zone 3	11.7	-5
WILSON-BFT, NC	02.9	0
CHOWAN-EDENTON, NC	01.9	0
WILSON-GOLDEN CIRCLE, NC	03.6	3
TARBORO, NC	00.1	0
WILSON, NC	02.4	0
BENNETT-WILSON, NC	02.4	0
ELM CITY, NC	02.1	1
Total for Zone 4	15.4	4
ROCKY MOUNT-BFT, NC	01.0	-1
HENDERSON, NC	04.9	0
ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC	03.4	0
ROCKY MOUNT-EVENING,	03.7	-6
ROXBORO, NC	02.1	0
Total For Zone 5	15.1	-7
WAKE FOREST, NC	01.9	7
NORTHERN WAKE, NC	02.1	-1
SOUTH JOHNSTON, NC	04.5	-5
RALEIGH-DINNER, NC	01.3	-1
GARNER, NC	05.2	5
RALEIGH-NORTH, NC	01.0	0
RALEIGH, NC	05.4	1
SOUTHERN WAKE, NC	00.8	1
CHAPEL HILL, NC	01.2	3
ORANGE COUNTY, NC	02.5	-5
Total for Zone 6	25.9	5
Total For District	106.0	3

NEW MEMBERS IN SECOND QUARTER NC EAST DISTRICT OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL



Zone 1 2 3 4 5 6 7(District)

In the first quarter - we had two Zones with a positive net growth - Zone One and Zone Four.

For the second quarter we have an additional Zone with net growth and that is Zone Six.

We now have a total of four clubs who have reached or surpassed their goal of 10% growth - :

Wilmington - Cape Fear - Plus 15 members

Wake Forest - Plus 7 members

Southern Wake - Plus 1 member

Chapel Hill - Plus 3 members

Four clubs are very close to reaching their 10% growth goal - Goldsboro, Wilson - Golden Circle, Elm City and Garner.

We would like to see all clubs reach our goal of 10% growth. This will help your clubs remain healthy and active for years to come - Let's all bring new members into our organization and consider the OI incentive of bringing six FOO members in for only \$300 total. This could be a gift to honor community and business leaders. Give the gift of OPTIMISM!

Brenda Farmer

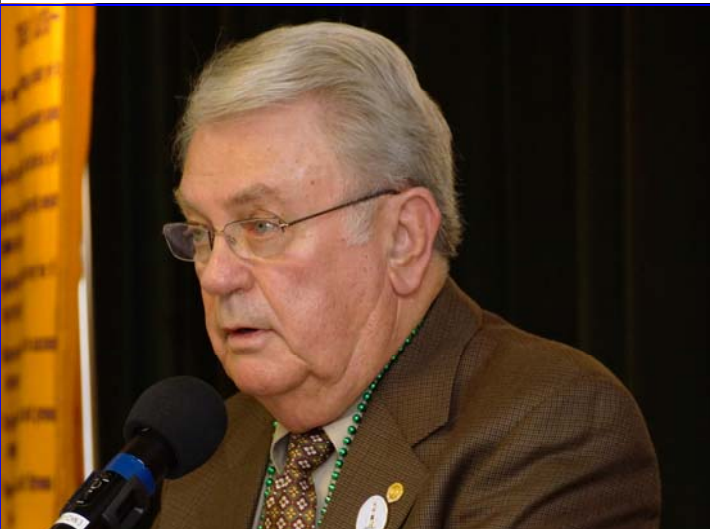
Membership Chair 2014-2015



Community Impact Bundle

Optimists are known for bringing out the best in children, the best in their communities and the best in themselves. Now, YOUR CLUB can celebrate the individuals in your community who help your Club be the best that it can be!

Available for a limited time only, the **COMMUNITY IMPACT BUNDLE** is a way for your Club to honor and recognize the difference-makers in your community who share the same values as your Club. For only \$300, this bundled package includes six (6) Friend Memberships. Use these Friend Memberships for your Club to:



Lawson Headley, Optimist International Vice President, Mid-Atlantic Region, was visiting OI Rep for 2nd Quarter Board meeting. Lawson is from Capital-Virginia District and Richmond West Central and Hanover Optimist Clubs.

HONOR your town's mayor

RECOGNIZE outstanding teachers and educators

THANK law enforcement personnel

CELEBRATE your Club's guest speakers

APPRECIATE youth coaches

REWARD your Club's partners and supporters

For more information, download the:

Community Impact Bundle Flyer

Community Impact Bundle Activation Form

Rules & Regulations

Bundles must be purchased by September 30, 2015. Each Friend must then be activated by December 31, 2015. Clubs will not be refunded or credited for any Friends that are not activated by 12/31/15.

Friends count toward membership in the Optimist year in which they are activated.



Brenda Farmer

Clubs will not receive any reimbursement for Friends in the Community Impact Bundle.

Once activated, the Friend Membership is valid for one calendar year from the date it was activated.

If a Friend decides to renew after one year, it will cost the regular \$100, and the Club will receive \$40.

Brenda Farmer

David Hodges, District Junior Golf chairman, announced the first part of the tournament was held in Wilson at Wedgwood Country Club on May 16. No report at this time on number of contestants or names of winners. Next phase is on May 30 in Chapel Hill.

A&A Club Winners 1st Quarter 2014-2015



Top from left: No. 1, Cape Fear, Auston Pusey; No. 2, Garner, Jerry Medlin; No. 3, Roanoke Rapids, Sam Fayed; No. 4, Goldsboro, Gary Pender; No. 5, Golden Circle, Brenda Farmer. Bottom Row from left: No. 6, Northern Wake, Barbara Timmons; No. 7, Raleigh, Dayne Brown; No. 8, Wake Forest, Ronnie McLamb; No. 9, South Johnston, Jerry Medlin; No. 10, Raleigh Dinner, Trish Verne.

A&A Zone Winners 1st Quarter 2014-2015



From Left. Zone 1, Cape Fear, Auston Pusey; Zone 2, Whiteville, Bobby Hensley, Zone 3, Goldsboro, Gary Pender; Zone 4, Golden Circle, Brenda Farmer; Zone 5, Roanoke Rapids, Sam Fayed; Zone 6, Garner, Jerry Medlin.

Lt. Gov. Winners 1st Quarter 2014-2015



No. 1, Lt. Gov. Dave Bast, Zone 6, Standing in Jerry Medlin); No. 2, Zone 3, Lt. Gov. Gary Pender; No. 3, Zone 5, Lt. Gov. Jim Hart.

that your club is doing with the rest of the district. The reporting forms are on the NCEast Optimist web site. East Optimist web site is updated during the first month of each quarter. The forms are available in three different formats. Each quarter the top ten clubs, top club in each quarter are awarded with a certificate. Each club that sends in a report will receive a participation certificate if the club was not listed in the top ten. I also send an e-mail with the reporting forms to each club and I mail the reports to each



Good afternoon optimist members. Thank you for participation in the A& A program for the 1st two quarters. The program is a good way to share the programs and activities

club if your officers do not have e-mail. Let me know if you have an e-mail address available for your club. I look forward to awarding your club during the May meeting in Wilson.

Dan Durham, District
A&A Chair

District Essay Contest

“OPTIMISM SHOULD BE A PRIORITY”

A big Thanks to each of the clubs in the district that conducted and submitted essays for judging in their individual clubs and to the district. The fifteen essays received were outstanding and all contestants should be commended on their time, talents, writing skills and interest in participating. I ask each of you to motivate and excite these same participants that did not place or win to participate in 2016. I had the pleasure of reading all the wonderful essays and know personally how hard it was for the judges to finalize their decisions for the winner and runner-ups. It is my hope that the district will move forward in budgeting additional funds to acknowledge

and recognize more of the student’s achievements that participate in this Optimist Program on the District Level.

The 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place and 4th Place have been asked to attend. The winner will read their essay and receive a plaque and \$2500 scholarship. The runner ups will receive plaques.

Sandy Cyphers.

N.C. East District Essay
Chairman



JOOI News – NC East District



Join the most dynamic coalition of youth volunteers!

What does it take for your club to sponsor a JOOI club? The fees for starting are: a one-time enrollment fee of \$50, the application fee is \$60 and pro-rated monthly and the members fee of \$5. We are growing our NC East District JOOI clubs by the following clubs: Raleigh Lunch, Wake Forest, Elm City and Garner. These clubs are currently working on building JOOI clubs – Thank you all for reaching out to these children!

Do you want to learn how to build a JOOI club near you? I'll be glad to help – "Just Ask"!!!

Below are the benefits for your club:

JOOI has received approval from the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and is

on its National Advisory List of Contest and Activities. This puts JOOI on the same level as Student Council, Key Clubs and FFA! It can also fill the requirement for service hours that some schools have for graduation!

A benefit for YOUR club – this is a great resource for your club to partner with in YOUR projects! This is a great resource for scholarship contestants.

Currently we have five JOOI clubs in our district. This qualifies our district to have a JOOI District. It would benefit our District to have a JOOI District in many ways. I would ask that we come together to discuss this further. Their presence at our District Convention would be a huge benefit for both the JOOI members and our regular club members. The following clubs are

sponsoring the existing JOOI clubs: Goldsboro, Roanoke Rapids, Henderson, and Wake Forest. Also, the International JOOI Convention takes place in New Orleans July 6-8 – are your students registered?



This is the JOOI pin they will be selling at the International Convention this year. They are \$25 for adults and \$10 for JOOI Members.

Please place your order today – make your check out to: Optimist International Foundation and put JOOI Legacy Fund in the Memo section!

Thank you for your support!



Would you like to learn more? Our OI website has great information and there is a separate JOOI website: <http://www.junioroptimists.com>.

It's That Time Of The Year! Spring is here, school is recessing for the summer and in just a couple months the 2015 JOOI Convention is in New Orleans! Also, it's time to take a moment to consider those **special JOOI Members and JOOI Advisors** that made a difference in the organization. It's time to submit those special individuals to the JOOI Department by **May 30th!!** For the **complete list and forms:** <http://www.optimist.org/e/member/jooi6.cfm>

Barbara Timmons

Northern Wake Optimist Club

(919) 426-5824 *** junction72@yahoo.com

NC East District JOOI Chair – 2014-2015

Random photos of the 2nd Quarterly board meeting at the waterfront restaurant adjacent to Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw on Friday night February 6, 2015. The restaurant is known for it's good food and plentiful helpings. Plus, it's on the water front. Note beautiful sunset on another page in the bulletin.





COMMUNICATION CONTEST
for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing
OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL ©



The Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH) contest held on April 30th at the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf in Wilson. Five contestants, left to right, William McNeal, Jasmine Jenkins, Second Place Winner, Yudibel Gonzalez, First Place Winner, Ashley Bowzer-Mitchell, Third Place Winner and Uriel Ruiz. The participants all did well. This NC East District contest was co-sponsored by the Golden Circle Optimist Club in Wilson and the Goldsboro Optimist Club. Carla Wicks from Goldsboro club also attended this event. The contestants, family and friends all enjoyed pizza and soda before and after the contest.



Scene of auction for benefit Boys & Girls Home and OI Foundation at 2nd Quarter Board Meeting. Sale netted nearly \$1500.



1st Quarter 2014-2015

OI Foundation Framed Print

Billy & Janie Edgerton

Dime -A- Day Members

Bennie Herring

Jerry and Libbie Medlin

Linda Watson

Billy & Janice Edgerton

David Hodges

Henry Edmondson

Ernest Jeffrey

David Ayscue

Don & Judy Harritan

Doug & Wanda Lamm

Wayne Sidelinger

Sandy Cyphers

Tom Lamont

Bob & Trish Verne

Ray Spitz



Collector Plates

Billy & Jan Edgerton

Sandy Cyphers

Donor Recognition

Billy & Janie Edgerton

Donation average per member 2013-2014

Duplin	\$31.53
Rocky Mt. Breakfast	\$12.17
Cape Fear	\$22.37
Raleigh Dinner	\$44.23
Garner	\$12.93
Golden Circle	\$16.38
Goldsboro	\$56.20
Henderson	\$15.63
North Raleigh	\$18.14
Raleigh	\$22.46
Roanoke Rapids	\$14.27
Rocky Mt. Evening	\$70.96
Whiteville	\$20.89
Southern Wake	\$30.13
Wilson Evening	\$85.59
Chapel Hill	\$108.00

Presidents Club

Sandy Cyphers

Bob Verne

Billy & Janice Edgerton

Christian D. Larson Awards



From Left, Dayne Brown receiving award for Raleigh Optimist for \$1000 donation in memory of Keith Bandy; Alice Pusey for \$1000 donation in memory of her mother Teresa McDaniel. Billy Edgerton, OI Foundation rep making presentations.

First, let me thank the individuals and clubs that have made donations so far this year. As of the end of April, our district has donated over \$11,000, which is about half of our goal for the year. This puts us ninth in over-all giving and fifth in dollars per member. This is a great position to be in, but each district will be having meetings in May. In order to stay in the top ten, we need for more individuals and clubs to make their donations at our May meeting.

As many of you know, the motto of the Foundation is "Helping Optimist Help Kids". There are many ways they help us help kids. If you are undecided about giving and would like more information, I will be happy to talk with you or your club about the Foundation. Jan and I have supported the Foundation for many years and encourage each of our members to do the same. Thanks for helping. Bill Edgerton, Chairman, Optimist International Foundation.



Bill Edgerton, left, being given a citation from OI Foundation in St. Louis for outstanding work as District OI Foundation Chairman.



Bill and Jan Edgerton having been presented Donor Recognition award from OI Foundation.

NORTH CAROLINA EAST DISTRICT -
OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

SECOND QUARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING

Boys & Girls Home - Lake Waccamaw, N.C.

Saturday, February 7, 2015

The following members of the Board of Directors
were present:

James Lamm	Governor
Allan Ludlum	Governor-Elect
Angela Iwaniuk	District Sec./Treas.
Errol Warren	Immediate Past Gov.
Jerry Medlin	Past Governor
Tom Lamont	Lt. Governor Zone 1
Gary Pender	Lt. Governor Zone 3
Ricky Wester	Lt. Governor Zone 4
Jim Hart	Lt. Governor Zone 5

Clubs Represented:

Cape Fear,	Chapel Hill,
Elm City,	Goldsboro,
Greenville,	Henderson,
Northern Wake,	Roanoke Rapids,
Rocky Mt Breakfast,	Rocky Mt Evening,
South Johnston,	Whiteville,
Wilmington,	Wilson Bennett,
Golden Circle ,	Wilson Evening.

Governor James Lamm called the meeting to order at
8:30 am.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag & the invocation
was given by Doug Lamm.

Governor James Lamm recognized first time at-
tendees and introduced other guests, including Opti-
mist International Regional Vice President, Lawson
Headley.

The minutes for the 4th Quarter meeting were pre-
sented by Angela Iwaniuk. A motion to accept was
made by Jerry Medlin of South Johnston & Garner -
Seconded by Doug Lamm - Wilson Evening & Wil-
son Bennett - Approved.

The 4th Quarter Financial Report was presented by
Angela Iwaniuk. A motion to accept was made by
Allan Ludlum of Wilmington Winter Park and se-
conded by Jim Hart of Rocky Mount Breakfast - Ap-
proved.

At 8:45 chairperson reports started.

The Essay Contest was discussed by Sandy Cyphers,
who is the new chairperson, since Joan Williams
stepped down from the chairmanship. Sandy re-
minded everyone of the upcoming deadline of Febru-
ary 28th and gave her mailing address for mailing the
Zone winners in for the District competition.

Yancey Hines, Oratorical Chairperson reminded eve-
ryone of the upcoming Oratorical Contest, deadlines
and the District contest that will take place at the
third quarter District meeting at Barton College in
Wilson on May 23rd. Yancey also asked members to
help name ways that their club can obtain contestants
for the oratorical contest and for each member who
contributed to this list, be awarded with candy - and
we love candy!

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Next on the agenda, Bill Edgerton updated everyone on the progress of the Communications Contest for Deaf and Hard of Hearing. He has contacted The Eastern NC School for the Deaf in Wilson as well as his contact with the Dept. of Public Instruction – he is hoping to have deaf contestants from public schools who will enter the contest along with students from The School for the Deaf. He asked each club to contact their local schools to see if “mainstreamed” hearing impaired students would like to enter. Clubs need to contact Bill by April 1st if they have local students who want to enter. The CCDHH Contest is scheduled for April 30th at The Eastern NC School for the Deaf in Wilson.

Bill also talked about the OI Foundation and shared that our District goal this year is \$23,000.00 He gave awards to the following members and clubs: Raleigh – The CD Larson award; Garner -\$365 Banner patch; Alice Pusey - The CD Larson award in honor of her mother; Jan & Bill Edgerton – the \$500 Print. Bill also gave out several Dime A Day pins. He told the group that the Foundation made \$1,500 from the auction held on the prior night (Feb. 6th) and he had an alter call for clubs who wanted to donate.

Gary Pender, Chairman for The Boys & Girls Home expressed his gratitude for the wonderful meeting facility for our District Meeting and also for the wonderful participation in the Auction and 50/50 Raffle tickets. The Boys and Girls Home shared the proceeds of the auction with the OI Foundation and each of them netted about \$1500 each.

Ray Cockrell, from The Boys and Girls Home reminded the group that “Optimists Make A Difference” and he gave an overview of the goals that the home has in helping the young people who come to live there, which is to provide them with safety, security, education, and spiritual growth. He remind-

ed everyone that an Optimist work day has been scheduled for March 14th and the goal is to have 100 Optimists for the work day.

Trish Verne, Childhood Cancer Chair, updated the group on the many efforts in our district to support patients and families who are facing childhood cancer through Ronald McDonald House in Chapel Hill and Greenville. Trish also mentioned several cancer research projects which are on-going at Duke, Carolina and ECU. Trish closed with an alter call for club donations.

Next we heard from Barbara Timmons regarding JOOI clubs and Linda Watson regarding College Clubs.

Up next was Brenda Farmer, Membership Chair and she gave out \$10 Walmart Gift cards to each member who had brought in another member during the 1st Quarter and congratulated everyone on maintaining our membership numbers this year. She also recognized clubs who have increased their membership by 10% - congratulations to Wilmington Cape Fear and Southern Wake.

Brief updates were given on the following committees: PGI – Carey Foster, Club Activities – Angela Iwaniuk, Club Services, Lou Anna Hardee, and Bulletin – Wayne Sidelinger.

Dan Durham for Achievement & Awards recognized outstanding clubs for the 1st quarter. The top 10 clubs in our District for the first quarter were: 1. Wilmington – Cape Fear 2. Garner 3. Roanoke Rapids 4. Goldsboro 5. Wilson Golden Circle 6. North Raleigh 7. Raleigh 8. Wake Forest 9. South Johnston 10. Raleigh. The top clubs in each zone were also recognized: Zone 1 – Wilmington Cape Fear; Zone 2 –

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Whiteville; Zone 3 – Goldsboro; Zone 4 – Wilson Golden Circle; Zone 5 – Roanoke Rapids; Zone 6 – Garner.

Sandy Cyphers next discussed New Club Building and reminded everyone to continue to look for opportunities to build new clubs this year. She mentioned new clubs being worked on in Bailey and Oxford. Sandy also reminded the group of the Leadership summit in Virginia Beach on March 28th and she also reminded everyone of the upcoming ^{International} Convention in New Orleans on July 9-11.

The 2015 NC East Convention information was given by Doug Lamm, which is planned to be held at Landmark Resort in Myrtle Beach on August 20- 23, 2015, a fact sheet was passed out and it was noted that rooms would run about \$74 per night.

The Junior Golf report was given by David Hodges. He announced that there would be a Jr. Golf pre-qualifier which would be held at Wedgewood Golf Course in Wilson and then the Qualifier would be held at UNC Finley Golf Club in Chapel Hill on May 30th. He encouraged all clubs to locate young golfers and to sponsor them in the pre-qualifier and/or the qualifier. The sponsorship fee for clubs is only \$30 for the Wilson event and \$75 for the Chapel Hill event. He also asked clubs to consider sponsoring a hole for \$50. The reason the cost is lower for sponsoring a player this year is because David has obtained corporate sponsorships which will pay for much of the tournaments.

The NC East Web Site information & Internet Safety report & information was given by Allan Ludlum. Next, Allan reported as Governor Elect (2015-2016) and read the names of the chairpersons for next year, as he already has most of his team in place. He also gave an outline of where each district meeting would

probably take place next year, as he is currently working on the meeting locations.



Candidate Qualifications information was given by Errol Warren. He encouraged members to step forward and become a candidate for Governor in the 2016-2017 year.

Next, Jimmy reintroduced special guest, Lawson Headley who is the Regional Vice President from Optimist International and he is from Mechanicsville, VA. Lawson expressed his appreciation for everyone's hospitality and also their hard work in keeping the NC East District in good shape. Lawson encouraged us to keep member retention at the top of our list, being equally as important as bringing new members into Optimism. He also reminded the District and its club to keep their leadership deep, to have new leaders identified early and to help them obtain the training and support they may need and to have leaders ready to step in without having to "scramble" to find them at the last minute.

Closing remarks were made by Governor James Lamm, who thanked everyone for attending the District Meeting and he thanked the Boys & Girls Home for allowing us to meet at their beautiful facility. He mentioned how nice it was for the children from the home to help with our auction on Friday night and to be available to help serve our lunch today. Jimmy also thanked OI VP Lawson Headley for attending our meeting and for his leadership this year.

The meeting was closed with the Optimist Creed being recited by all members. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm and an awards luncheon followed, which was catered by The Boys & Girls Home. Errol Warren, past president presided at the

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awards luncheon and he presented awards to Lt. Governors, Chairpersons, and outstanding clubs and members for the 2013-2014 year. Barbara Timmons, membership chair for last year also recognized clubs who had a plus in membership and awarded these

clubs by reimbursing their district dues for each of the quarters in which they were plus in membership.

Respectfully submitted by:

Angela Iwaniuk

District Secretary-Treasurer

Elm City Optimist Trio capture **first place** judging livestock at the Wilson County 4H Livestock Show & Sale. Plus Kisses for Childhood Cancer program and place an Optimist Club Sign on the highway entrance to Elm City.



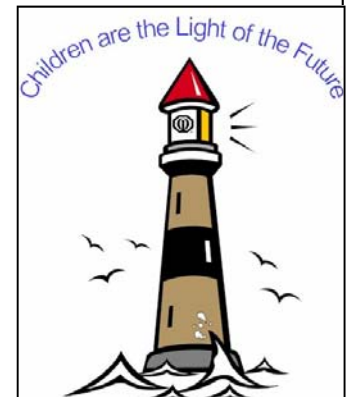
From left: Elm City President, Linda Shepherd, Jacci Queen and Lisa Craven.



Kisses for Childhood Cancer, from left: Karen Causey, MaryEllen Bass, Lisa Craven and Jacci Queen.



From left: Toni Welborn, Melvin Cooke, Missy Toley, Lisa Craven, MaryEllen Bass, Jonathan Russell, Linda Shepherd, Judy Elks and Jacci Queen.



Children are the Light of the Future



*If we believe we can do it,
then we do it, we believe!*

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.

Al Ludlum, **Web Master**

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