



North Carolina East OPTIMIST NEWS



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The newest club in NCE is the JOOI Advisory Club. Organized primarily to assist JOOI clubs, the group was advocated and installed by OI VP Sandy Wooten, standing on right. Members are, seated; Walt Armentrout; Standing from left; Ray Potter, Jerry Medlin, Tommy Peele and Yancey Hines

A&A Top Ten Clubs 4th Quarter 2005



1st Place
Winter Park
Jimmy Moore, Pres.
Sandy Cyphers, Pictured



2nd Place
Wilson Evening
Jimmy Lamm, Pres.
Ray Potter Pictured



4th Place
Chapel Hill
Carolyn Mason, Pres.
Trish Verne Pictured



5th Place
RALEIGH DINNER
Rich Cash, Pres.
Carlton Baird, Pictured



6th Place
GOLDSBORO
Hattie Frederick, Pres.



7th Place
RALEIGH
Richard Walters, Pres.
Dick Shirk, Pictured



8th place
GREENVILLE
Candy Nichols, Pres.



9th Place
CAPE FEAR
Bennie Bass, Pres.



10th Place
ROCKY MOUNT EVE.
Thomas Moore, Pres.

Top 3 Lt. Governors, 4th Quarter 2005



1st Place
Zone 6
Lt. Gov. Gary Turner

2nd Place
Zone 1
Lt. Gov. Marie Jordan

3rd Place
Zone 5
Lt. Gov. Bob Chandler

A&A FOR 4TH QUARTER

ZONE	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
1	WINTER PARK	CAPE FEAR	WILMINGTON
2	WHITEVILLE	ELIZABETHTOWN	LAURINBURG
3	GOLDSBORO	GREENVILLE	N/A
4	WILSON EVENING	WILSON BREAKFAST	GOLDEN CIRCLE
5	ROANOKE RAPIDS	HENDERSON	ROCKY MOUNT EVE
6	CHAPEL HILL	RALEIGH DINNER	RALEIGH

Pictured in red shirt presenting awards is Dan Durham, A&A Committee member. Unseen in the pictures is Chairman, Carey Foster, who was standing in the background announcing the winners.

The Annual A&A winners will be announced at the Awards Banquet, February 18th in Rocky Mount.

The A&A Chairman for this year is Worth Starling who will be awarding the 1st Quarter winners at the Quarterly Board meeting Saturday morning, Feb. 18th.



Carey Foster, A&A Chairman 2004-05



Golden Circle Optimist club during their Annual Ron McDonald visit and program.



Wilson Evening hosting the Wilson District Cub Scout Pinewood Derby on January 28.



Last Years OIF District Chair Gary Pender, right, presents an award for OIF contributions to the Raleigh optimist. Receiving the award is Secretary, Dick Shirk.



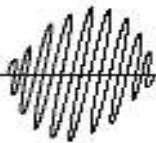
International Vice President, Sandy Wooten, the OI Rep for the 1st Quarter Board meeting in Wilson, Nov. 4-5, 2005.



Friday Night meal and get-together, 1st Board meeting.



1st Quarter Board meeting in Wilson, November 5, 2005.



COMMUNICATION CONTEST
for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing
 OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

The District CCDHH Contest will be held at the 3rd Quarter Board meeting. Two contests are planned. One for sign language contestants and the other for oral contestants. Names of contestants should be turned in to Gary Turner By April 15.



Gary Turner, CCDHH Chair

CCC Chair, Trish Verne, is promoting ways for clubs to inexpensively create dolls to give away to children afflicted with cancer. Trish and the Chapel Hill club have taken the lead in establishing the CCC program in North Carolina East District. Her club has raised several thousands of dollars that have been donated to the CCC program.



The CCC program is priority No.1 in Optimist International, with the hope and desire to rid cancer in children the world over.

Trish is challenging every club in the District to establish a committee to promote the CCC program. She is offering to visit every club that desires help in getting something started.



The Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina

January 10, 2006

Dear Optimists,

The Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina is looking forward to having North Carolina Optimists on our campus on Saturday, March 25, 2006. We invite you and members of your club to be with us on that day to see your Optimist cottage, the renovation improvements we have made to the facility, and most importantly the children who live there. This opportunity will provide your members with an up close and personal look at the program of care we provide for children.



North Carolina Optimists have been a vital part of our success with children for over 50 years. We believe by providing a special day for Optimists to visit our campus at Lake Waccamaw we can revitalize our relationship with your organization on an annual basis. For your new members it is an opportunity to see the facility for the first time, and for others who have been with us before it provides a reconnection to our program with a chance to meet some of the children we serve and to address the needs we face in the future.

We need the continued support of individual Optimist Clubs and your members to continue the mission of providing care for children and I hope you and your club will be able to be with us on Saturday, March 25, 2006. Our future depends on it!

Sincerely,

Tom Lamont
Director of Civic Club Development

Enclosure



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The First Annual Optimist Day at Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina at Lake Waccamaw is planned for Saturday, March 25, 2006. Optimists from all over the state are invited for fun and fellowship and a chance to see first hand the renovations to the Optimist Cottage and our beautiful campus. Come for all of the activities planned for the day or participate in the activities that you can, but most of all, come to see and support the children!

- 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Hands-on work project at the Optimist Cottage
Drop off items for the Optimist Cottage or the Country Store at the truck parked in front of the chapel (items can also be dropped off after lunch).
- 9 a.m.–1 p.m. The Country Store will be open for business, so bring some money to spend!
- 12 noon–1:30 p.m. Fellowship luncheon and program in the Chapel Fellowship Hall (Dutch treat – price to be determined)
- 1:30–3 p.m. Open House at the Optimist Cottage and tours of the campus.

Prizes will be awarded to the District and the club that brings the most people and there will be a few other surprises!

Please R.S.V.P.: Tom Lamont, Director
 Civic Club Development
 Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, Inc.
 (910) 646-3083, ext 241

Our goal is to have over 100 Optimists on our campus on Saturday, March 25, 2006!

New Club Building

SPREADING OPTIMISM IN THE N.C. EAST

Where Oh Where Can Those New Clubs Be, Oh Where Oh Where Can They Be? Can you or will you help in trying to find and locate those communities in the North Carolina East where we can spread optimism? Get on the Eager Beaver Team and let's make it HAPPEN! The sooner the better.....May we all be reminded that by SPREADING OPTIMISM continually into new communities and individuals we are being able to reach and serve more KIDS...in doing so we are helping this organization achieve its goal of "BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS."

Past Governors, Club Presidents, Past Presidents, Lt. Governors, District Chairmen, optimist members, we OWE it to this district, to our clubs and to the many thousands of kids in communities to make every effort possible to achieve the goal of THREE new clubs. I'm optimistic that the Eager Beavers of the N.C. East District can win the SPREADING OPTIMISM IN THE N.C. EAST CHAMPIONSHIPS....to sign up for the TEAM...contact Coach, Sandy Cyphers at 910-799-4867...Coach Sandy is willing to travel and recruit as many optimists for this winning team as would like to participate. Recruiting



efforts are already underway...the bonuses are super and the playing time is fun..it's possible for any optimist to be a STAR PLAYER on the team. No height requirements, no high school transcripts, no SAT scores, just enthusiasm and a desire to WIN.

Sandy Cyphers, Distinct NCB Chair

Essay Contest Theme:
"I'm Unique Because...",

Each participating club must forward it's winning essay, along with it's application, to the District Chair by February 28, 2006. By April 10, the Essays will be judged and the winners will be invited to the 3rd quarter Board meeting to present their essays and receive awards
 Candy Nichols, District Essay Chair



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Next year Gary Pender will take over as our NC East Governor and he needs to build a team of willing and dedicated Optimists to support him. There are so many opportunities to serve the youth at the District level:

- CCC
- Golf
- Essay
- CCDHH
- Oratorical
- JOOI Clubs
- OI Foundation
- Building new Clubs
- Bringing in New Members
- Teaching Leadership Skills
- Planning the NC East Convention
- Providing Club Services to needy clubs
- Supporting the Boys & Girls Homes of NC
- Boosting the Personal Growth & Involvement of all members & many, many others.



Yancey Hines District Candidate Qualifications Chair

You will never work with a better or more committed Optimist than Gary Pender. He will continue the great job Governor Potter is doing this year. *But Gary needs you to take some of the load of leadership off his shoulders next year. Come on, let Gary know you want to be on his team in 2006-2007. Sign up now!*

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The meeting of the NC East JOOI Advisory Club will be held on Saturday, February 18 at 7:15 AM at the District Meeting Hotel. Our meeting room will be close to the restaurant, so if anyone wants to have breakfast while the meeting is going on, that is okay. All members and guests are invited to attend and we are looking for new members also.

Please get this out to everyone and we will post the meeting room name at the Hotel where the meeting will be held.

JERRY MEDLIN



Optimist International Foundation

Inkjet & Toner Cartridge Recycling

Why recycle inkjet and laser toner cartridges?

Optimist clubs receive \$.50 for each accepted inkjet and toner cartridge.
Optimist International Foundation receives \$.50 for each accepted cartridge.
Helps the environment.

Environmental benefits:

Last year almost 300 million cartridges were thrown away.
The plastic cartridges can take up to 100 years to decompose
5 million barrels of oil were consumed to produce the new cartridges.

How the program works:

Coastal Inkjet & Toner Recycling provides the following support:
Free collection receptacles at locations designated by you.
Free shipping of cartridges.
Barcode system to inventory received cartridges.
Quarterly payments for all cartridges received and accepted during the quarter.

Where do we collect cartridges?

From businesses/individuals that use these cartridges.
As part of ongoing fundraising activities.
From friends, neighbors, contacts of Optimist members & Foundation donors.
All cartridges will be recycled.
Exception: Epson and damaged and once recycled cartridges cannot be used.

How to get started:

1. Call Coastal Inkjet & Toner Recycling toll free at: 1-877-774-0858
2. They will set up your club to join the program. You will receive a sign-up form personalized for your club for you to sign up individuals and businesses to begin recycling cartridges.
3. Copy the form and sign up folks and companies in your area.

Questions? Call Bob Verne at 919-942-4144

OI FOUNDATION AUCTION

At the second quarter District meeting, there will be a charity auction to benefit the O. I. Foundation. It will be held on Friday evening at 9:00PM.

The Foundation needs money! Due to many recent disasters, donations have been slower than usual. Money is badly needed to fund the many Optimist programs that we use to benefit our NC East District kids. The funds we raise will directly support the Oratorical Contest, Essay Contest, CCDHH, the JOOI youth clubs and the Childhood Cancer Campaign.



So, to help our foundation...

- Bring your collection of “white elephants”, craft items, tools, pottery, jewelry, clothing, artwork and other useful items that you don’t need and want to find them a good home.
- Bring all those “don’t fit/don’t want” Christmas gifts that others will want.
- Bring whatever useful items you have and are willing to part with for a worthy cause.
- **Most important of all, bring yourself** to bid on and pick up some bargains. In the past, many valuable items have gone for a fraction of their retail value.

Master Auctioneer Rich Cash will be handling the bidding. He is skilled at moving the bidding along and helping us have fun in the process!

Donated items will be credited to the individual clubs. Please label each item with the names of the donor and his/her club.

Questions? Call Bob Verne at (919) 942-4144.





Please remind all Lt. Governors and Club Presidents that the names of the Zone contest winners and the supporting documents must be provided to District contest chairperson, Tommy Peele by April 10th,

2006.

Documents that must be provided

1. Copy of the application.
2. Copy of the applicant's proof of age.
3. A typed, double-spaced, copy of the speech.

The District contest will be held on Saturday, April 29 at the 3rd quarter District meeting in Raleigh N. C. at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel at I-40 and Page Road.

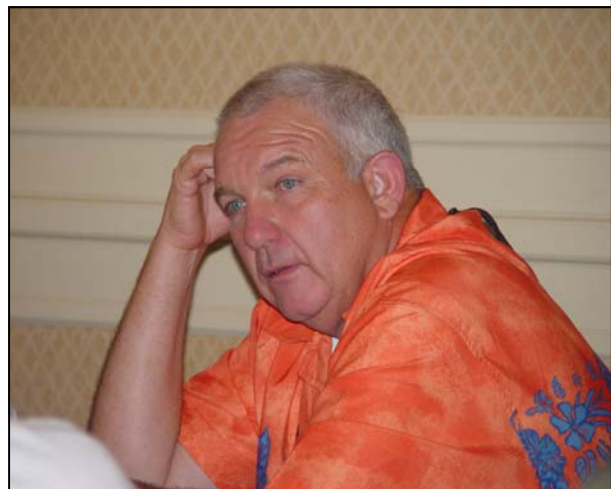
Any information that you want to know about the Oratorical Contest is found on page 36 in your 2005 - 2006 Handbook & Directory.



Tommy Peele Chairperson
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The NC East District Convention will be held again at the Holiday Inn Sunspree Hotel in Wrightsville Beach September 14-17, 2006. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date.

Carey Foster
District Convention Chairman





The NC East Junior Optimist Tournament will be played again this year at Keith Hills Course #1, Buies Creek, NC on April 22-23, 2006. It has been sent to Optimist International.

Should you need additional information, do not hesitate to

contact me.

Ken Dixon



The 88th Annual Optimist International Convention will be Wednesday thru Saturday, July 5-8, 2006. All the information about the Convention is located in the Winter 2006 Optimist International Magazine starting on pages 17-33.

The Nashville Host Area Youth Activities Committee is planning special activities for registered youth of all ages on Wednesday and Saturday nights and two exciting tours on Thursday and Friday for kids ages 5 to 18. You can get all this information along with email addresses on page 23 of the Optimist International Magazine.

Ellen S. Foster
N.C. East District OI Ambassador
2005 -2006

Have a Great Day!



District Youth Clubs
Chair
Barbara Timmons
919-426-5824



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 they see a problem with web site links or wrong information to also email me about the corrections.

NORTH CAROLINA EAST DISTRICT - OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

FIRST QUARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Holiday Inn Express, Wilson, N.C.
Saturday, November 5, 2005

The following Executive Board members were present:

Ray Potter	Governor
Gary Pender	Governor-Elect
Allan Ludlum	District Secretary-Treasurer
Yancey Hines	Immediate Past Governor
Bob Verne	Past Governor
Marie Jordan	Lt. Governor Zone 1
Don Harritan	Lt. Governor Zone 2
Louwanna Pender	Lt. Governor Zone 3
Barbara Hester	Lt. Governor Zone 4
Larry Webb	Lt. Governor Zone 5
Barbara Timmons	Lt. Governor Zone 6

Also present were:

Sandy Wooten	International Vice President
Don Wooten	Past International Vice President

Governor Ray Potter called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Governor Ray Potter recognized first time attendees. Governor Ray Potter also introduced International Vice President – Sandy Wooten and her husband Past International Vice President – Don Wooten.

4th Quarter Financial report, given by Thurman Murphy. Motion to accept was made by Candy Nichols of Greenville – Seconded by Tommy Peele of Rocky Mount Evening - Approved.

2005-2006 Proposed Budget report, given by Wayne Sidelinger. Motion to accept was made by Tom Hedgepath of Rocky Mount Evening – Seconded by Jerry Medlin of North Raleigh - Approved.

Newsletter information, given by Wayne Sidelinger.

2005-06 OI Foundation information & Roll Call was given by Bob Verne. Gary Pender recognized 2004-05 OI Foundation givers with awards.

2004-05 4th Qtr A&A Awards were handed out by Carey Foster.

2006 NC East Convention information was given by Carey Foster, more information to follow as date get closer.

OI Convention/Ambassador - Ellen Foster handed out reservation forms for OI Convention and gave a short report on convention.

NC East Web Site information by Allan Ludlum.

PGI program information, given by Tommy Peele for Ed Taylor.

Childhood Cancer Campaign & Roll Call information, given by Trish Verne.

Oratorical Contest information, given by Tommy Peele.

CCDHH information, given by Gary Turner.

Essay Contest information, given by Candy Nichols.

Activities - CPA information, given by Walt Armentrout. It was suggested that a possible credit for district point awarded for CPA books.

Boys and Girls Homes report & Roll Call, given by Sandy Cyphers for Max Stephenson /Tom Lamont.

Break was taken at 10:30 am, meeting reconvened at 10:50 am.

Membership report, given by Yancey Hines for Allen Stallings.

Candidate Qualifications information was given by Yancey Hines.

Club Services report, given by Doug Lamm. Doug also said if any clubs need any help or attention please call.

JOOI Clubs report & update, given by Barbara Timmons. Barbara announced that a new Executive JOOI club was formed prior to this meeting.

Junior Golf report, given by Ken Dixon. Ken said possible dates would be April 22& 23, 2006. No site has been picked at this time.

2005 NC East Convention report, given by Doug Lamm.

New Club Building report, given by Sandy Cyphers.

2005 4th Qtr Convention Minutes report was handed out by Thurman Murphy, Membership reviewed – No changes. Motion to accept was made by Jerry Medlin of North Raleigh – Seconded by Sandy Cyphers of Wilmington-Winter Park - Approved.

Remarks from Governor-Elect, Gary Pender.

Closing remarks by Ray Potter.

Meeting closed with the Optimist Creed by membership.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Allan Ludlum
District Secretary-Treasurer



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.



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