



North Carolina East Optimist News

We all work hard, but we like to enjoy ourselves too. The Convention committee knows that, and lots of great things have been planned for this year's convention, beginning with the Don Harritan Invitational Golf Tournament (Don's team always wins, so just name it after him) to benefit the Boys and Girls Home on Thursday afternoon and then concluding with the departure breakfast on Sunday morning.

The training which will take place during Friday is invaluable and will be such a benefit to next year's club officers. In addition to the officer elect training, we will have a special training session on the OI website covering its uses and benefits. Our special guest from OI is Bob Floyd from Missouri. He will be training the Lt. Governors.

Friday night, the Elm City Optimist Club has offered to host a "Bunco" Tournament, after we enjoy a deli-

cious Southern-style meal. No experience is necessary to play the "Bunco" tournament, and it is really a lot of fun. Prizes will be awarded for the winners of the tournament.

Saturday morning, you have the option of being with the Old Timers/ Newcomers at the "Breakfast". Dr. Jacob Starr will be our speaker, and you will not want to miss his humor and words of wisdom.



Our Fourth Quarter General Membership Meeting,

capably helmed by this year's Governor, Jim Hart, will follow the breakfast, and will be highlighted by the introduction of Carey Foster as our Governor for 2017-2018, and you will also be introduced to this years Optimist International Foundation Executive Director, Mr. Craig Boring. Mr. Boring will share some very important points with you about the Foundation, some of which you do not know.

Be sure to buy a ticket (or tickets) from Trish Verne, our District Childhood Cancer Chair, for the annual Duck Race held in the "lazy river" Saturday afternoon. Those ducks certainly swim hard to entertain you, and all the proceeds raised will go to the District's Childhood Cancer program.

And then...Saturday Night! Put on your best clothes and your dancing shoes because you are going to dine and dance the night away. After the Governor's reception and introduction of Past Governors, enjoy a delicious meal of your choosing from steak, chicken and salmon. While our dinner is settling, we will hear from our Governor, Jim Hart, and Governor Designate, Carey Foster, and we will watch the installation of next year's officers. The party starts immediately afterwards.

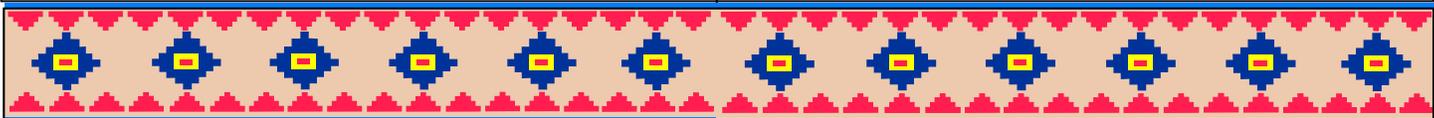
Lastly, this year's Convention will feature a silent auction that will end Saturday night. All the proceeds have been designated to go the Boys and Girls

Home. Remember each club has been asked to provide a "desirable" item for auction. The Golden Circle club will have an original painting to be auctioned; The Rocky Mount Evening club is providing a mahogany occasional table. You can bring a beach tote, bird house, cooler, golf equipment, gift cards, silk flower arrangement, corn hole boards, tickets to a production or concert, jewelry, collectibles, Christmas items; the list can go on and on. But the success of the auction depends on you and your club.

This year the Convention Committee has made a special effort to build in some free time so that you can enjoy the beach, take a swim, go shopping, or even take a nap. Surely some of the energy and enthusiasm you will find and experience at the Convention will carry you into the next year!

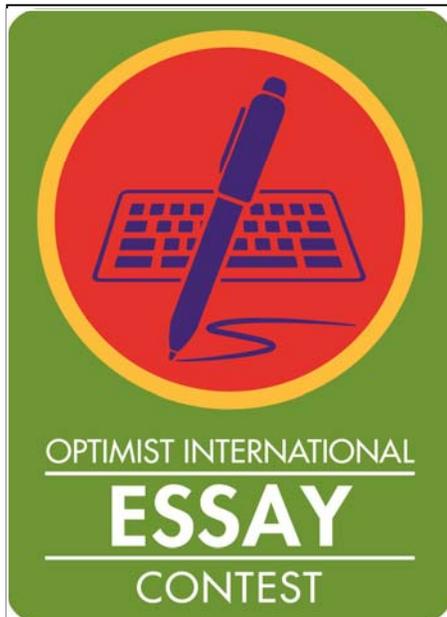
Registration Forms are available at <http://www.nceast-optimist.org>. Accommodations are great and the prices will be pleasantly surprising! The Convention Committee wants everyone there, so what are you waiting for; you won't regret it. After all, this is your Convention!

Jim Hart
Governor



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.



Chasing Optimism in the Face of Challenges.

Carly Stephenson, Seaboard, NC, Northeast Academy.

Optimism is a powerful thing. It is an extremely useful but rare quality that only the best of

us possess. When people are facing challenges, optimism could mean the difference between a success and failure. Optimism has made everyday leaders great, and great leaders extraordinary. In history, several great people have been famous for their optimism as they persevered in the face of difficult challenges. On a smaller scale, optimism helps the insignificant individual get through everyday life and live life to the fullest.

Great leaders are often optimists. They instruct and guide, not with bitterness and a cynical attitude but by setting an admirable "can-do" example and encouraging the ones around them. Optimists make good leaders because they rally people toward building a better future. Their optimistic outlook on life and their determination to make the best of what is given to them give other people hope so they can accomplish all that is within their power. Optimists are also great leaders because they see opportunity where others ordinarily set obstacles. Where everyone else would see a lump of coal, an optimist would see a diamond in the making. The best leaders are the optimists who see opportunities, have goals, and work hard to achieve them. While inspiring others to do the same. Finally, and most importantly, optimism is an essential tool for leaders to use in taking on the challenges associated with leading the masses. A leader must have optimism to

stay positive throughout the ups and downs of being in charge. Because believing in the possibilities is the first step

in achievement, optimism is necessary for facing challenges, making it an essential characteristic for a leader.

History is filled with great leaders and stories of optimism paying off in the face of challenges, but no one says "optimism" more than our fortieth president, Ronald Reagan. The 1960's and 1970s were incredibly rough on the American morale. America was recovering from the assassination of one president, the resignation of another one and the humiliation of losing the Vietnam war. America was in dire need of an optimistic leader to bring us into a brighter, more promising future. Ronald Reagan was the answer. With his emphasis on America's great possibilities, he used his legendary optimism to blaze a trail which would set the country back on the road to success. Republicans and Democrats alike found hope in his message. His speeches gave Americans a sense of unity and pride. Though many complained that he was unqualified and inexperienced, he fought back the skeptics with his optimism, his love of God, and his American spirit to become president in 1981. In his first inaugural address, Reagan showed his belief in America's future by saying, "Can we solve the problems confronting us? Well, the answer is an unequivocal and emphatic 'Yes.'" That statement of optimism in the face of difficult challenges is one of history's finest examples.

Not only is optimism useful in overcoming



Carly Stephenson, Seaboard, NC. 1st place winner District Essay Contest.

challenges in history on a grand scale, but it can also be essential in individual lives on a smaller scale. Every day we need optimism. It often can be the difference between success and falling short of our goals. We should always go into things wholeheartedly, and expecting the best result. Optimism is really about faith. To understand optimism fully and to use it to prevail over our challenges, we must first understand its relation to faith. Faith is believing without necessarily seeing, and optimism is faith in our unseen future, it is that things will turn out to be the very best they can be. Still, many people do not realize that optimism is not effortless. Sometimes we must work hard to be optimistic, and blind optimism does not replace hard work when we are faced with challenges. Optimism is the state of mind that helps us do the best we can instead of being distracted by difficulties. A large determining factor of success when faced with challenges is one's attitude. Optimism is simply a positive and hopeful attitude

that hard work will bring good results.

Optimism is a vital factor when facing any kind of challenge. It is an essential in leadership, as well as a way to stay positive through the ups and downs of our individual lives. Both history and everyday life give us many examples of optimism overcoming adversity. We must always remember that it can be difficult to remain hopeful through tough times but when all is said and done, we can be "more than conquerors" by bearing the flag of optimism throughout all our days and in all our endeavors.



David Bast, District Essay Chair



District Membership



Auston Pusey
Membership Chair

Greetings fellow Optimists. I'll try not to dwell on the negative news, but unfortunately I'm a little short on good news. Hopefully, we've been too busy helping children to concentrate on our recruiting efforts.

As of mid August, we are minus 2,008 members Internationally, minus 131 in our District, and ranked 47th in our organization, and our Mid-Atlantic Region is 8th. It's been a down year for our entire state, as our friends to the west are ranked 49th. I said I wouldn't dwell, so nuff said!

On a positive note, we have 5 clubs plus in membership, with Northern Wake leading the way at plus 8.

Zone 6 is our only zone on the plus side. Thanks to those of you who brought in 17 new members during the 3rd quarter.

I'm hoping to have better news to report for our 4th quarter push. It's never too late to help and impact the lives of the 30 plus kids for each new member we recruit.

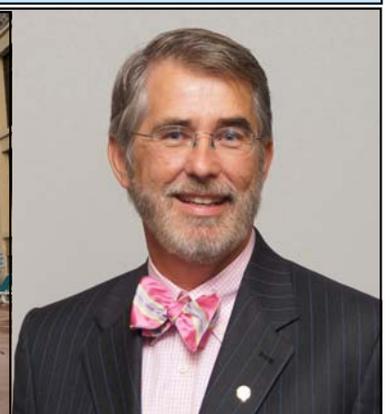
"Remember, membership is an honor and privilege.....so SHARE it"

Auston Pusey
Membership Chair

District Convention 2016-2017

Beach Cove Resort, Myrtle Beach SC.

September 7-10, 2017



J. O. I. JUNIOR OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

AS AN OPTIMIST WHAT IS YOUR LEGACY? DO YOU WANT TO LEAVE A LEGACY AS AN OPTIMIST? DO YOU WANT TO ASSIST IN SECURING THE LEGACY OF THE OPTIMIST ORGANIZATION?

As an optimist, we should all have the drive, motivation and interest in desiring to leave a LEGACY of this service organization to which we are members and that “BRINGS OUT THE BEST IN YOUTH” for future generations. It is important that we lay the foundation for the youth of today to learn and become a part of something bigger than they can imagine. To afford them the opportunity to give back to their communities, the pride of being a community volunteer, the chance for them to PAY IT FORWARD and assist with the work and responsibility of continuing the Optimist name and purpose of BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN YOUTH for the youth of today and for generations to come.

Leave a LEGACY! Invest in the FUTURE! Build J.O.I. Clubs. Share this organization that has assisted you and I with our own personal growth and community involvement.

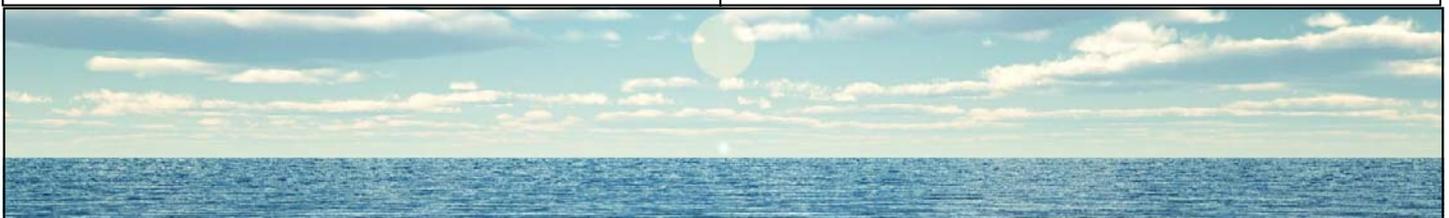
CONGRATULATIONS to the Golden Circle Club on their success in building another J.O.I. Club at the Beddingfield High School. Hats Off to the club and their members for working to leave a Legacy of optimism in their community. “YES WE CAN” definitely reflects the mission of your club. Please contact me know if your club has an interest in J.O.I. and or building a J.O.I. Club. I will be delighted to travel and meet with members of your club to share my knowledge and to assist you with the simple process. How to Start a Junior Optimist International Club

INFORMATION OF WHAT IS REQUIRED TO BUILD A J.O.I. CLUB

You may charter a Junior Optimist International Club with only eight Junior Optimist International Members. There is a one-time enrollment fee of \$50, an annual registration fee of \$60 and membership dues are as follows: \$8 per member per year for Alpha Clubs and \$10 per member per year for Junior Optimist and Octagon Clubs. The registration and member fees are prorated depending on the month you charter the Junior Optimist International Club. Also, Junior Optimist International Clubs are only required to pay for the first 50 members.



Sandy Cyphers
2016-2017 N.C. East District J.O.I. Chairman
2015-2016 & 2016-2017 Optimist International J.O.I. Chairman



International Convention, Jul 6-8 Albuquerque, NM



Seated from left: Ellen Foster, Jan Edgerton, Linda Shepherd. Standing from left: Billy Edgerton, Carey Foster, Betty Moseley, Joyce Leake, Russell Leake, Carol Collier, Wayne Sidelinger, Jim Hart, Sara Robbins, LouAnna Hardee, Curtis Hardee and Sandy Cyphers.



Boy Scouts present parade of flags at opening ceremony.



International president presents certificates to JOI Board of Directors at National Convention. Sandy Cyphers is International JOI Chair.



Mid Atlantic Region of Optimist International. On Left, Carey Foster, Governor NC East and Ellen Foster. Extreme Right, OI Vice President LouAnna Hardee and Curtis Hardee.



Indian Tribal dance at opening session.



Linda Shepherd in Albuquerque presented certificate for attending special OI Leadership Program.



From left Seated; Sandy Cyphers, Bill Edgerton, Jan Edgerton and Linda Shepherd. Back row; Carol Collier and Deanna Morrow from Georgia.



Linda Shepherd, extreme right, receiving award presented to Golden circle for achieving one of top 4 clubs in OI for 2016-2017.



Governor Jim Hart being introduced on stage.



Jim Hart with LouAnna and Curtis Hardee.

JOI

Jr. Optimist International



Sara Robbins, right, receiving \$200 award from JOI Chair, Sandy cyphers for Golden Circle club building two JOI Clubs.



Armature balloon riders in Albuquerque. Golden circle members from left; Carol Collier, Sara Robbins and Linda Shepherd.

Hello Fellow Optimists,

I hope each of you are having a most enjoyable summer.

The past quarter has been a busy one for the NC East District. From the excitement of the NC East Oratorical Winner participating in the regional competition to the many individuals who participated in outstanding workshops and training at the Optimist International Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico -- a wonderful time was had by all. Several scheduled times to go site seeing in the area, took warm air balloon rides, rode the tram, and took a train ride to eat at an "authentic" Mexican Restaurant and visit Santa Fe.

Accolades are extended to the Golden Circle Optimist Club who was one of the top four finalists for the Optimist "Club of the Year" and to David Hodges, the volunteers and all who helped coordinate and/or support the youth participating in the Optimist International Junior Golf Tournament.

With the end of the summer fast approaching and as our youth return to school, it is a perfect time for us to refocus on what we as Optimists are dedicated to doing -- Serving the Youth in Our Community. Please remember that this is the "Year of the Honor Club" so clubs should look at where they are and what they need to do to become an Honor Club and/or a Distinguished Club. Review the many incentives available to help meet goals established such as -- Recruit a Teacher for \$30; build a Club Within a

Club; add five new members in the 4th quarter, your club will be presented a complementary registration to the 100th Convention in Ottawa, plus--the more members added to our district -- the more youth served. And don't forget -- file the required reports by September 30.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the NC East District Convention. The Convention Committee has planned wonderful training sessions and entertainment for everyone. Join me in congratulating everyone who has brought in a new member or built a JOI or New Club. Through their efforts, more youth can be served in your community as we strive to meet our goals and as Walt Disney said --

"All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them!"

Remember -- "Serving Youth Today -- Grows Optimists for Tomorrow!"

Yours in Optimism,

Lou Anna

Lou Anna Hardee
Vice-President
Designate 2017-18

Mid-Atlantic Region,
Optimist International



PERSONAL GROWTH AND INVOLVEMENT

Hello fellow Optimists,

I hope that you have had a great summer and will be looking forward to the fall season and football.

I would like to remind you about the Personal Growth and Involvement Program. Participation in the PGI offers members the opportunity for personal growth while working at your own pace and it doesn't cost you a dime. It will also help you give fresh ideas for your Club meetings.

Listed below are some of the benefits of the PGI program.

- Allows club members to be recognized and appreciated for personal and professional accomplishments.

- Gives members the personal responsibility for his/her involvement in club activities.

- Offers personal growth opportunities to each member.

- PGI introduces you to Optimist International skills development through the ten levels of involvement, personal growth and achievement.

The PGI program is composed of 6 elements. Preview the elements listed below.

- Presence/ Attendance

- Knowledge of the Organization

- Activities/Programs

- Personal Growth/Self Development

Growth/ New members

Communication

HOW PGI WORKS

When you enroll in the program, you will receive a passport from the District Chair or your club. Enter your name and club number on the front of your passport. As a member completes a step, either the club president or secretary/ treasurer (for levels 1-7) and for levels (8-10) the District Governor or Lt. Governor initials the steps on the passport.

When an entire level is completed, the proper club or district representative should fill out, sign and date the recognition form. The club then sends the form to the district director of Personal Growth, or directly to Optimist International, attention Jackie Moore, for processing.

Optimist International will forward the appropriate pin backings to the District Director of the PGI to be awarded at the next District meeting or convention.

If you have any questions please contact Jimmy Lamm at 252-237-7398, 252-245-6441,

lamm@myglnc.com.

Yours in Optimism,

Jimmy Lamm



Clear blue river emptying into the Pacific Ocean Hawaii

A&A Club Winners 2nd Quarter

Top Ten Clubs 2016-2017



From Left: No. 1, Golden Circle, Kathy Sandifer; No. 2, South Johnston, Jerry Medlin; No. 3, Goldsboro, Jewel Wilson; No. 4, Rocky Mount Evening, Ed Taylor; No. 5, Garner, JG Baker.



From left: No. 6, Henderson, Thurman Murphy; No. 7, Wake Forest, Jennifer Nyland; No. 8 Greenville, LouAnna Hardee; No. 9, Roanoke Rapids, Carey Foster, No. 10, Raleigh, JG Baker.

A&A 2nd Quarter

Top Clubs In Each Zone



From Left: Zone 3 Golden Circle, Kathy Sandifer; Zone 4, Rocky Mount Evening, Ed Taylor; Zone 5, Henderson, Thurman Murphy; Zone 6, South Johnston, Jerry Medlin.

Top 3 Lt. Governors A&A 2nd Quarter



From left; No. 1. Lt. Governor Linda Shepherd, Zone 3, Golden Circle; No. 2, Lt. Governor Errol Warren, Zone 4, Rocky Mount Evening; No. 3, Lt. Governor Cathy Potter, Zone 5, Henderson.



Dan Durham,
District A&A Chair



Sugar Cane Truck Hawaii

Childhood Cancer Campaign

District Newsletter Article 4th Quarter 2016-17

CHILDHOOD CANCER CAMPAIGN

In July, the Optimist Club of Chapel Hill joined the thirty five children and Duke medical staff at Camp Kaleidoscope for a watermelon party. Several seed

spitting contests “pitted” campers against their councilors for the title of Champion “Long Distance Seed Spitter” and “Most Accurate Seed Spitter”. Prizes and watermelon were enjoyed by all.

There are several good news stories about childhood cancer. The survival

rates for many forms of childhood cancer have continued to rise. Recently a new method of treatment has been featured in Time Magazine. The August 21, 2017 edition has an article about one new treatment that has shown a 90% remission rate. This latest development in immunotherapy uses an infusion of the patients’ own immune cells that have been modified to attack and destroy the cancer cells unique to the patient. The immune cells are called CAR T cells (chimeric antigen receptor T cells). The FDA is expected to soon approve this treatment as an accepted standard treatment for children with cer-

tain leukemias, such as the most common childhood cancer, acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

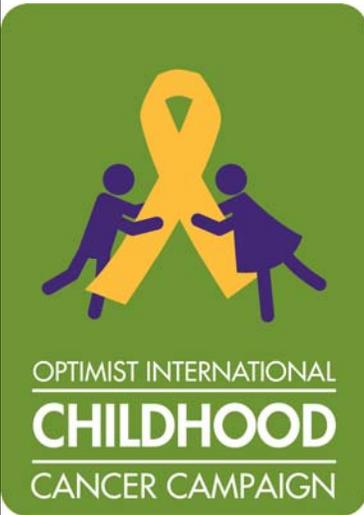
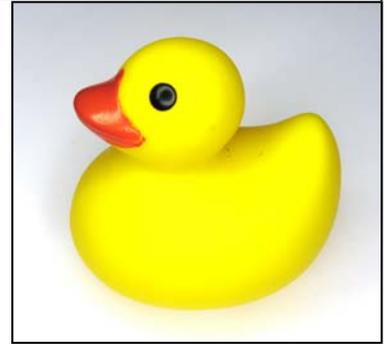
The cost of treating a child for childhood cancer is about \$500,000 over 3 to 5 years. The cost of cancer care in the US is over \$120 billion per year.

We celebrate the end of this Optimist year with The Little Yellow Duck Race for Childhood Cancer. The funds raised will be donated to the Optimist leukemia vaccine research project at Johns Hopkins. Join us as we cheer on our favorite ducks toward the finish line. There will be monetary prizes and last place honors for the winners.

Thank you to all the Optimist Club members in our district who support the children, their families, and the hospital staff who are battling childhood cancer every day. Your support means so much, no matter how small.

Trish Verne, District Chairman, Childhood Cancer Campaign

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



Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, Hawaii.

OI Foundation Awards 2nd Quarter



Raleigh Dinner, Richard Cash, Print and \$365.Patch



Rocky Mount Evening, Henry Edmondson, Benefactor



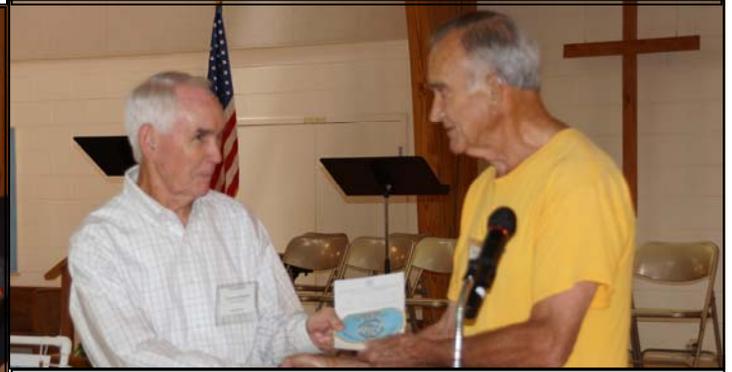
Goldsboro, Jewel Wilson, Print and \$365 patch



Laurinburg, Ron Riggins, Banner Patch



Henderson, Thurman Murphy, Print and \$365 Patch.



Henderson, Thurman Murphy, Bronze Benefactor



North Raleigh, J. G. Baker, Print and \$365 Patch



Billy Edgerton, Distinguished OI Foundation Representative Plaque. Total 2015-16, \$19,242.25

OI Foundation Continued

2 clubs dime a day.

Golden Circle

Rocky Mount Evening

The Foundation is certainly worthy of our donations. Every Optimist member should at least consider making the Dime-A-Day donation each year. That is only \$36.50 per year. If Half of our members donated to the Dime-A-Day, we would meet our goals.

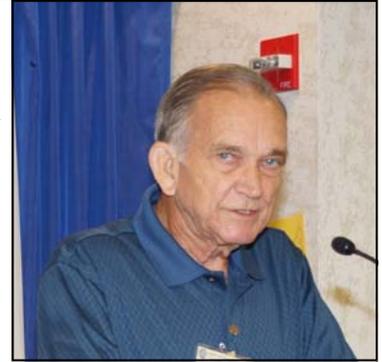
Our District is very generous when it comes to donating to the Foundation, but we are behind on our donations this year. Our goal is \$20,900 and we are

at about \$12,000 at this time. Please talk with your other members and your club about donating at the convention. You can also mail the donations to me or to the OI Foundation.

Thank you for all you have done and will do to support the Foundation.

Bill Edgerton

OI Foundation Chair



ble for members to take back to your home clubs to sell. For more information or to get tickets, see Ray Cockrell (910-840-7107 / ray.cockrell@bghnc.org) or Gary Pender (919-920-9190 / gpender@nc.rr.com).



Who could use a week at the beach??

You have the opportunity to win a seven-night stay at the Marriott Courtyard in Carolina Beach – and help children at the same time!

All civic organizations associated with B&GH are taking on a statewide combined effort to raffle off this fantastic week at Carolina Beach. All proceeds will benefit the For the Love of Kids Capital Campaign at Boys and Girls Homes. This \$2.5 Million effort is a comprehensive campaign to provide much needed facility improvements to the B&GH campus.

Raffle tickets are one for \$5 or five for \$20. To see photos, go to <https://courtyardcarolinabeach.com>. The drawing will be November 15, 2017.

Tickets are available for purchase now – and availa-

Invite us in! If we haven't been to visit your club recently to provide an update on the positive work being done for children at B&GH, please mention this to Ray Cockrell and/or Gary Pender. We welcome the opportunity to come and visit with you!

I look forward to spending a fantastic weekend in Myrtle Beach filled with Optimism! Thank you for everything Optimists do to continue making a difference in the lives of children!

Ray



Ray Cockrell, B&G Home

Hello Optimist;

I will be working two chairperson positions for Governor Foster for the 2017-18 year. Webmaster & Leadership Development. First, Leadership Development. We have our upcoming 4th quarter convention in North Myrtle Beach, SC Sept 7-10. . Our theme for training at the convention will be "Early Spring Training" , so wear your favorite baseball team hat or shirt to class. It would be great for all of the 2017-18 club Presidents and Secretary –Treasurers to attend training on Friday Sept 8th. It is only 4 hours of training for your position. Bring along another club member that might want to fill that position in the future. Vice President Lou Anna Hardee will also be holding a training session on the Optimist Leaders web site. The Leaders web site is a site that the club officers can take care of club reports, payments online and other club duties. I also would like suggestions for training at the 1st, 2nd & 3rd qtr meetings. I know we do not have a lot of time at these meetings so I am planning a training handout that you can take with you to read about the subject or a web site that you can go to about the subject.

Ok now the NC East Web site & Facebook site. I will be updating the sites for Governor Foster's year. One again please send me any information on broken links, incorrect information posted or info to post for you club. If you club has a Facebook site please like the NC East District

NC East District Convention

Welcome Optimist and Friends to the NC EAST SUMMER OPTIMIST CONVENTION. We are excited to have the convention back at the Beach Cove Resort in North Myrtle Beach. The crowds are gone, the warm sand, balmy breezes and blue Atlantic await and frankly I can't wait. I can't wait because it is an opportunity to renew old Optimist acquaintances, make new friends and generally enjoy being with a group of people that are committed wholeheartedly to one thing and that is serving the youth of their communities.

From the beginning "Boys and Girls Home Golf Tournament" on Thursday, to the "Governors Banquet and Ball" ending on Saturday night, the Convention Committee has worked diligently on preparing a great convention.

site in return we will like you clubs web site.

Thanks,

Allan Ludlum

Leadership Development & Webmaster 2017-2018

North Carolina East District of Optimist International

*"Right Here Right Now, Being a Friend of Youth in
Our Communities"*

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*"A problem shared is
a problem halved'~
joy shared is a joy
doubled"*



I would like to thank all members and guest who have taken time out of their busy schedule to attend the convention to fellowship and learn more about our great optimist organization.

We hope that you will leave this convention with renewed enthusiasm and excitement so we can make a difference to the youth in the N.C. East District.

Errol Warren
Convention
Chairman



2016-2017 District Oratorical Contest



Contestants from left: Harriet Bowles, Greenville; Shynise Stephens, Laurinburg; Noah McKay, Northern Wake; Ikea Shepherd, Goldsboro; Halima Elbert, Laurinburg; Faith Koesters, Greenville; Taylor Ferguson.



From left: 1st Place, Faith Koesters, Greenville; 2nd Place, Noah McKay, Northern Wake; 3rd Place, Harriet Bowles, Greenville.

NC East Optimists 1915-1916 Year Awards

Distinguished Governor Award

Governor Alan Ludlum

Secretary Judy Harritan

Treasurer Don Harritan

Distinguished Lt. Governor Awards

Phil Best Zone 1

LouAnna Hardee Zone 4

'Bringing out the Best' Banner Bar

Northern Wake

South Johnston

Rocky Mount Breakfast

Wilmington Cape Fear

Golden Circle

Goldsboro

Greenville

Henderson

Raleigh

Roanoke Rapids

Rocky Mount Evening

Whiteville

Wilmington



Past Governor

Al Ludlum 2015-16O

'Bring Out the Best' Round Patch

Southern Wake

Honor and Distinguished Club Awards

Golden Circle

President Linda Sheperd
 Secretary Norma Duell
 Treasurer Angela Iwaniuk

Wilmington

President Alan Ludlum
 Secretary Jerrine Taylor
 Treasurer Alan Ludlum

Rocky Mount Evening

President Sam Toler
 Secretary David Hodges
 Treasure Henry Edmondson

Whiteville

President Eric Underwood
 Secretary Judy Harritan
 Treasurer Don Harritan

Raleigh

President Carolyn Lackey
 Secretary Dayne Brown

Honor Club Awards

Wilmington Cape Fear

President Walt Moser
 Secr/Treas Robin Bass

Northern Wake

President Sandra Young
 Secr/Treas Kimberly Norton

Greenville

President Edward Moore
 Secr/Treas LouAnna Hardee

Henderson

President Thomas Floyd
 Secr/Treas Thurman Murphy

Roanoke Rapids

President Russell Leake
 Secretary Carey Foster
 Treasurer Roy Barnes

Southern Wake

President Teri Prosser
 Secr/Treas Alan Middleton

Membership

Added 98 Members

**NORTH CAROLINA EAST DISTRICT
OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
THIRD QUARTER DISTRICT MEETING**

First Baptist Church - Goldsboro, NC

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, May 6, 2017

The following members of the Board of Directors were present:

Jim Hart	Governor
Allan Ludlum	Immediate Past Gov.
Jimmy Lamm	Past Governor
Carol Collier	District Sec/Treas
Phil Best	Zone 1 Lt. Governor
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 2: Whiteville

Zone 3: Wilson Golden Circle; Goldsboro;
Wilson Evening

Zone 4: Greenville; Roanoke Rapids; Rocky
Mount Breakfast; Rocky Mount Evening

Zone 5: Henderson; Wake Forest, Chapel
Hill

Zone 6: Raleigh; Raleigh Dinner; South John-
ston, Southern Wake

Fifty-two members were in attendance at the meet-
ing.

Governor Jim Hart called the meeting to order at
9:20 am. Gov. Hart led in the reciting of the Pledge

of Allegiance followed by the invocation by Billy
Edgerton.

Gary Pender welcomed everyone to our Third Dis-
trict meeting and Oratorical Contest in Goldsboro.

Gov. Jim Hart recognized first-time attendees and
the Past Governors who were present.

Secretary/Treasurer Carol Collier presented the
minutes of the 2016-2017 2nd Quarter Meeting. Mo-
tion was made by Russell Leake (Roanoke Rapids
Club) with a second by Errol Warren (Rocky Mt.
Evening) to accept the minutes. Motion was ap-
proved.

Carol Collier presented the 2nd Quarter Financial
Report. Motion was made by Phil Best
(Wilmington) with a second by Ed Taylor (Rocky
Mt. Evening Club) to accept the financial report.
Motion was approved.

Allen Ludlum thanked Carey Foster for submitting
his letter requesting to be 2017-18 NC East District
Governor. Allen made the motion to accept Carey's
letter and Judy Harritan second the motion. The
motion was approved.

Allen passed out the 2015 - 16 Certificates of Appre-
ciation Awards.

Honor Clubs were: Cape Fear, Greenville, Roanoke
Rapids, Northern Wake, Henderson and South
Wake

Distinguished Clubs were:

Zone 1: Wilmington and Whiteville

Zone 3: Wilson Golden Circle

Zone 4: Rocky Mt. Evening

Zone 6: Optimist Club of Raleigh

Distinguished Lt. Governors: Lou Anna Hardee and Phil Best

Committee Reports:

Bulletin: Wayne Sidelinger encouraged everyone to get their pictures and articles to him in a timely manner.

Candidate Qualifications: Lou Anna Hardee will be serving the Mid-Atlantic region. She will help Carey Foster in any way she can as in-coming Governor. She reminded us that we need to start filling our Committee chairs for next year.

A&A Awards: Chairman Dan Durham presented 3rd quarter awards:

Top 10 Clubs (#10 Raleigh; #9 Roanoke Rapids; #8 Greenville #7 Wake Forest; #6 Henderson; #5 Garner; #4 Rocky Mt. Evening; #3 Goldsboro; #2 South Johnston; #1 Wilson Golden Circle.

Top Club in each Zone (3 – Wilson Golden Circle; 4 – Rocky Mt. Evening; 5 - Henderson; 6 – South Johnston.

Participation Awards (21 clubs participated in A&A).

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

Membership: In Auston Pusey’s absence, Allen Ludlum passed out \$ 10 Walmart gift cards to those who sponsored new members. Allen reminded us to wear our “Just Ask” buttons.

Childhood Cancer: Chairman Trish Verne reported that she has a dozen monetary collection boxes. She encouraged everyone to take a box if they are willing to place them in businesses around your home town. She reminded everyone to continue to collect pop-top tabs. The Mile-of-Hope will be held at Atlantic Beach. This gives everyone in the family, of a child

with cancer, a chance to enjoy a vacation at the beach. 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.

In Ray Cockrell’s absence, Carlton Baird reported that ten students are now enrolled in higher education programs.

Gary announced that we can all help by donating goods to the Country store.

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 passed out awards, which consisted of prints and banner patches the Raleigh Dinner club; Goldsboro Optimist club; Henderson and North Raleigh. He presented patches to the Rocky Mt. Evening; Wilson Golden Circle and Laurinburg clubs. Billy encouraged everyone to participate 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 winners and party will be held at 6:00 on May 18th, 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 Lillington “is on fire” with trying to start a new club. She announced that we have two new JOI clubs in Wilson. The first one that was recently chartered is from Fike High School. The second one is from ET Beddingfield High school. We are very excited about

these two clubs as they are already doing great things for the youth and community. Sara is currently looking in to the possibly of forming a JOI club at Wilson Preparatory Academy.

Oratorical Contest: Angela Iwaniuk thanked the Goldsboro club for hosting the Oratorical contest.

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

Scholarships will be awarded at the district level: \$2500 (1st place); \$1500 (second place); and \$1000. (3rd place). The contest began on time and was a huge success. All contestants did an outstanding job. The first and second place winners were announced at the end of the contest. Faith Koesters, represented by the Greenville club, was this year's Oratorical contest winner. The second runner up was Noah McKay, represented by the Northern Wake Optimist club. Congratulations to these two outstanding young people. We are confident that NE East District will be well represented!

Junior Golf: Chairman David Hodges announced that the Junior Golf tournament was well on its way.

All contestants have been practicing and are very excited. The tournament will be held in Florida in July.

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 sixteen members from NC East District that are planning to attend the OI Convention this year. He announced that Early bird registration is over but you still have time to register if you are interested in attending. The Wilson Golden Circle club is in the running for the 2016-17 Club of the Year. The winner will be announced at the OI convention.

NC East District Convention: Errol Warren encouraged everyone to attend the NC East District Meet-

ing 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. Errol announced that there will be a silent auction, to benefit the Boys and Girls Home, on Saturday. He encouraged each club to contribute new or "like new" items. He is looking for big box items like original paintings, grills, large coolers, etc. He encouraged us to ask for donations from various businesses in your area.

Essay Contest: Chairman Dave Bast introduced the 2017 Essay winner, Carly Stephenson. Carly read her very inspirational essay. She had previously received a plaque and \$2500. Bast announced the topic for 2018; "Can Society Function Without Respect" which is very appropriate for today's youth.

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.

Jimmy Lamm recognized Linda Shepherd for achieving Level XIII. Congratulations to Linda!

JOI: Chairman Sandy Cyphers informed us that the JOI club has their own magazine, "The Torch". Topics for this magazine comes from the JOI Board of Directors. She recognized the Wilson Golden Circle club for forming two new JOI clubs at Fike High school and Beddingfield High school. Sandy encouraged and challenged the Oratorical contestants to form a JOI club in their schools.

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 encouraged each member to refer to the NC East District website often to stay aware of what is happening in our District. The NC East District website is also where you will find registration forms and deadlines for hotels and District meetings.

Governor Jim Hart briefly summarized the meeting information. He congratulated the winners of the NC East District Oratorical and Essay contests. He

also thanked the Goldsboro club once again, for hosting this year's third quarter District meeting and Oratorical contest.

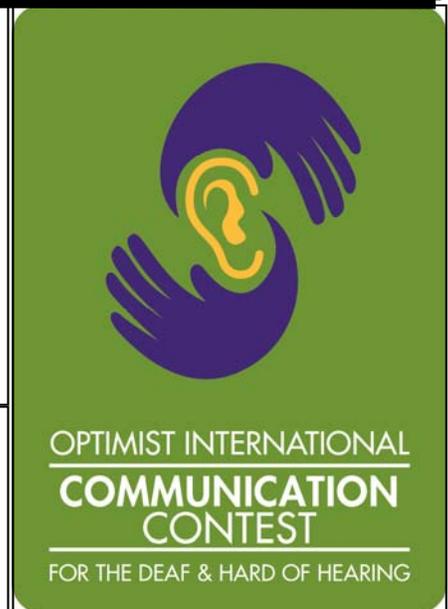
The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.



Carol Collier, District Secretary/Treasurer



Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing



The Deaf Oratorical Contest was held on Thursday, May 18th at the Eastern NC School for the Deaf in Wilson, NC. There were three contestants from the school and one contestant from Spring Lake, NC.



Left to Right: Tina Vaughn, Teacher and Event Coordinator; Karla Infante, \$2500 scholarship winner; Jose Santoz, 3rd place; Jeremiah Deans, 2nd Place; and Angela Iwaniuk, District Chair for CCDHH. (Not pictured Charlie Helms, contestant from Spring Lake, NC)



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Al Ludlum, **Web Master**

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