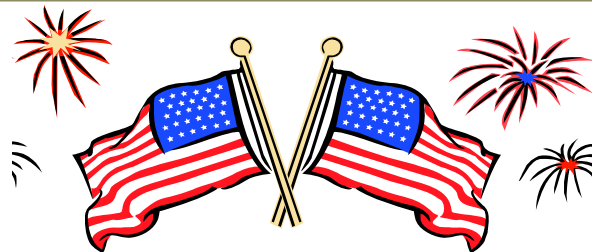




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North Carolina East Optimist News



Person Growth & Involvement

It's that time of the year again. It's time to update your passports. PGI is your passport to personal development, increased member involvement and club growth. Participation in PGI offers Members the opportunity for personal growth while working at their own pace. It will provide fresh ideas for Club meetings.

BENEFITS OF THE PERSONAL GROWTH AND INVOLVEMENT

Allows Club Members to be recognized and appreciated for personal and professional accomplishments.

Gives Members an opportunity to participate in long term Club involvement while learning more about Optimism.

Gives each Member personal responsibility for his/her involvement in the Club's activities.

Offers personal growth opportunities to each Member.

Provides Members with Club meeting, membership recruitment and retention ideas.

The PGI program offers each Optimist Member the opportunity to grow personally and learn more about Optimism while advancing through the ten levels of involvement, personal growth and achievement.

For more information contact Jimmy Lamm at jwlamm@myglnc.com

or (252)

237-7398

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Allan Ludlum, **Web Master**

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. If you have a club event please send it to me & I will post it on the web site. I also keep up the districts Facebook site. Please go to "North Carolina East District, Optimist International" Facebook page and Like our page. Also if you would like to post club items there, let me know and I will give you rights if you need them.

Hello Optimists,

It is hard to believe that we are already in the second half of our Optimist Year. All districts are submitting their rosters of district chairs and will report by June 1 their elected Lt. Governors. Each district is also preparing a district plan for submission to President Elect Nick Prillaman.

Plans are being made by members to attend the Optimist International Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. A lot of effort is being extended by staff at Optimist International to provide the best training possible to all officer-elects. I know that the many members from the NC East District will be attending and encourage you to take part in training sessions designed for you.

Stay abreast of current and upcoming events via the *Hotline* from OI President Jim Kondrasuk –

Remember--The month of May is “*Optimists in Action*” Month. Optimist Clubs will create a widespread spirit of unity bringing together Optimist Members and other community volunteers for a variety of local-based activities, fundraisers and special events. Optimist Clubs can conduct any program or special event that meets the needs of their community, such as:

- Hosting a book drive for a local school library
- Planning a 5K run/walk
- Volunteering at a soup kitchen

Clubs are encouraged to contact local media with their Optimists in Action Month program. Take

completing your May project, send in your Club’s project details and photos to Optimist International to be featured in a future issue of *The Optimist* magazine. Stories can be sent via email to magazine@optimist.org or a hardcopy to: Optimist International, Attn: The Optimist Editor, 4494 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63108.

So, what are your plans???

Congratulations are extended to each of you who have brought in a new member or built a JOI or New Club. Through your efforts, more youth can be served in your community. *A C T I O N* will be the “buzz word” as we strive to meet our goals and I repeat –

“Together, We Can!” Why, because we did it once and we can do it again.

Remember – “*Serving Youth Today -- Grows Optimists for Tomorrow!*”

Yours in Optimism,

Lou Anna

Lou Anna Hardee
Vice-President Elect
Mid-Atlantic Region,
Optimist International



District Convention 2016-2017

Beach Cove Resort, Myrtle Beach SC. September 7-10, 2017



The Date and location have been set. Our annual convention is scheduled for Myrtle Beach at the Beach Cove Resort, September 7-10.

With a little over 4 months to go, Convention planning is in high gear. Assignments have been given out to the various Zones and Lt. Governors. Entertainment has been booked, trainers scheduled, and

menus selected...all we need is you! Make plans to attend now as well as get the word out to your clubs. Start planning now to have your incoming officers attend. The training they receive will be invaluable during their term in office. Look online at nceast-optimists.org for information on registration, accommodations, rates and activities. Cutoff date for early registration is August 7th.

Bob Floyd of Western Missouri will be our OI representative and will also be involved in our training.

A conscious effort is being made to make this a fun filled four days of NCED Optimists coming together enjoying the fellowship and renewing friendships in a convivial setting!

ANNOUNCING! FOR THE FIRST TIME! A SILENT AUCTION SATURDAY NIGHT TO BENEFIT THE BOYS AND GIRLS HOME!

District Membership



Auston Pusey
Membership Chair

District Convention 2016-2017

But we need your help and we need your support.... Each club is asked to provide a "new" big ticket item for the Auction. We are looking to raise big dollars from this Auction... "big" being the key word here... Let's show the kids at the B&G Home how much we care... Examples of auction items are golfing equipment, barbecue grill(s), entertainment tickets (Carolina Opry, Alabama theater), dining and gift cards, jewelry, artwork, fitness club memberships, furniture, lamps....but use your imagination and let's make this auction a BIG success! We can also arrange to have someone pick your item up.

We will need to know your donation prior to the Convention including its value for the sign-up sheets. The items will be on display Saturday with the auction ending promptly at 8:00 p.m. Winners will be expected to pay for and pick up their prizes

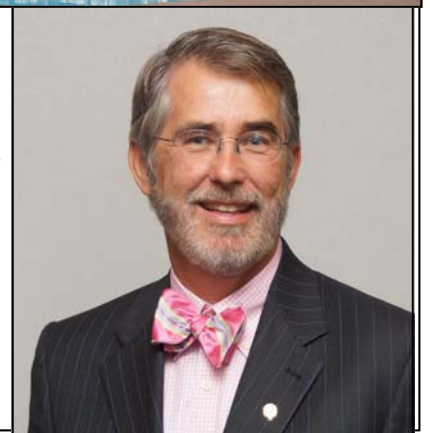
by the end of the night

Register to play golf in the Boys and Girls Home tournament, purchase a lucky duck for the Childhood Cancer Duck Race and make a bid on the B&G Home Silent Auction, attend the Governors Ball. It will be four days of surprises, fun and an opportunity to recharge, regenerate and reinvigorate our enthusiasm for our work with youth. Watch your email



for announcements of all our activities planned for our Summer Conference!

Errol Warren
Convention Chair



Optimist International Convention

Albuquerque, NM

July 6 to 8, 2017



Light Shows Daily



It is time to start preparing for the convention in Albuquerque NM. If you are interested in the sites to see, you can order a visitors guide and vacation planner at 800-284-2282 or at www.itsatrip.org.

The Official Website for Albuquerque New Mexico Tourism Visit Albuquerque www.itsatrip.org Start planning your Albuquerque vacation! Find information on Albuquerque attractions, shopping & dining, browse maps, order a guide and more.

You can also get information on the optimist web site www.optimist.org

Have a Great Day!

Carey Foster

OI Convention

Ambassador



The Election is Near - Optimist International Board of Directors

Vote for Sandy Cyphers a N.C. East Optimist

Optimist International has partnered with Survey & Ballot Systems (SBS) to administer the 2017 International officer election. To assure your Club's election specific broadcast email arrives safely in your inbox on June 1, simply add the following email address as an approved sender: noreply@directvote.net

Your Club's dues must be paid in full prior to being allowed to vote. Elections open online at 8AM (CDT) on Thursday, June 1 and closes at 5PM (CDT) Friday, June 30.

Visit www.optimist.org/elections to read about the below candidates for the 2017-18 International officer election:

2017-18 President-Elect Candidates:

Rebecca Butler Mona, IA

Fatima Plater, MI

2017-18 Board Director at Large Candidates (2 to be elected):

Don Brose, MI

Lola Cumbo, AC

SANDY CYPHERS, NCE

Robert Floyd, WMO

Patsy Garner, NTX

2017-18 Vice President-Elect Candidate:

Region 3 Mid-Atlantic - Stewart Mallard, NCW



The online election will run for 30 days, June 1 to June 30. President Kondrasuk will be provided the election results and announce them by Monday July 3rd.

Each Club per bylaws will have 1 vote for every 10 members and a majority fraction thereof based upon April 30th Membership. Article IV, Section 1 E.

Survey & Ballot Systems conducts the online elections, every Club President will receive ballot instructions from SBS, during the month of June there will be 3-4 updates from Survey and Ballot Systems, allowing Clubs to pay dues and be eligible to vote. The last day a Club can pay and be available to vote will be Friday, June 23rd.

Club Presidents will receive the email from SBS, they (the Club President) may then vote for the Club or forward the email to the Secretary Treasurer or other Club leader to cast the vote(s) for the Club.

I WOULD APPRECIATE MY DISTRICT'S SUPPORT FOR THE O.I. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR PRESIDENT VOTES ON BEHALF OF YOUR CLUB.

Sandy Cyphers

International Board of Director's Candidate

JOI

Jr. Optimist International



I could write pages after pages of why it is important for our organization to build J.O.I. Clubs.

Let me share the #1 REASON! To leave a "LEGACY" of this organization for future generations.

As we attend our club meetings, zone meetings, district meetings, International Convention and work on club projects we witness and view the over whelming majority of our members are BABY BOOMERS or more mature senior citizens. For those of us that fit into these two age categories it is known we will not be around in the next 20-35 years to continue assisting our organization in "Bringing Out the Best in Youth".



We must involve and educate the younger generation of the importance of continuing the Optimist name within their communities and the pride of volunteering and giving back.

Invest in the Future! Build a J.O.I. Club.

I'm here to assist if needed – just call me.



Congratulations to the Golden Circle Optimist Club for building the Ralph L. Fike Junior Optimist Club and currently they are working to finalize another J.O.I. Club at the Beddingfield High School.

WAY TO GO GOLDEN CIRCLE!

Your club is truly making a difference and living up to the motto "YES WE CAN".

Sandy Cyphers

N.C. East District J.O.I. Chairman & Optimist International J.O.I. Chairman

"WHENEVER YOU ARE ASKED
YOU CAN DO A JOB, TELL'EM,
CERTAINLY I CAN!

AND GET BUSY AND FIND OUT HOW
TO DO IT."

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

SANDY CYPHERS

DISTRCT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

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A&A Club Winners 1st Quarter

Top Ten Clubs 2016-2017



No. 1, Golden Circle, Cathy Sandifer; No. 2, Goldsboro, Dawn Clark; No. 3, Roanoke Rapids, Carey Foster; No. 4, S. Johnston, Jerry Medlin; No. 5, Wilmington Cape Fear, No. 6, Henderson; No. 7, Washington; No. 8, Rocky Mount Evening; No. 9, Greenville; No. 10, Chapel Hill.

Participating Clubs, No Photos; Chowan-Edenton, Garner, Laurinburg, North Raleigh, Raleigh Dinner, Wakes Forest, Wilson Breakfast

Top Clubs In Each Zone



From Left. Zone 6, South Johnston, Jerry Medlin; Zone 3, Golden Circle, Cathy Sandifer; Zone 4, Roanoke Rapids, Carey Foster; Zone 5, Henderson

The purpose of the A&A program is to recognize individual Clubs for their achievements on a quarterly basis. The club is intended to encourage Clubs to develop and implement Community Service Projects and Fund Raisers that benefit the Youth of their respective communities.

Top 3 Lt. Governors



From Left; No. 1, Errol Warren, Zone 4; No. 2, Linda Shepherd, Zone 3; No. 3, Cathy Potter, Zone 5.

Optimist International says that the program is established to "promote an interest in and a fun spirit of competition and achievement" within the clubs within the District. Looking at A&A as competition as Clubs, it is easily recognized that this game is not played on a level field. The communities served by our District Clubs are different. The clubs may be traditional or Sport Clubs, in rural or urban areas, with small or large populations, with varying demographics, and with youth with

A&A

different needs. Memberships vary in size from club to club. Optimist International recognizes that that Optimist clubs are dedicated to "bring Out the best in Youth" and do their part through community services programs. Since each Optimist Club is autonomous and run by members in their community, Optimist have the unique flexibility to serve the youth of their area in any way they see fit. Optimist Clubs see a need in their Community and react to it. I thank all clubs that participate this year and request that the clubs that do not consider the program for the spirit of competing within each Zone. We had twelve clubs participate in the second quarter and look forward to more in the third quarter. I request all Zone Lt. Governors discuss the program during

Zone meetings. Each quarter the top ten Clubs receive a Certificate of Achievement. The top clubs in each Zone receive a Certificate of Achievement and the Top three Lt. Governors receive a Certificate of Achievement. All clubs that participate that are not included in the top ten also receive a Certificate of Participation.

Dan Durham
A&A Chair



Optimist in Action Greenville



From Left; Pamela Franks, Ginger Moore, Ed Moore & Christine Wilson



Snow roller from days gone by

Wake Forest Optimist—Mile of Hope Starfishing at the Crystal Coast

Gary and Ed and their lovely wives joined us for fish tales of the annual trek to Atlantic Beach, NC on



Mother's Day weekend, celebrating those children (and their families) being treated at Pediatric Oncology departments of ECU, UNC and Duke. The club supports their weekend with a financial donation.

Club President Brantley Denton presenting our financial support to Mile of Hope (or is that Santa)?

Childhood Cancer Campaign

District Newsletter Article 3rd Quarter 2016-17

CHILDHOOD CANCER CAMPAIGN

There are several special events scheduled in the next three months that Optimist members can participate in and help kids with cancer. On Mother's Day



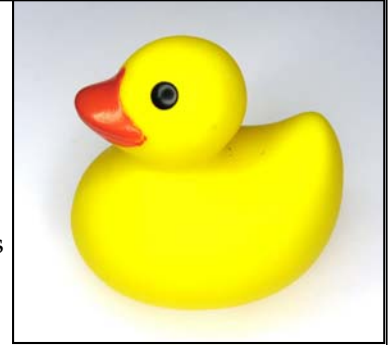
weekend the Raleigh Optimist Club will host their annual Mile of Hope event at Atlantic Beach, NC. Families of childhood cancer patients are treated to a weekend at the beach. Activities will include fish painting, a sand sculpture contest and go

-cart racing. Contact Ed Moore: (919) 819-1637 or edmoore@mileofhope.org for more information about joining them and supporting the project.

June is Optimist International Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. What can you and your club do to spread the word and raise funds to support the kids and the leukemia vaccine research project at John's Hopkins? Ask your local mayor for a proclamation in support of children with cancer. Call me for a sample proclamation. The Chapel Hill Optimist Club has finished their April CCC fundraiser at five local Harris Teeter stores. They plan to also hold a "Kisses" fundraiser at the local Walmart Store.

In July Duke Hospital will host three weeks of Camp

Kaleidoscope at Camp Graham in Henderson. Camp starts July 2nd. Each week has a different age group and includes pediatric patients treated for various diseases. During the first week of camp the Chapel Hill Club will provide a watermelon party for the kids and staff. The fun part of the party for the campers will be watermelon seed spitting contests. Is there another club interested in doing an event for either of the following two weeks? If so please let me know and I will help you set it up.



The September District Convention will again feature the Duck Race for Childhood Cancer. Come join the fun and cheer for your favorite duck. Prizes will be awarded to the first three finishers and the "Last But Not Least" duck to finish. Tickets will be \$10 for 1 ticket, or \$25 for 3 tickets. All the funds raised will go to the research project at John's Hopkins.

Thank you for all your support for the kids, their families, and the medical staff that help them get well. Our kids are the future of our communities.

Trish Verne, District Chairman, Childhood Cancer Campaign

pverne43@gmail.com or call 919-942-4144



OI Foundation

2016-2017 Patch	Sam Toler
Golden Circle	Sandy Cyphers
Laurinburg	
Rocky Mount Evening	Collector Plate
	Jerry & Libbie Medlin
Presidents Club Pin	Kathy Sandifer
Kathy Sandifer	Bill & Jan Edgerton
Sam Toler	Sam Toler
	Sandy Cyphers
Print	
Rocky Mount Evening	Optimist Clubs 2015-2016 Final Awards
Bill and Janie Edgerton	Year Bars
	Duplin \$33.33
Dime-A-Day Members	South Johnston 12.48
Jerry & Libbie Medlin	Rocky Mount Breakfast 29.11
Linda Watson	Wilmington Cape Fear 17.83
Betsy Winborne	Raleigh Dinner 88.75
Celia Wise	Garner 13.16
Angela Iwaniuk	Golden Circle 25.69
Brenda Farmer	Goldsboro 55.69
Linda Shepherd	Henderson 18.54
Kathy Sandifer	North Raleigh 124.78
Norma Duell	Raleigh 23.27
Joy Finch	Roanoke Rapids 24.32
Brenda Carter	Rocky Mount Evening 100.40
Linda Isbell	Whiteville 36.91
Bill & Jan Edgerton	Wilmington 36.91
Jerry Delbridge	Southern Wake 31.25
Dan & Barbara Durham	Wilson 111.90
Ed Taylor	Chapel Hill 130.21

OI Foundation Continued

The competition last year for the OI Foundation had two winners, one for the most dollars per club and the other the most dollars per member. Both of these included the dollars given by the club and its members. The attached pictures were taken at our first Bar-B-Que Rib cook out for the Rocky Mount Evening Club. Shown is Governor Jim Hart and Louwana Pender (Gary helped George Lamm do the cooking). The second picture is some of the club members, including past governor Errol Warren and the last picture is more of the club members with President Ed Taylor standing just before dinner was served. To Ed's right is Henry Edmondson, OI Foundation Club Representative for the Rocky Mount Evening Club. As you probably have heard by now that Henry died on Saturday morning, April 29th. The Foundation has lost a strong supporter in the loss of Henry.

Please encourage your members and clubs to bring their contribution to the District meeting in Goldsboro on May 6th. We are hovering around the top ten mark as a district, in both categories, but we can do better. Hope to see you at the meeting on the sixth.

Many thanks to George Lamm and Gary Pender for cooking and taking care of everything for the cook out. Thanks for all you do to "Help Optimist Help



Kids" through your donations to the Foundation.

Bill Edgerton,
District OI Foundation Representative



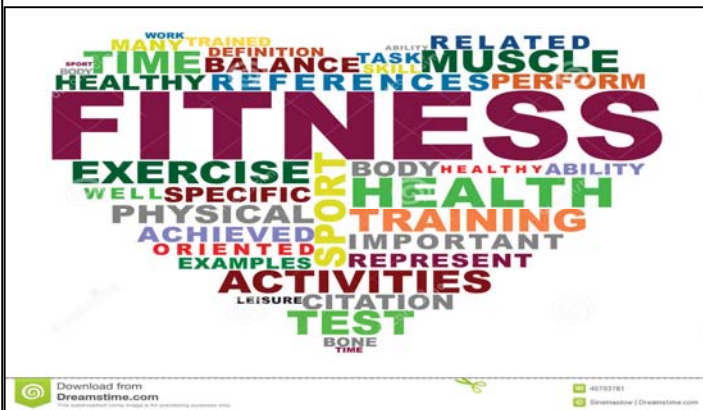
District Club Fitness/Club Services Chair



Well here we are in the 3rd Quarter of our Optimist year! Time flies when you are having FUN!

I wanted to remind everyone of what it takes to be an honor club:

(a) Complete three or more service projects each year



- (b) Complete the President's Pride Report and Club Officer-Elect Form
- (c) Recognize a Club member or local community individual
- (d) Grow Club by Net of +3 in membership
- (e) Appoint a Club Foundation Representative

and make a non-restricted contribution to the OIF or CCOF

(f) Conduct a Membership Recruitment/ Drive (i.e) NOW) Program

(g) Club President or Club President-Elect (or two Designees) attend District Convention (or two other District meetings/conferences)

(h) Be current on District and OI Dues and Fees

If you aren't on track to become an honor club, you still have time to get back on track if you do it now. The deadline to turn in club officers for the new year is May 20th, and you can call me if you questions or need help with any of the goals. We want your club to be an honor club!



Angela Iwaniuk (Will)

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Reprinted from *The Dinner Drummer*, Dinner Optimist Raleigh.

Report on Boys and Girls Homes. Currently there is a total of 19 residents living in Civitan, Kiwanis, Rotary, and Optimist Cottages. The Independent Living Cottages, Lions and Jaycee, have 16 residents. Solomon Assessment/ Stabilization Center has 8 residents. Lake House I and II, for unwed mothers, have 9 residents. This makes a total of 52 children in "On Campus" Residential Care. In Family Foster Care there are 138 children and 41 children in Therapeutic Foster Care. The Boys And Girls Homes campus school, Thomas Academy, has a total of 99 students .(residential and local stu-



2016-2017 COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST FOR THE DEAF & HARD OF HEARING (CCDHH)



OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
**COMMUNICATION
CONTEST**
FOR THE DEAF & HARD OF HEARING

Topic: *“What the World Gains from Optimism”*

The District contest date has been changed from April 27, 2017 to May 18, 2017 at the Eastern NC School For The Deaf in Wilson, NC. The presentations are judged in a single contest at the District level. Students may use sign language, an oral presentation or a combination of both to compete. Both styles are judged using the same criteria. The District winner will be presented with a \$2500 scholarship.

For more information, contact the District CCDHH Chair:
**Angela Iwaniuk
(Will)**

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ncangel49@aol.com



Allan Ludlum,
Immediate Past Governor

I again would like to thank everyone involved with the North Carolina East District that allowed the District be Distinguished, to receive a Pacesetter Award for 2015-16, Finished #4 overall, build 3 new clubs, plus 98 in membership, Two Distinguished Lt Governors, Zone 2, Phillip Best & Zone 4 Lou Anna Hardee. We had Five Distinguished Clubs, Wilson Golden Circle, Raleigh, Rocky Mount Evening, Whiteville & Wilmington and Six Honor Clubs, Northern Wake, Wilmington-Cape Fear, Greenville, Henderson, Roanoke Rapids & Southern Wake.

The district had fourteen clubs that earned International president's Dave Bruns "Bringing out the Best" patch. On an International level our vice president Mark Harris built the most new clubs in region. We did it "Right Here, Right Now" congratulations to all in the NC East District. We will be handing out the 2015-16 awards at our third quarter general meeting. Thanks from 2015-16 Governor, Allan Ludlum



NORTH CAROLINA EAST DISTRICT
OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
SECOND QUARTER DISTRICT MEETING
First Baptist Church - Rocky Mt., NC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, March 4, 2017

The following members of the Board of Directors were present:

Jim Hart	Governor
Jimmy Lamm	Past Governor
Carol Collier	District Secretary/Treasurer
Lawrence Kelly	OI Regional Vice President
Linda Shepherd	Zone 3 Lt. Governor
Errol Warren	Zone 4 Lt. Governor
Cathy Potter	Zone 5 Lt. Governor
JG Baker	Zone 6 Lt. Governor

The following clubs were represented:

Zone 1: Wilmington
Zone 3: Wilson Golden Circle; Goldsboro; Wilson Evening
Zone 4: Greenville; Roanoke Rapids; Rocky Mount Breakfast; Rocky Mount Evening
Zone 5: Henderson; Wake Forest
Zone 6: Raleigh; Raleigh Dinner; South Johnston

Forty-three members were in attendance at the meeting.

Governor Jim Hart called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Gov. Hart led in the reciting of the Pledge

of Allegiance followed by the invocation by Billy Edgerton.

Governor Hart welcomed everyone and recognized first-time attendees and the Past Governors who were present.

Secretary/Treasurer Carol Collier presented the minutes of the 2016-2017 1st Quarter Meeting. Motion was made by Gary Pender (Goldsboro Club) with a second by Jimmy Lamm (Wilson Evening) to accept the minutes. Motion was approved.

Carol Collier presented the 1st Quarter Financial Report. Motion was made by Rich Cash (Raleigh Dinner) with a second by Carlton Baird (Raleigh Dinner Club) to accept the financial report. Motion was approved.

Jerry Medlin discussed the budget. He announced that the Financial Committee plans to meet at the end of March.

Committee Reports:

Bulletin: Wayne Sidelinger was not present at the meeting

Candidate Qualifications: Lou Anna Hardee stated that we still do not have a Governor-elect for the 2017-18 physical year. She reminded us that we need to start filling our Committee chairs for next year

A&A Awards: Chairman Dan Durham presented 2nd quarter awards:

Top 10 Clubs (#10 Chapel Hill; #9 Greenville; #8 Rocky Mt. Evening #7 Washington; #6 Henderson; #5 Wilmington-Cape Fear; #4 South Johnston; #3 Roanoke Rapids; #2 Goldsboro; #1 Wilson Golden

Circle

Top Club in each Zone (1 - Wilmington Cape Fear; 2 - Laurinburg; 3 - Wilson Golden Circle; 4 - Roanoke Rapids; 5 - Henderson; 6 - South Johnston)

Participation Awards (21 clubs participated in A&A)

Lt. Governor Awards (#1- Errol Warren; #2- Linda Shepherd; #3- Cathy Potter)

Membership: In Auston Pusey's absence, Carol Collier presented \$ 10 Walmart gift cards to those who sponsored new members. Membership incentives will continue for 2016-2017 physical year.

Childhood Cancer: Chairman Trish Verne reported that the second End-of-Treatment bell was installed at the UNC Children's Hospital. This is the third bell that the club has donated to Duke and UNC Hospitals. A six-year-old boy, named Jeffery, dressed in his Superman tee shirt, was the first child ring the new bell. Trish reminded everyone that June is Childhood Cancer month.

Boys & Girls Homes of North Carolina: Chairman Gary Pender

Gary Pender announced that Optimist Day at the Boys and Girls Home has been tentatively planned for some time in the Fall.

Ray Cockrell passed out support certificates. The top three clubs were:

#3 Laurinburg; #2 Raleigh and the #1 club was Elizabethtown

Ray announced that the Old Timey Farm Show will be held in March.

OI Foundation: Chairman Billy Edgerton reminded everyone how much the Foundation does for our district. They provide the full scholarship funds for the Essay and both Oratorical Contests. They also help fund all the information the clubs receive from Optimist International. Edgerton reminded everyone that the two clubs that won the Bar-B-Que ribs for our contest last year were the Rocky Mt. Evening

Club and the North Raleigh club. The Rocky Mt. Evening Club won for the most dollars given at \$2,719 and the North Raleigh Club won for the most dollars per member at \$124.78. Edgerton passed out awards, which consisted of pictures and banner patches to the clubs that donated at least \$1000. Governor Hart encouraged participation in Dime-A-Day and President's Programs; OI Foundation donations from clubs and individuals were accepted during alter call

CCDHH: Chairman Angela Iwaniuk announced that the CCDHH contest will be held at 6:00 on April 27, 2017 at Eastern NC School for the Deaf in Wilson. The District winner will be presented with a \$2500 scholarship from OI.

New Club Building: Chairman Sara Robbins stated that the new buzz word is to start a "Club within a Club". She stated that the younger generation may be interested in helping with community projects but are too busy to attend meetings. Club within a Club makes use of Social media to come up with new ideas for projects and fundraisers. She discussed the possibility of a Twitter Club for example. Governor Jim Hart is considering a Target Shooting Club. Sara announced that we are currently trying to start clubs in Lillington and Fayetteville.

* Oratorical Contest: Angela Iwaniuk filled in for Ginger Hayden, who has resigned her position as

Oratorical chairperson and as an Optimist member. Angela reminded us that the District Oratorical

Contest will be held on May 6, 2017 in Goldsboro, NC. It will be mixed gender again this year. Three

Scholarships will be awarded at the district level: \$2500 (1st place); \$1500 (second place); and \$1000 (3rd place). We are hoping for twelve contestants.

The topic this year is: "What the World Gains from Optimism".

Leadership Development: Chairman Sandy Cyphers was not present at the meeting

Junior Golf: Chairman David Hodges was not present at the meeting.

OI Convention: Chairman Carey Foster encouraged members to plan to attend the OI Convention in Albuquerque, NM on July 6 -8, 2017. He has brochures about the city and tours that are available during our time there. We currently have ten members that are planning to attend the OI Convention this year.

NC East District Convention: Errol Warren encouraged everyone to attend the NC East District Meeting at the Beach Cove Resort in Myrtle Beach, SC on September 7th - 10th. Since our convention is being held after Labor Day, the room rates are the same as last year and our meeting space is free.

Essay Contest: Chairman Dave Bast announced the topic for 2017 "Chasing Optimism in the Face of Challenges" was very appropriate for today's youth. He appreciates the fact that most of the clubs have been participating in this endeavor. We have thirteen entries in the final judging.

PGI: Chairman Jimmy Lamm asked which clubs are currently participating in PGI and encouraged everyone get involved. He stated that the purpose of PGI is for all of us to become better Optimist leaders. PGI offers members the opportunity for personal growth while working at their own pace.

JOI: Chairman Sandy Cyphers not present at the meeting

Club Fitness: Chairman Angela Iwaniuk discussed some things that we can all do to help build our clubs into the best they can be. She recommended goals for all our clubs in the NC East District. Angela reminded all the clubs to elect their new President, Secretary/Treasurer and OI Rep. and get the officer report in to OI no later than May 20th.

NC East Web Site: Chairman Allan Ludlum was not at the meeting

NC West District Rep., Lawrence Kelly spoke to us about setting goals. He stated that effective leaders will set goals for their clubs. We need to work toward building "Clubs within Clubs".

Governor Jim Hart briefly summarized the meeting information. He would like for us to build two more clubs. Gov. Hart stated that Elizabeth City would be a good place to try to build a club and he is considering a Trap Shooting club.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m. with the Optimist Creed led by Gov. Hart.

Carol Collier, Dis-



Commuting in France



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**

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.

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