

# North Carolina East OPTIMIST NEWS



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Past Optimist International Vice President Steve Schuneman presents Distinguished District Governor award to Sandy Cyphers and Distinguished Secretary/Treasurer award to Walt Armentrout at the Annual Awards Banquet held at the Sheraton Hotel, Chapel Hill, February 21, 2004.



Honor and Distinguished awards are presented annually by Optimist International to the leaders who have met the goals for New Club Building, Membership, Community and Youth projects during their year in office.

More awards are on page 2.



Receiving Distinguished Lt. Governor awards, from left: Tommy Peele, Zone 5; Ray Potter, Zone 4; Allan Ludlum, Zone 1 and Jacky Young, Zone 3.



Receiving the Outstanding Lt. Governor award was Jacky Young, Zone 3.

**2002—2003 Awards**

**Distinguished Presidents:**

- Steve Cole, Laurinburg.
- Mark Smith, Whiteville.
- Gary Pender, Goldsboro.
- Charles Ross, Greenville.
- Allen Stallings, Wilson Evening.
- Ed Taylor, Rocky Mount Evening.

**Distinguished Secretary/Treasurers:**

- Bear Hughes, Laurinburg.
- Dan Wilkes, Laurinburg.
- Jacky Young, Goldsboro.
- Jean Garris, Greenville.

- Hubert Garris, Greenville.
- George Lamm & Archie Moore, Wilson Eve.
- Tom Hedgepeth, Rocky Mount Evening

**Honor Club Presidents:**

- Robert Brunson, Wilmington Inner City.
- Harry Hale, Winter Park.
- Steve Cole, Laurinburg.
- Mark Smith, Whiteville.
- Gary Pender, Goldsboro.
- Charles Ross, Greenville.
- Eloise Sidelinger, Wilson Golden Circle.
- Allen Stallings, Wilson Evening.
- Tommy Haithcock, Henderson.
- Darrin Wall, Roxboro.
- Jackie Cieslinski, Roanoke Rapids.
- William Shaw, Rocky Mount Breakfast.
- Ed Taylor, Rocky Mount Evening.
- C. A. Tanner, Garner.
- Bobby Murray, Raleigh.

**Honor Club Secretary/Treasurers:**

- Levy Gray, Wilmington Inner City.
- Frank Blackley, Winter Park.
- James Jeffords, Winter Park.
- Bear Hughes, Laurinburg.
- Dan Wilkes, Laurinburg.
- Don Harritan, Whiteville.
- Jacky Young, Goldsboro.
- Jean Garris, Greenville.

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 Hubert Garris, Greenville.  
 Barbara Hester, Wilson Golden Circle.  
 Charla Sidelinger, Wilson Golden Circle.  
 George Lamm, Wilson Evening.  
 Archie Moore, Wilson Evening.  
 Thurman Murphy, Henderson.  
 Patricia Rogers, Nashville.  
 Marion Barnes, Roanoke Rapids.  
 Roscoe Speight, Rocky Mount Breakfast.  
 Tom Hedgepeth, Rocky Mount Evening.  
 William Oates, Garner.  
 Elwood King, Garner.  
 Carlyle Teague, Raleigh.

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**Membership**

**3 Member Pin:**  
 Sandy Cyphers, Winter Park.  
 Ron Wiggins, Laurinburg.  
 Tom Hedgepeth, Rocky Mount Evening.  
 Tommy Peele, Rocky Mount Evening.  
 Robert Chandler, Rocky Mount Breakfast.  
 Louwana Pender, Goldsboro.  
 Gary Pender, Goldsboro.  
 Don Harritan, Whiteville.  
 Jim Coleman, Wilmington Supper.

Richard Murdock, Wilmington Supper.  
 Gil Johnson, Youngsville.  
 Page Jones, Youngsville.

**5 Member Pin:**  
 Louwana Pender, Goldsboro.  
 Gary Pender, Goldsboro.  
 Tommy Peele, Rocky Mount Evening.  
 Page Jones, Youngsville.

**10 Member Lifetime Recruitment.**  
 Allan Ludlum, Winter Park.  
 James Hatchell, Winter Park.  
 John Laughter, Winter Park.  
 Sandy Cyphers, Winter Park.  
 Jim Rackley, Winter Park.  
 Robert Boswell, Cape Fear.  
 Joe Musgrove, Wilmington Supper.  
 William Bass, Wilmington Supper.  
 Richard Murdock, Wilmington, Supper.  
 Randy Wagner, Myrtle Grove.  
 Hayes Perry, Masonboro.  
 Denard Harris, Carteret.  
 Joel Wolfe, Youngsville.  
 Hubert Williams, Raleigh Southeast.  
 Robert Chandler, Rocky Mount Breakfast.  
 Tommy Peele, Rocky Mount Evening.  
 Walker Mabry, Wilson Evening.  
 Don Hall, Garner.  
 Billy Edgerton, Goldsboro.  
 Jacky Young, Goldsboro.  
 Gene Dodd, North Raleigh.  
 Levy Grady, Wilmington Inner City.

**25 Member recruitment certificates:**  
 Randy Wagner, Myrtle Grove.  
 Sandy Cyphers, Winter Park.  
 Hayes Perry, Winter Park.

**Monogrammed Jacket Membership Award recipients, meeting goals established by District Membership Chair, LuAnn Poole.**

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## Zone 1

Clubs in Zone 1: Wilmington, Wilmington Supper, Winter Park, Inner City, Masonboro, Myrtle Grove and Cape Fear. **Harry Hale, Lt. Gov.**

**Masonboro:**

**Myrtle Grove:** .

**Wilmington Inner City:**

**Cape Fear:**

**Wilmington Supper:**

**Winter Park:**

**Wilmington:** Now meeting at Bob Evans Restaurant.

## Zone 3

Clubs in Zone 3: Goldsboro, Washington, Greenville, Princeton and Carteret. **Gary Pender, Lt. Gov.**

**Greenville.** Held a Bike Safety event, Oratorical Contest, Street clean up for community project, Serving breakfast for people in the Ronald McDonald House, holding a raffle for outdoor cooker, working on a new club in Plymouth.

**Goldsboro:** Organized a JOY club at a Middle School, sponsored a student in a school pageant, held Oratorical contest, obtained a grant from local Wal-Mart and a local bank, holding a raffle for complete computer setup, putting together welcome bags for new Goldsboro residents and working on a new club in Johnston County

**Washington:** Planning a new building for the soccer field, a major project.

**Carteret:** Held a dinner for the kids at the Eckerd Camp, held an Oratorical Contest and holding a poker run for fund raising.

## Zone 2

Clubs in Zone 2: Whiteville, Elizabethtown, Laurinburg, Spring Lake and South Brunswick Island. **Mark Smith, Lt. Gov.**

**Laurinburg :**

**Elizabethtown :**

**Whiteville :**

**South Brunswick Island:**

**Spring Lake:**

The Raleigh Optimist is sponsoring the "Mile of Hope," May 7-9, at Atlantic Beach for kids battling cancer and their families. The Raleigh club would like to invite all optimists to help out with this project. They can use \$ help and hands on help. Call Ed Moore at 787-9709.

## Zone 6

Clubs in Zone 6: Raleigh, Raleigh Dinner, North Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Southeast Raleigh and Garner. **Trish Verne, Lt. Gov.**

**North Raleigh:** Toured the Art Museum as a group, sponsoring players to Junior Golf Tournament, took part in the UNCTV fund raiser, sponsored Oratorical contest.

**Chapel Hill:** Held a NOW meeting and signed up 6 new members, took a group of children to the Young Peoples Symphony Concert, held fund raisers for the CCC, raising over 4 Thousand dollars, donated a basket of arts and craft supplies to the UNC therapists, working to have June declared Cancer Awareness Month by the cities of Carrboro and Chapel Hill, holding a fund raiser for the Duke Gardens, gave \$400 to the Mile of Hope campaign.

**Raleigh:** Planning a Fishing derby, assisting the Mile of Hope weekend at Atlantic Beach, finalizing plans for the Golf Tournament, held an Essay Contest.

**Southeast Raleigh :**

**Raleigh Dinner:** Sponsoring two students in the Junior Golf Tournament.

**Garner:** Finished the basketball season projects with 220 participants, held a BBQ dinner to kick off the spring baseball program with 550 kids signed up to play, holding a reverse raffle for a fund raiser and sponsoring players in the Junior Golf Tournament.



### Zone 4

Clubs in Zone 4: Golden Circle, Wilson Evening, Wilson Breakfast, Tarboro and Edenton -Chowan.  
**Allen Stallings, Lt. Gov.**

**Wilson Evening:** Held Oratorical Contest, furnished trophies for the 4H Animal Sale and Auction, held Cub Scout Pinewood Derby, held BBQ chicken sale to raise funds for Barton College Baseball program, held highway cleanup, Donated funds to Baseball Museum, Donated funds to Wilson Soccer Complex, donated funds to Lee Woodard Youth Athletic Soccer Field.

**Golden Circle:** Held oratorical Contest, held Essay contest, hosted Zone oratorical Contest.

**Edenton:**

**Wilson Breakfast:**

**Tarboro:**

### Zone 5

Clubs in Zone 5: Henderson, Roxboro, Youngsville, Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount Evening, Nashville, Rocky Mount Breakfast and Northampton County.

**Ed Taylor, Lt. Governor.**

**Roanoke Rapids:** Running concessions at Concert in the Park, new shirts and caps are being obtained for members, held Oratorical contest, held a stew sale, sponsored Essay Contest, sponsoring T-Ball, Coach Pitch and pitching Machine.

**Nashville:**

**Youngsville:**

**RM Breakfast:** Held Youth Appreciation Banquet, held Oratorical Contest, sponsoring Baseball Tournament in April, held Easter Egg Hunt, plans being made to sponsor "Project Graduation".

**Henderson:** Gearing up for Soccer program, held a Valentine Social, sponsoring High School Seniors Scholarships, held Oratorical Contest, holding Bike Rodeo on April 24, raffle for two grills for fund raiser.

**Rocky Mount Evening:** Held pancake supper for Boys & Girls club, held Youth Appreciation Banquet, holding Tri Star contest May 5.

No report from Lt. Governors on Optimist clubs that show no activity.



Trish Verne, Chapel Hill Optimist, the new Zone 6 Lt. Governor.

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Note: I would like to receive a copy of every 'Club Brochure' in the NCE District. Many clubs have them and I would like to set up a scrapbook to display them at meetings.

Governor's Message:

Dear Optimists,

We are just over half way through this Optimist year. It's time to as-



sess what we have accomplished in our quest to serve the kids in our District.

NC East District membership is down slightly, but with a little work we will finish the year with positive growth. A number of new clubs are in the process of being built. Is your club achieving its goals for helping kids?

Are you recruiting the new members you need to conduct your service programs? As we look toward the second half of the year, can we meet our goals? As O.I. International President Dwaine Sievers would say, "YES WE CAN!"

On May 7-8, we will be holding our third quarter NC East District meeting at the Holiday Inn in Rocky Mount. If you haven't already registered, please do so now. In addition to the Board of Directors meeting, the main event for this weekend will be the annual Oratorical Contest. Come see these fine young orators from around our District as they compete for O.I. scholarships. Unfortunately, we did not receive enough applicants to hold a CCDHH competition this year. We'll do better next year. Please note that we have arranged the agenda so that the Oratorical Contest will take place immediately AFTER the District Board of Directors meeting. This time you can take part in the Board of Directors meeting AND attend the Oratorical Contest! Afterward, at the luncheon, the winners of the Oratorical Contest will be announced and prizes will be awarded to the winners. Also at this time the winner of the District Essay Contest will be named. The winning essay will be read and the top 3 winners will receive their prizes.

After the luncheon, there will be a special event that we hope will help you better achieve your goals for helping the kids in your community. Jack Creswell, an O.I Certified Trainer, will be conducting an Opti-

Leadership Development training course, "Where Are We and How Do We Get to Where We Wanted to Go?". Jack is a past Distinguished and Outstanding Governor, a Past International Vice President and is a professionally trained educator. I know this training session will be worthwhile.

Come join me at our third quarter District meeting. We're going to have a great time - learning how to be better Optimists and enjoying some great Optimist fellowship at the same time.

We must focus on completing this Optimist year on a high note. Our kids need the benefits of our Optimist programs. We have a great opportunity to make important differences in their lives. As Forest Witcraft said, "A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But the world may be different, because I was important in the lives of our youth."

Can we as Optimists be important, positive influences in the lives of our NC East kids? I offer a resounding, "YES WE CAN!"

Yours in Optimism.

Bob

**CCC Resource Video For Parents**  
Available for Member Purchase

The Childhood Cancer Campaign's educational video, "The New Normal," is available for purchase by members and the general public. The video may be purchased through Shumsky Enterprises. The price of a VHS copy is \$7.95, plus shipping. One dollar for each sale will go to the CCC Research Focus Fund. "The New Normal" is a resource targeted at parents of a child who has recently been diagnosed with cancer. The film is a collaborative effort between Optimist International and the Patients and staff of the Bob Costas Cancer Center of SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital of St. Louis, a member institution of the Children's Oncology

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Ocean side view of the Convention Hotel..



Swimming pool and outdoor lounging area.

## District Convention 2004 August 19-22 Sheraton Hotel, Atlantic Beach, NC

**William Mills,  
Convention  
Chairman**



The Sheraton Hotel has reserved a section of the hotel just for the Optimist

Convention. Reservations can be made at any time, with the deadline about the middle of July. Convention registration forms and hotel reservation forms will be mailed out the latter part of June. If you wish to register early, the number is 800-624-8875 and fax 252-240-1452.

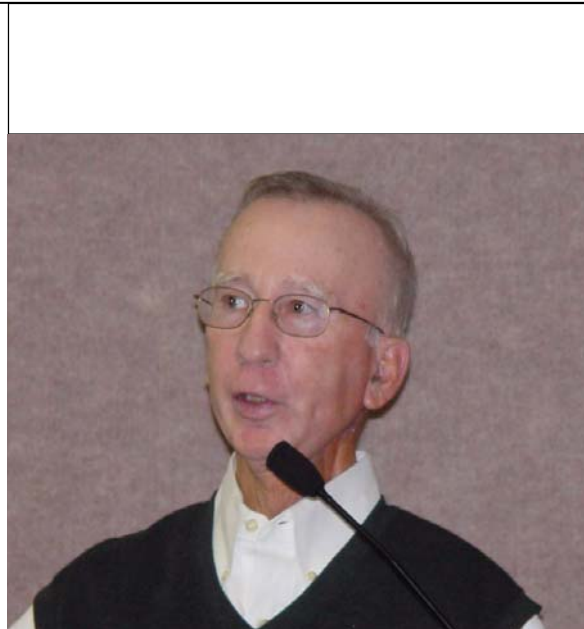
The events will begin on Thursday evening with a dinner and entertainment, Officer training on Friday, Family night entertainment is Friday night. Saturday is Board Meeting, more training and Governor's Banquet and Ball.

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Group. COG is a consortium of pediatric oncology/hematology treatment centers who are engaged in clinical trial research in addition to pediatric treatment. One copy will be distributed free to all 275 member institutions of the COG in North America, as



well as to major childhood cancer service providers in North America. Optimist affiliates who agree to contribute(\$2500) to the video project will be listed as sponsors on the video. Non sponsoring Clubs/Districts/Zones/ Members are encouraged to purchase copies of the video for distribution to appropriate facilities, organizations and families within their local communities. To order copies, contact Shumsky at 800-326-2203.



C. A. Tanner, District CCC Chairman

# OI Foundation

Carey Foster  
District Chairman



Carey Foster, promoting his Cookbook at the

As of the end of February (the most recent report available), the district had raised \$1829.75 for the OI Foundation. Supporting the foundation helps to keep dues down ( \$6.45 per member per year) as well as provide scholarships for the Essay, CCDHH, and Oratorical Contest. It supports JOOI clubs, as well as the Childhood Cancer Campaign.

Did you know your club can earn 4% interest using the club campaign fund and only have to keep your funds in there a minimum of 90 days before taking it out?

One of the more modest ways to support the foundation on the individual level is the dime a day campaign. I will have brochures at the district meeting. Of course there is the presidents club (\$250), plate sales and print sales.

I now have less than 100 of the cook books left, that we are selling for the foundation. If your club needs more, I will have them at the district meeting. Also, if you took some books on consignment, please bring the money to the meeting or get me a check as soon as possible.

Finally, if you have not appointed a club OI Foundation rep., please do so in

order that OI may send them information about what is going on each month. This can be done online.

Have a Great Day!  
Carey



Rich Cash, Raleigh Dinner, is pleading to the audience for one more bid. His persistence, and the willingness of the audience to buy, netted the OI Foundation nearly a thousand dollars.

Carey wishes to thank the members for donating the many items for the successful auction.

## District Oratorical



Roy Barnes,  
District  
Chairman

The District oratorical contest will be held at the third quarter district meeting in Rocky Mount on May 8. The time of the contest will be 10:00. This year you will not have to decide between attending the board meeting and the oratorical contest, as the contest will be held following the board meeting. This will allow everyone the opportunity to give their support to our speakers through their attendance. We look forward to inspirational speeches on *“Thinking, Working and Expecting the Best”*.



## A&A (Achievements & Awards)

Don Harritan

District A&A  
Chairman



The Achievement and Awards reporting forms were mailed to club secretary-treasurers or designated persons at the end of March for the 2nd quarter reports. The deadline to return forms and receive the 100 points for returning on time was April 15. Remember that forms also can be downloaded from the NC East website. Make sure that you download the form for the appropriate quarter.

A new item in the report form is a category that allowed clubs to receive points for monetary contributions to other organizations or programs. This is called "passive projects". There is a limit of five (5) of these per quarter.

Again, persons filling out the forms are asked to review the forms from previous quarters to assure that points are not claimed more than once for the same category unless it is allowed.

Don Harritan

Achievement & Awards for 1st Quarter

Top Ten Clubs

1. Roanoke Rapids
2. Goldsboro
3. Greenville
4. Elizabethtown
5. Whiteville
6. Myrtle Grove
7. Raleigh
8. Garner
9. Henderson

10. North Raleigh

To three Lt. Governors

1. Zone 3 Gary Pender
2. Zone 6 Trish Verne
3. Zone 5 Ed Taylor

Top two clubs from each zone

- |        |   |
|--------|---|
| Zone 1 | (1) Myrtle Grove<br>(2) Cape Fear       |
| Zone 2 | (1) Elizabethtown<br>(2) Whiteville     |
| Zone 3 | (1) Goldsboro<br>(2) Greenville         |
| Zone 4 | (1) Wilson Evening<br>(2) Golden Circle |
| Zone 5 | (1) Roanoke Rapids<br>(2) Henderson     |
| Zone 6 | (1) Raleigh<br>(2) Garner               |



District Essay

The judging for the District Essay Contest has been completed and the winners notified. The 1st place winning Essay has been submitted to OI for the International Contest. First, second and third place winners have been invited to the luncheon on May 8th to receive their plaques. They will be announced then. There were thirteen participants in the District Essay Contest.

Charlene Edwards  
District Essay  
Chair



Do the math for Boy's and Girl's Homes of NC, INC.!

For 50 years, Boy's and Girl's Homes of North Carolina has been a home and a safe-haven for abused and neglected children from all across this state. Check out these numbers:

- A 40-acre residential campus.
- A 100-acre working farm.
- 9 cottages.
- 98-99% occupancy.
- 9 children currently in Optimist Cottage.
- 53 children now in foster and adoptive care.
- 14 children in emergency care.
- 40% of children currently in care made the A/B honor roll this grading period.
- More than 30,000 children served since 1954.
- \$150,000 goal for operation of the Optimist Cottage this year.
- This year's challenge: Raise \$40,000 through the 5X12 program and other Optimist programs.

But the numbers don't tell the real story. The children who come to Boy's and Girl's Homes often arrive scared, hurt and hungry. When a teaching parent reaches out, lets a child know that he or she is loved and that someone will care for them, that is a life-changing experience. Each time that I visit the campus I hear stories of lives turned around, of children who have been given more than food and shelter, children who have been given hope and a chance to have a good life.

You can be a part of the life-changing experience. One way is the Optimists' 5X12 program, \$5.00 per month for 12 months, \$60.00 per year to change a child's life.

If you want to know more about how you can help, contact Larry Hewett, Tom Lamont or Paul Laird at Boy's and Girl's Homes, Lake Waccamaw or see me at the



Nancy Phillips, District Boys & Girls Home Chair and Larry Hewett, Boys & Girls Home

next Optimist Board Meeting.

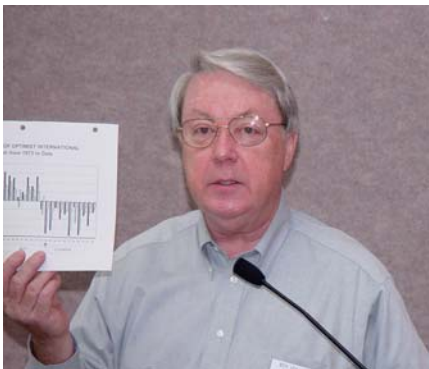
Do the math for Boy's and Girls Homes. You are the ONE who can make a difference.

MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS"

It isn't too late to register. There will be lots of training opportunities. A time to visit with old friends or to make new ones. The business sessions are where the decisions are made that direct the future of the organization. You can be a part of that decision making process. There will be tours of the International Headquarters Offices as well as tours of the Anheuser-Busch plant. There will also be a tour of the Cathedral Basilica which was started in 1907. The cathedral has the largest mosaic collection in the world created by 20 different artist and covering 83,000 square feet. The convention and all of its surroundings can be the highlight of your Optimist year. Give it a shot. Hope to see you in St. Louis.



Bill Edgerton,  
International Convention  
Ambassador



**Ben Spradley District Membership Chairman**

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** to NC East District  
Attention: Club Presidents and Lt Governors

I wish I could bring you exciting good news and a message of member increase for our District. But I can not! As of the end of March (2nd Qtr), we are down a net 26 members. We have a short 5 months left (as of this printing) to reverse the trend and change our communities!

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO TOUCH MORE YOUTH IN YOUR COMMUNITY ?** Bring in new members now and increase your ability to reach out.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO REDUCE YOUR VOLUNTEER TIME SPENT ON YOUR CLUB PROJECTS ?** Bring in new members now and add to your volunteer work force, thus allowing less time spent per member to accomplish the same goals

**Have you asked someone to join your club recently?** They will not come to you. You **MUST** ask them to join. Ask someone today before you forget. Who knows, you may get a yes response!

**Does your Club have a Membership Chair?** If so, is the Chair working on a program to increase your membership? Optimist International has written programs to increase club membership and these **PROGRAMS WORK!**

Next Quarter I would like to tell you we are 26 plus in District Membership. Not for the good news of being plus, but for the change that will follow in each community by reaching out to more youth with more members. Isn't this what we are about as Optimist?

**Bring a new member in now and you'll be glad you did!** Go ahead, **DO IT NOW, CALL SOMEONE TO ENJOY OPTIMISM!**

P.S. Don't forget your current inactive members. Call and let them know they are still needed.



Yours in Optimism,  
BEN SPRADLEY---District Membership Chairman

North Carolina East District Leadership, Development and Training

**WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY**

The third quarter meeting of the North Carolina East District Optimist International in Rocky Mount, North Carolina will host an afternoon training event presented by Optimist International Certified Trainer, Jack Creswell.

Jack will present a program titled "Where Are We and How Can We Get to Where We Wanted to Be".

The Optimist year has a number of methods of measuring a clubs success and we know how important it is to Club Presidents and zone Lt. Governors to get off to an energy packed start. But it is of even greater importance to finish your year of service to the children as strong as possible. Do you remember what projects, fund-raises, club building and sporting events that you and your club agreed to conduct in your community? Well if there are some that you just haven't gotten around to, **NOW IS THE TIME.** Half the Optimist year is over. Lets get busy. Kids in communities all over North Carolina are waiting for Optimist like you and me to make the difference that they will always remember.



Respectfully Submitted,  
Darrell Fulcher

**North Carolina East District**  
**Optimist Junior Golf, 2004 QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT**  
**Crooked Creek Golf Club Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina**  
RESULTS

Sat. April 24, 2004—Sun. April 25, 2004

**Boys 16-18 Division**

		<u>4/24</u>	<u>4/25</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Barrow, Rob	Cary, NC	79	80	159	
Burke, Jonathan	Goldsboro, NC	69	77	146	Winner
Caldwell, Travis	Raleigh, NC	88	78	166	
Campbell, Will	Denver, NC	80	80	160	*
Carlisle, Ross	Rocky Mount, NC	87	84	171	
Colley, Jake	Played Up Holly Springs, NC	90	83	173	
Davey, Benjamin	Troy, NC	80	81	161	*
Dysart, Garrett	Raleigh, NC	77	87	164	
Evans, Jordan	Grifton, NC	82	82	164	
Faulkner, Chris	Cape Carteret, NC	78	78	156	
Gupton, Justin	Charlotte, NC	77	78	155	*
Haley, Drew	Raleigh, NC	78	81	159	
Ham, Joey	Mount Holly, NC	83	69	152	*
Hardison, Blake	Grifton, NC	84	76	160	
Harrison, Stephen	Wilson, NC	83	73	156	
Hayes, Mitch	Wilson, NC	85	92	177	
Jones, Chris	Raleigh, NC	75	78	153	
Kaylor, Harrison	Raleigh, NC	76	77	153	
Kroeger, Brian	Raleigh, NC	93	85	178	
McKoy, Parker	Raleigh, NC	73	76	149	
Ogburn, Shane	Goldsboro, NC	91	81	172	
Olsson, Anders	Apex, NC	76	81	157	
Robinson, David	Ayden, NC	78	85	163	
Roughton, David	Wilmington, NC	77	85	162	
Shaw, David	Elizabethtown, NC	89	82	171	
Smith, Dustin	Goldsboro, NC	82	73	155	
Stephens, Clayton	Clayton, NC	75	74	149	
White, Travis	Nashville, NC	72	76	148	Runner Up
Whitehead, Chris	Wilmington, NC	85	92	177	
Wilkinson, Neil	Wilmington, NC	82	81	163	

**Boys 14-15 Division**

Bedford, Lee	Cary, NC	76	78	154	
Bethea, Kenny	Lincolnton, NC	72	72	144	*Winner
Faulkner, Matt	Cape Carteret, NC	80	77	157	
Fitzgerald, Patrick	Cary, NC	73	73	146	Runner Up
Green, Kent	Wilmington, NC	84	86	170	
Griffith, David	Wilmington, NC	92	86	178	
Herlihy, Mason	Raleigh, NC	76	91	167	
Joyner, Derek	Washington, NC	85	82	167	
Juhl, Scott	Cary, NC	79	71	150	
Minton, Ward	Raleigh, NC	79	78	157	
Murphy, Jordan	New Bern, NC	86	80	166	
Park, Eric	Played Up Chapel Hill, NC	80	79	159	*
Park, William	Chapel Hill, NC	76	78	154	*
Quinn, Ramsay	Wilmington, NC	77	72	149	
Spitzer, Matt	Raleigh, NC	88	73	161	
Spirakis, Tony	Wilmington, NC	78	81	159	
Stephenson, Samuel	Raleigh, NC	80	75	155	



# Junior Golf Championship



Winner Girls 14-15, Ashley Denton, Wendell



Winner Girls 16-18, Corrine Carr, Pinehurst



Winner Boys 16-18, Jonathan Burke, Goldsboro



Winner Boys 14-15, Kenny Bethea, Lincolnton

Gale, Sharlene	Played Up	Clayton, NC	90	75	165	
Goodwin, Brooke		Fuquay-Varina, NC	76	77	153	Runner Up
Harling, Lauren		Laurinburg, NC	76	84	160	
Hester, Jamie		Belews Creek, NC	86	76	162	*
Hughes, Erin		Raleigh, NC	91	89	180	
Ingram, Rachel		Jonesboro, Tenn.	74	81	155	*
Jeter, Madison		Greenville, SC	80	76	156	*
Loebs, Rhiannon		Conway, SC	86	79	165	*
Paul, Ami		Beaufort, NC	111	102	213	
Smith, Shannon		Laurinburg, NC	88	79	167	

## Girls 14-15 Division

Denton, Ashley	Wendell, NC	82	88	170	Winner
Forbis, Kelli	Pikeville, NC	94	93	187	Runner Up

\*Non District participants and/or qualifiers

**NC East District of Optimist International  
Second Quarter Board of Directors Meeting  
Saturday, February 21, 2005  
Research Triangle Park, North Carolina**

These clubs were represented at the meeting: Wilmington, Wilmington Cape Fear, Wilmington Inner City, Wilmington Supper, Wilmington Winter Park, Elizabethtown, Laurinburg, Whiteville, Goldsboro, Greenville, Washington, Grifton, Wilson Golden Circle, Wilson Evening, Henderson, Roanoke Rapids, Rock Mount Breakfast, Rocky Mount Evening, Roxboro, Youngsville, Nashville, Chapel Hill, Garner, North Raleigh, Raleigh, and Raleigh Dinner. (26)

The people were guests of our district at the meeting: (1) Bob and Jane Freeman. Bob is the NC West Governor. (2) Steve and Ann Schuneman. Steve is the Immediate Past Vice President of our area. (3) Carrollyn and Les Cox. Carrollyn was our OI Certified Trainer for the workshops following the meeting.

These clubs were not represented: Masonboro, Myrtle Grove, South Brunswick Islands, Spring Lake, Carteret, Chowan-Edenton, Tarboro, Wilson Breakfast, Northampton County, and Southeast Raleigh. (10)

Governor Bob Verne called the regular meeting of the N. C. East District Board of Directors to order at 8:11 A.M

Owen Poole offered the Invocation.

Gary Turner gave the Welcome the meeting.

Governor Bob recognized the newly elected Lt. Governor for Zone 6, Trish Verne. He also warmly welcomed all "First Timers" to the Meeting.

The Minutes of the First Quarter Meeting were accepted as presented by Yancey Hines

The First Quarter 2003-2004 Financial Report was accepted as presented by Yancey Hines

Two clubs were recognized for their help with this district meeting: Garner for its work with hospitality room and Raleigh for its work manning the registration desk.

Darrell Fulcher, Leadership Development Chairman, presented a review of proposed changes to NC East Policies. Members had received copies of proposed copies as they entered the meeting. Reviewed and discussed one-at-a-time were Articles 3, 9, 17, 18, 23, 31, 39, 43, and 46. Jerry Medlin moved that the changes be adopted and LuAnn Poole seconded the motion. Allan Ludlum proposed to amend Article 17 by deleting everything after the word "Governor." After discussion, this amendment was approved. At the end of the presentation, all changes to the NC East District Policies were approved as amended by the assembled body.

Doug Lamb presented the final 2003-2004 Budget. LuAnn Poole moved that it be adopted and Allen Ludlum

seconded the motion. The motion carried and the Budget was approved.

Carey Foster, Foundation Representative, presented the NC East Cookbook that is for sale. Proceeds from the cookbook will be donated to the OI Foundation. He also stated the proceeds from the previous night's auction would be given to the Childhood Cancer Campaign and the Endowment at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Several club presented donations to the OI Foundation.

Nancy Phillips and Larry Hewett gave a presentation on the NC Boys and Girls Homes. Donations were accepted from several clubs.

Don Harritan, A & A Chairman, presented the Achievement and Awards recognition for the period. He then recognized the top Lt. Governors for the last quarter: Ed Taylor (3<sup>rd</sup>), Trish Verne (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Gary Pender (1<sup>st</sup>).

C. A. Tanner, CCC Chairman, presented a report on effort across the district to support the CCC campaign. He cited specific examples of successful club activities in this area. Several clubs shared their initiatives local CCC activities.

Carlton Baird, OIJGC Chairman, presented the OI video supporting the project and gave a well-dress account of the various activities involved in the district-wide project as well as in the IO tournament. Owen Poole reported that he had available tickets for the raffle he was running to raise funds to send winners to the International tournament this summer.

Roy Barnes, Chairman of the District Oratorical contest presented suggestions and details on the event. It will take place at our next District Board Meeting in May.

Joel Wolf, Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Chairman, made a presentation of that event that will share the stage in May with the Oratorical Contest in Rocky Mount.

Charlene Edwards, Essay Contest Chairman, gave a presentation of that District program. She noted that, because of the severe winter weather and frequent school closings this winter, she would accept entries somewhat beyond the February 28<sup>th</sup> deadline.

At this time, Charlene, in her role as last year's CPA chairman, recognized club winners in the 2002-2003 CPA contests.

Ben Spradley, Membership Chairman, stressed that retaining members was at least as important as finding new ones. He encouraged action, not just words in building membership.

Tommy Rogers, New Club Chairman, spoke of commitment to building new clubs and offered his personal help in doing so.

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Jackie Young, speaking for Billy Edgerton, Convention Chairman, invited all present to share the benefits accruing from attendance at the International Optimist Convention in St. Louis this July.

Yancey Hines, Governor Elect, requested members to fill out the "Planning Survey" for 2004-2005.

Bob Verne offered some closing remarks, invited members to remain for the workshops that Optimist International Certified Trainer Carrollyn Cox would present on Communication and Planning Club Projects.

Bob Verne adjourned the meeting at 10:35.

Yancey C. Hines  
NC East District Secretary-Treasurer, 2003-2004



District Secretary/Treasurer, Yancey Hines and Nancy.

In order for clubs to make honor status they must enter at least one project into the district CPA competition. Entries must be received by 9/30/04. Books may be ordered from Shumsky Enterprises. The categories are CCC, citizenship, community improvement, culture and education, fund raising, health and welfare, joint project with JOOI club, safety, sports and recreation, and youth appreciation week.

Have a Great Day!  
Ellen

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Ron Riggins, Laurinburg.  
Gary Pender, Goldsboro.  
Louwanna Pender, Goldsboro.  
Tommy Peele, Rocky Mount Evening.  
Paige Jones, Youngsville.

**4th Quarter Membership Incentive—Add 3 or more members:**

Cape Fear, Carteret County, Greenville, Golden Circle, Goldsboro, Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount Evening, Wilson Evening and Winter Park.

**Silver Jubilee Patch—Obtaining or surpassing membership of 75 or more:**

Goldsboro.  
Laurinburg.

**New Club "Builder's of Excellence" award:**

Don Harritan, Whiteville  
Mark Smith, Whiteville.  
Ken Dixon, Rocky Mount Evening.  
Ed Taylor, Rocky Mount Evening.

**Presidents, Newly organized clubs:**

Shirley DeBlois, Grifton  
Becki Caldwell, Greater Spring Lake



Ellen Foster  
District Activities Chair

# 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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# North Carolina East OPTIMIST NEWS

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Dear NC East Optimists,

Thank you for choosing me as your Governor for the 2003-2004 Optimist year. This is a great responsibility and an outstanding opportunity to help the youth of eastern North Carolina in an even greater way than I could before.

We have such a great opportunity in Optimism to make a positive difference on people's lives. With the benefit of the programs provided by Optimist International and our own drive and ingenuity, we can provide a great service to the kids in our communities... and have a lot of fun and get a whole lot of satisfaction in the process.

Each of us leaves a legacy of one kind or another. I believe we will not be remembered by our words, nor by our good intentions, but by our kind deeds. So, let's do the right thing.

\* Work to help your club expand its service to kids.

\* Recruit a new member or two to allow your club to do more projects to help kids.

\* Go out and build a new Optimist club in a new community and spread



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District Officers for 2003-2004



From left, Trish & Governor Bob Verne, Nancy & Secretary/Treasurer Yancey Hines, Past Governor Sandy Cyphers and Son Dennis, Ellen and Past Governor Carey Foster, Governor's Assistant Lu Ann Poole and Owen.



Lt. Governor Zone 5, Ed Taylor and Judy; Lt. Governor Zone 3, Gary Pender and Louwanna; Lt. Governor Zone 1, Harry Hale and Pamela; Lt. Governor Zone 4, Allen Stallings . Not pictured, Lt. Governor Zone 6, Bobby Murray.

<p><i>(Continued from page 1)</i>                  the philosophy of optimism and the benefits of optimist service to new people.                  As you have probably observed, every new governor chooses a theme. This serves to focus our thinking and the activities of the district during the year. My theme is "Be important in the lives of our youth". I chose it because I believe that there can be no more important emphasis than on the kids.                  As Forest Witcraft said, "A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But the world may be different, because I was important in the lives of our youth."</p>	<p>Thanks for all you are doing to help the kids of our District. See you at Lake Waccamaw!                  Bob</p> <hr/> <p>Robert D. Verne                  Governor 2003-2004, NC East District</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>District Convention</b></p> <p>Mark your calendar for August 20-22, 2004 for the North Carolina East Optimist Convention in Atlantic Beach, NC. Make plans now to attend. More information at the February Board Meeting and the next news letter.</p> <p>William Mills,                  Convention Chairman</p> </div>
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### First Quarter District Board Meeting

The District board meeting for the first quarter of the new Optimist year is coming up very soon, October 17-18. This will be a special meeting at a special location, the campus of the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina in Lake Waccamaw. Here we will get a chance to tour the campus and meet the boys from our own Optimist Cottage. On Saturday afternoon after the luncheon, we will be co-sponsoring with the NC West Optimists an afternoon of fun activities and games for all the kids of the Boys & Girls Homes, ending in a cook-out for the kids and Optimists late on Saturday afternoon.

We will need Optimists to help staff the activities. You have a great opportunity to help a lot of kids have a lot of fun, and in the process, have a lot of fun yourself. Bring your own kids to join in the fun.

Note also that this will be the first time in many years that we will be meeting jointly with the Optimists from the NC West District. Please join us in welcoming the 2003-2004 NC West Governor Bob Freeman and his wife Jane. Let's show him and all the other NC West Optimists our warm NC East hospitality!

Our honored guests this weekend will be International Vice President Guy Templin and his wife Sue. Guy will be meeting with us and giving us an update on the activities at O.I. headquarters.

At the 2003 District Convention, I promised that you would be offered great educational opportunities at each District meeting. The special focus for this meeting will be the Childhood Cancer Campaign (CCC). A number of clubs have asked for more information on how they can get more involved in the CCC. Help is on the way! Bob O'Donnell, the Optimist International Director of the Childhood Cancer Campaign will be at our meeting

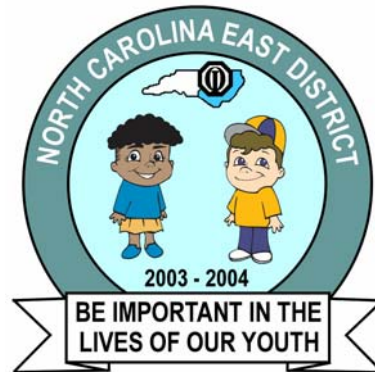
to address us about the CCC and conduct a detailed workshop to show us how our clubs can get involved in helping kids through this program.

Meeting and hotel registration materials were sent to club leaders and district leaders in early September. Although the deadline for advance hotel reservations was September 24, a few rooms might still be available.

Call the Best Western Inn in Whiteville at (910) 642-2378 for reservations. The deadline for advance meeting reservations is October 10th. Send your meeting registration to 2003-2004 District Secretary-Treasurer Yancey Hines by the due date if at all possible. We must commit the numbers of seats and meals we need the week before the meeting. Although we willingly allow at-the-door registrations, significant numbers of them will put us at risk of not having enough space or meals.

We are trying out some new ideas at this District meeting in an attempt to bring more benefit to our members. This will be a great meeting with lots to offer all Optimists. Don't miss it!

Bob Verne, Governor



### Zone 5

Clubs in Zone 5: Henderson, Roxboro, Youngsville, Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount Evening, Nashville, Rocky Mount Breakfast and Northampton County. Ed Taylor, Lt. Governor.

Roanoke Rapids: Furnished Umpires and concession stands for the Pitching Machine Event, sponsored T-ball and coach pitch, presented the Hoyle scholarship to 2 students, manned concession stand at Concert in the park, sponsored Challenger T-ball league.

Rocky Mount Evening: Presented awards at Special

Olympics, Held Youth Appreciation Banquet, Tri Star Baseball, Sold tickets at the Blooming Festival, Served Hot Dogs to kids celebrating "Jakes Day," Helped with the "Wind Tunnel" at PROJECT GRADUATION. Installation Banquet was 9/23. Nashville: Youth Appreciation Banquet, Special Olympics, Sold tickets at the Nashville Blooming Festival.

Youngsville: Held Fall Golf Classic on Sept. 19. RM Breakfast: Now meeting at Benvenue Country Club, sponsored baseball tournament.

### **Zone 1**

Clubs in Zone 1: Wilmington, Wilmington Supper, Winter Park, Inner City, Masonboro, Myrtle Grove and Cape Fear. Harry Hale, Lt. Gov.  
No reports

### **Zone 2**

Clubs in Zone 2: Whiteville, Elizabethtown, Laurinburg and South Brunswick Island. Mark Smith, Lt. Gov.

#### **Laurinburg**

#### **Elizabethtown .**

**Whiteville** : Sponsored little League Baseball, sponsored two scholarships, presented Achievement in Education award, Selling Optimist T Shirts for \$10, purchasing Food Lion Card in order to support School Band.

### **Zone 3**

Clubs in Zone 3: Goldsboro, Washington, Greenville and Carteret. Gary Pender, Lt. Gov.

**Greenville.** Engaged in Corporate Fund Raising, Established a Honor and Associate membership in their club, held Installation Banquet Sept. 29, held a Adopt A Street project in August, attended a joint Zone meeting in Wilson., awarded two \$500 scholarships, celebrated Respect for Law Week by honoring officers, raffled a grill for fund raising, moved their meeting place to Players Grill, donated \$150 to local school for bike safety program, donated \$100 for Care Packages for soldiers in Iraq.

**Goldsboro:** Sponsored Bicycle Rodeo, working on starting a youth club at Dillard Middle School, sponsored God & Country Day at Eagle Heights Church, sponsored "Hot Dogs in the Park", helped out with Habitat for Humanity, raffled a Gas Grill for fund raising. sponsored baseball clinic.

#### **Washington:**

#### **Carteret:**

### **Zone 4**

Clubs in Zone 4: Golden Circle, Wilson Evening, Wilson Breakfast, Tarboro and Edenton -Chowan. Allen Stallings, Lt. Gov.

**Wilson Evening:** Held a family picnic at Wedgewood Country club, have 5 new members for the year, sponsored the annual Shrimp-A-Roo, manned the Concession stand at Easy Riders event, voted to park cars at the Wilson County Fair this year, co-sponsored Respect for Law Banquet, held Chicken Barbecue cookout for Barton college baseball team, sponsored walking event in Special Olympics.

**Golden Circle:** Co-sponsored Respect for Law, attended Shrimp-A-Roo, had concession stand at Wilson County Fair,

#### **Edenton:**

**Wilson Breakfast:** Co-sponsored respect for Law.

### **Zone 6**

Clubs in Zone 6: Raleigh, Raleigh Dinner, North Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Southeast Raleigh and Garner. Bobby Murray, Lt. Gov.

**North Raleigh:** Sponsored Golf Tournament, Working on a new Optimist club in Cary, Visited the Ron McDonald house as a group, honored a Raleigh police officer for Respect for Law week, participated in the WUNC fund raiser.

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**Chapel Hill:** Held a Duke Gardens fundraiser, Celebrated 5th anniversary of Chapel Hill Optimist May9, Held NOW meeting June 4, fishing derby June, WUNC fund raising, bicycle safety rodeo.

No information from:

**Garner, Raleigh, Southeast Raleigh, Raleigh Dinner.**



## Junior Golf Championship OIJCG-2003

The 2003 Optimist International Golf Championship Tournament for the North Carolina East District was held at the Wedgewood Public Golf Course in Wilson, NC. On May 3-4.



Erin Hughes, North Raleigh club, listening to instruction from Golf Chairman Jerry Medlin. Flanked on the right by Neil Wilkinson, Cape Fear and Wes Dodson, Cape Fear.



Erin Hughes, left, Blythe Worley, Greenville and Lauren Harling, Laurinburg pose for a picture prior to teeing off.

Blythe Worley, the District Girl Winner, tied for seventh out of 83 players, in the Florida Tournament. The Boy Winner, Luke Hopkins, Cary NC, ties for 3rd place out of 197 players.  
Lauren Harling tied for 12th out of 83 players in Florida.  
Philip Chauncey, North Raleigh Optimist, finished 15th out of 197 in Florida.  
Andrew Buegler, Raleigh Dinner Optimist, ties for 49th out of 197 players.

## Junior Golf Championship OIJCV -2004

For the year 2003-2004, I would like to see the NC East District expand our junior golf program and have more Optimists involved. By doing so, we can reach out and work with many more youth golfers in our communities. I would like for us to expand our qualifying tournament this year to include boy and girl golfers in the 14-15 age and 16-18 age divisions. This would increase our contact with our youth golfers by over 100% and expand our dedication of service to the youth of our communities. After all, isn't this one of the reasons we decided to be Optimists and to become more involved in working with the youth of our communities?

In order to accomplish this goal, we as Optimists, need to become more involved in such a worthy and rewarding O. I. sponsored project. The individual clubs and zones are needed to help make this and all other O. I. sponsored projects a success.

I would like to open up a bidding process to interested clubs and zones for them to work with our OIJGC committee and have them submit bids to host the NC East District Qualifying Tournament. This will assist in the tournament's successful operation. Please let me know if there are quality courses in your area that would work with us and also sponsor our two day tournament.

Club members and volunteers are needed to assist at the tournament in the capacity of marshals, scorers, starters, and canteen cart operators. Donations of drinks, water, food, and snacks will be needed on the course for our golfers and volunteers. Medical trained personnel, such as nurses or paramedics, are a requirement. Also needed are meal preparers and food suppliers to feed everyone after each day of competition. There are many clubs in our district who have access to outdoor grilling equipment and can provide grilled chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, barbecue, etc. and drinks to feed our hungry group. Reasonable motel accommodations must also be recommended and be within a reasonable proximity of our course of play. Bids must be received by December 1, 2003.

Once our golf committee has received these bids, we will contact the clubs and zones. We will work with you and the golf courses to pick the most suitable venue for the tournament and then set dates. This process needs to be finalized by January 1, 2004. Then we can all start rounding up our competing golfers.

We are also asking all interested clubs and zones to find sponsors for our tournament. This will defray our expenses and help make this a self-supporting program. More details regarding the sponsors will be provided at a later date.

Continued support from our clubs, zones, and individual members is necessary in order to remain successful.

Refer all bids and recommendations to:

OIJGC Chairman  
Carlton A. Baird  
8825 Green Level Church Road  
Cary, NC 27519

[cbbaird@bellsouth.net](mailto:cbbaird@bellsouth.net)

**International Convention  
2004**

**St. Louis, Mo.**

Convention poses







## ESSAY

Charlene Edwards, Chairperson

The 2004 Essay Contest topic is "Being the Best I Can Be."

The contest is open to students under age 19 as of December 31 of the 2003-2004 school year.



Clubs, submit

your winning entry to the District no later than February 28, 2004.

The three top District winners will receive a plaque and a US Savings Bond.

1st place winner, \$500 US Savings Bond.

2nd Place winner, \$300 Savings Bond.

3rd place winner \$100 Savings Bond.

District winners will be announced April 15, 2004.

The District 1st place winning Essay will be forwarded to O. I. for the International competition.

For more information please contact;

Charlene Edwards

252-443-6053

At right, Past OI President JC and Ann Boone, relax in the lobby between training sessions. We were fortunate to have the best in the business for our officer training.



The Governor's ball Congo Line, the earlier version of line dancing.



The Imitations, who entertained for three hours Saturday night, perform their rendition of the Blues Bros.



The head table at the Governor's Ball. From left, Gov. Elect Bob & Trish Verne; OI Representative Dr. JC and Ann Boone; Sec/Treas Elect and MC Yancey and Nancy Hines; Governor Sandy and her son Dennis Cyphers

## District Oratorical Contest



The District Oratorical Contest was held May 16 in Raleigh.



Girls Oratorical Contest: From left; Charlotte Rastas, Wilson Evening, Zone 4; Tiffany Hunter, Henderson, Zone 5; Winner, Rachael Hughes, Laurinburg, Zone 2; Krista Stepney, Raleigh, Zone 6; Kara Metkalf, Zone 1.



Boys Oratorical Contest From left; Parris Smallwood, Wilson Evening, Zone 4; Deron Hall, Zone 1; Clay Brooks, Laurinburg, Zone 2; Pareteek Singla, Greenville, Zone 3; and winner, Zachary Simmons, Raleigh, Zone 6.

## PGI

Personal Growth & Involvement Program offers members the opportunity to become more knowledgeable and better able to assist a club in its future advancement. Through the communications training and the self development modules, members have the opportunity to grow and learn. Involvement in club activities, increased attendance, leadership development, recruitment of new members are some of the benefits a club will receive as its' members complete the six requirements for each level.

Recent PGI honors go to the following people.

### Level 1

Christine Ratcliff, Chapel Hill  
Clarence Ratcliff, Chapel Hill  
Daniel Vinson, Goldsboro

### Level 2

James Casey, Chapel Hill

### Level 3

Franklin Bowden, Chapel Hill  
Hattie Frederick, Goldsboro  
Louwanna Pender, Goldsboro

### Level 5

Gary Pender, Goldsboro  
Bob Verne, Chapel Hill

### Level 7

Carey Foster, Roanoke Rapids

Need more help to get your club started? The materials are free—the rewards are priceless. Let me know how I can help. Call me at 919-942-4144 or Email: [rverne@nc.rr.com](mailto:rverne@nc.rr.com). You may also contact Karen West at Optimist International office 1-800-500-8130.

Trish Verne  
PGI Chair



## A&A (Achievements & Awards)

There is one change that will be incorporated into the A&A program this year. Points will be awarded for those clubs that have the reports submitted on time. The blank report forms will be mailed to all club secretaries who are listed in the District Directory. Please let me know if the report forms should go to some other person. Also, blank report forms are available on the District Web Site if you do not get them by postal mail.



The A&A awards as presented at the August Board meeting in Wrightsville Beach.

### Top 10 clubs for the 3rd quarter:

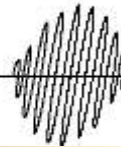
1. Wilson Evening
2. Goldsboro
3. Rocky Mount Evening
4. Whiteville
5. Henderson
6. Laurinburg
7. Raleigh
8. Youngsville
9. Roanoke Rapids
10. Greenville

### Top 3 Lt. Governors

1. Alan Ludlum, Zone 2
2. Ray Potter, Zone 4
3. Jacky Young, Zone 3

### Top two clubs from each zone:

- |        |                     |                  |
|--------|---------------------|------------------|
| Zone 1 | 1. Masonboro        | 2. Cape Fear     |
| Zone 2 | 1. Whiteville       | 2. Laurinburg    |
| Zone 3 | 1. Goldsboro        | 2. Greenville    |
| Zone 4 | 1. Wilson Evening   | 2. Golden Circle |
| Zone 5 | 1. Rocky Mt Evening | 2. Henderson     |
| Zone 6 | 1. Raleigh          | 2. Chapel Hill   |



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



The District CCDHH Oratorical Contest was held in Raleigh May 16, 2003.  
From left: Randie Webb, Raleigh Zone 6; Kimberley Hamilton, Winter Park, Zone 1 and the Winner Laci Hines, Henderson, Zone 5. Participating in the contest but unavailable when picture was take, Andrew Tessin, Raleigh, Zone 6.



2003 District Essay contest Winner, Niki Korola, Carteret Optimist Club, Morehead City.

Don Harrigan  
A&A Chairman  
1108 Woodland Drive  
Whiteville, NC 28472  
Email dharrigan@intrstar.net  
Phone: 910-642-6467

## Friday Night at the convention



The Cape Fear Optimist brought their mobile concession stand and spent the evening serving hot dogs, hamburgers and various other sundries.



Joining the chow line, Yancey Hines, front, Ben Spradley pushing J.C. Boone and past Governor Carey Foster, protecting his mouth.

### Candidate Qualifications Committee

Sandy Cyphers, Chairman  
Please be reminded that anyone who would like to run for Governor of NCE District for the 2005-2006 year, please send me a resume.

On left, the Greenville delegation posing for a picture at the Governor's Banquet.



## MEMBERSHIP

Tommy Rogers,  
Membership Chair

### MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS CARDS

Wayne Sidelinger of the Wilson Club has offered to print business cards for any members who are interested in using it as a great tool to gain members.

Cards will include the OI logo, your name, address, phone number and your location of where and when your club meets on the front. The Optimist Creed is printed on the back. Use this card along with an application to hand out to friends to visit your club.

Contact Wayne at 252-237-6778 or email him [wsidelinger@nc.rr.com](mailto:wsidelinger@nc.rr.com). Cost is \$1 per sheet containing 10 cards.

A data base is required.



Lt. Gov. Zone 5 Tommy Peele apprehensive about the time factor which will end the pause that refreshes.

## Leadership Training Darrel Fulcher, Chairman

Early this year Governor Bob Verne's vision of training Optimist members of our district would not stop at the District Convention. A program was developed to conduct training at each District Conference that would assist club services all year long.

Plans for the Convention were first and foremost during the early months of planning. Governor Bob gave me all the tools to select a training team and Optimist International provided the written training materials and modules for Lt. Governors, Presidents and Secretary/Treasurers.

Lesson plans, training materials, location and times were identified with the assistance of the District Convention Team and success was in our hands.

The Lt. Governor training was lead by Past Governor LuAnn Poole and Governor Bob Verne. All Lt. Governors were present for the training and we all learned something new from their ideas and experiences from their zones.

The Presidents training was lead by Lt. Governor Jackie Young and Past Optimist International President Lester Craft. Nearly 50% of the districts new presidents were present for Friday's training and 60% were in attendance for Saturday's training. Information and feedback from this training has all been positive and clubs are planning more project and membership drives in their communities.

Secretary/Treasure training was lead by Don Harritan and Past Governor Billy Edgerton. We received somewhat of a surprise at this training, that 100% of the attendees were current or past secretary/treasurers in their clubs. All of the secretary/ treasures found new information and reporting ideas that would aid to their clubs service to kids and communities.

Without doubt the Convention highlight was

the emphasis and enthusiasm of Optimism that Past Optimist International President J.C. Boone shared with our new officers throughout the convention. Service to kids and opportunities to invite new members to our organization is always important to J.C. We were blessed to have J.C. and his wife Ann to help with our convention.

Lt. Governors Training Retreat: Governor Bob Verne organized a retreat for the Lt. Governors in Wilson, N.C. The all day (8 hour) training program was of an open format where Lt. Governors shared tips for completing reports (district, club and S/T reports), promoting growth, and most important service to the children of our district.

New Club Building Chairman; Tommy Rogers presented the new club growth plan to the LT. Governors with an emphasis on starting early and increasing the service of Optimist in new communities.

Governor Bob Verne presented his plans for a successful year. Governor Bob pointed out that the Lt. Governors will be the key point on contact in the zones and should make themselves present at all District and Zone Meetings, at new club building planning meetings, new member installations and club service projects conducted by clubs in their zones. Another key item pointed out to the LT. Governors was to use the District Committee Chairpersons to assist with club opportunities and at zone meetings.

Governor Bob and his team put together one of the best District Directories we have had access to and began distribution at the District Convention.

Training Format for District Conference Meetings:

**First Quarter Conference:** Boy's and Girl's Home, Lake Waccamaw, N.C.

**Topic:** Childhood Cancer Program

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**Presenter:** Bob O'Donnell from Optimist International

**Format:** Both the East and West Districts of North Carolina will be in attendance. This is going to be a great time to share ideas and success stories from clubs that have already started this program in their communities. The Childhood Cancer Program is the fastest growing program hosted by Optimist International.

Bob O'Donnell will bring the upbeat presentation from St. Louis and is ready to assist presidents on the club level to make their local program a success.

**Second Quarter Conference:** Sheraton at the Research Triangle Park.

**Topic:** Improving Your Communication Skills and Fundraising (two module presentation)

**Presenter:** Carolyn Cox; Optimist International Certified Trainer.

**Format:** Our guest certified trainer from Optimist International will bring a new and widely received training program to assist Optimist Club Members improve their communication skills and become better stewards of our organization. We will also provide information and ideas to assist clubs with organizing, conducting and reaping the successes of their fund raising activities.

**Third Quarter Conference:** Holiday Inn; Rocky Mount, N.C.



Training faculty meeting.

**Topic:** Problem Seeking and Problem Solving

**Presenter:** Jack Creswell; Optimist International Certified Trainer

**Format:** Have you ever learned you were the last one to get the bad news and felt as though if I had known I would have helped? Help is on the way. A certified trainer from Optimist International will point out the signs for us all to see how we can make a difference. To point out the opportunities to improve is only a fraction of the plan. Our trainer will also provide information of how to be successful with problem solving.

**Fourth Quarter Conference-Annual Convention:** Atlantic Beach, N.C.

**Topic:** Motivation and Success

**Presenter:** To Be Named

**Format:** You don't want to miss this. Governor Bob Verne and the North Carolina East District are finalizing plans to bring to our District; one of the nations most well respected motivational speakers. International corporations and groups seek the services of a unique Optimist that will inspire you to become a better servant of your community, your home and point out the opportunities that each of us have to be true Optimist.

Please call or E-mail if you have any questions.

Darrell Fulcher



Lt. Governors training class.



Fourth Quarter Board Meeting  
N. C. East District Optimist International  
Saturday, August 23, 2003  
Wrightsville Beach. NC

Minutes as recorded by the Secretary.

The following members of the Board of Directors were present: Governor Sandy Cyphers; Sec/Treas Walt Armentrout; Zone 1&2 Lt. Gov. Alan Ludlum; Lt. Gov. Zone 3 Jacky Young; Lt. Gov. Zone 4 Ray Potter; Lt. Gov. Zone 5 Tommy Peele; Past Gov. Carey Foster; Past Gov. LuAnn Poole; Gov. Elect, Bob Verne; Gov. Assistant Doug Lamm; Bobby Murray, Pres. Raleigh; Tommy Rogers, President, Nashville; Charlie Smith, Pres. Cape Fear; Madeline Jefferson, Pres. Chapel Hill; Tommy Haithcock, Pres. Henderson; Charles Ross, Pres. Greenville; Harry Hale, Pres. Winter Park; C. A. Tanner, Pres. Garner; Cash Rich, Pres. Raleigh Dinner; Bill Taylor, Pres. Wilmington; Bruce Philips, Pres. Elizabeth-town; Ed Taylor, Pres. Rocky Mount Evening.

Gov. Sandy called the meeting to order at 8:45am.

Invocation was given by Yancey Hines.

Pledge of Allegiance, all.

Gov. Sandy Introduced Mayor Roberts of Wrightsville Beach who welcomed the Optimists and gave a short political speech.

Minutes of February Board meeting was given and approved.

Financial report was given and approved.

Candidate Qualifications Chairman, Carey Foster, reported one candidate for Governor Elect. He nominated Yancey Hines for the position. Yancey was elected by acclamation.

Approval was given to the next administration to move the bank account.

Alan Ludlum reported on the District Web Site.

Max Stephenson gave the memorial service for Optimist members who passed away during this Optimist year.

Chair, Trish Vern, reported on the progress of the PGI program and how you, as an Optimist member, can become involved.

Youth Clubs Chair, Yancey Hines, reported on Youth Clubs and explained how you can build one.

Kevin Lee, from the Zimmer Cancer Center in Wilmington, gave a talk on 'Children with cancer' in their institution.

Winter Park donated \$3000 to the Zimmer Cancer Center for children's cancer.

Jerry Medlin gave a report on the OIJGC in Florida.

LuAnn Poole gave a report on membership. She emphasized that every effort should be made not to lose members. All clubs should have active programs to prevent loss of members. She also encouraged all clubs to achieve honor status and complete their '5 new member program' before September 30.

New Club Building Chair, Jerry Medlin, reported that three new clubs were in the building stage.

Optimist Foundation Chair, Worth Starling, said he had no awards at this time. Worth held alter call for OIF donations.

OI Convention Chair, Worth Starling, reported that NCE had 37 members in attendance at the OI Convention in Kansas City this past July.

A&A Chair, Don Harritan, gave out A&A awards for the past quarter. No. 1 club was Wilson Evening. No. 1 Lt. Governor was Jacky Young, Zone 3.

Doug Lamm gave his report on the convention. He said we had 195 registered at the time of the report. Probably the highest convention registration since becoming NCE District.

Wayne Sidelinger gave report on District Bulletin. He encouraged clubs to issue a club bulletin and mail him a copy.

Activities Chair, Charlene Edwards told the group that the deadline for CPA books is September 30. Clubs must submit a book as one of the Honor Club requirements.

Our OI Representative for the convention was Past OI President, Dr. J. C. Boone.

Gov. Sandy gave closing remarks.

Optimist Creed

Respectfully Submitted,

Walt Armentrout,  
Secr/Treas.

**OI Foundation**

**T**hursday night at the convention Governor Sandy hosted the Thursday Night meal and entertainment held at the Wrightsville Beach recreation center. A chicken dinner was served and entertainment present by a local ladies singing group. Sandy presented everyone with a gift at the conclusion of the nights entertainment.



The Goldsboro crowd.



The Wilmington crowd.



The Wilmington Inner City club crowd.

I plan to do a cook book as an OI Foundation fund raiser and would like to get a start on typing the recipes. The form is easy to follow and I would like to get at least one or two recipes in each category from each club. So the book would have 300-350 items. There will also be pages explaining the Foundation, Optimist international, the District and a list of the clubs in the District.

The form to use is on next page, page 16 Either copy the page or detach it from the bulletin. There is printing only on one side.

My Email and address is on the form as well as directions and a deadline.

Thanks,

Carey Foster, Chairman

Presidential Freedom Scholarships are Available to US Optimist Clubs.  
 OI has recently learned of a scholarship program that might be beneficial to young people in your community. The Corporation for National and Community Service is owned by the USD Government and awards \$500 matching scholarships to students in conjunction with local groups.  
 The Corporation offers scholarships to students, provided there is matching fund from an organization such as ours. One of the goals of the Corporation is to build and strengthen the concept of volunteerism and community service—totally in line with optimism.  
 The Corporation is funded \$5 million , or enough for 10,000 scholarships each year.  
 The scholarships are available to students who have been impartially selected by their high school and may be either a junior or senior, complete 100 hours of leadership in community service, write a brief essay on a topic selected by the Corporation and receive a matching \$500 from your club. Two students from every high school in the nation may receive these awards.  
 For more information on the program go to the website at <http://www.nationalservice.org/scholarships>.

# OI FOUNDATION COOK BOOK

TYPE \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

SUB TITLE (IF WANTED) \_\_\_\_\_

INGREDIENTS:

METHOD:

SUBMITTED BY (NAME AND CLUB) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

TYPE - A: APPETIZERS, RELISH, AND PICKLES B: SOUP, SALAD, SAUCES

C: MEATS/MAIN DISHES D: VEGETABLES

E: BREADS, ROLLS, PASTRIES F: CAKES, COOKIES, And DESSERTS

G: BEVERAGES, MICROWAVE, MISCELLANEOUS

MAIL TO: CAREY FOSTER

1208 CHARLOTTE ST.

ROANOKE RAPIDS NC 27870

OR EMAIL TO: [cfoster2@webtv.net](mailto:cfoster2@webtv.net)

DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>





# **THE OPTIMIST CREED**

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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.

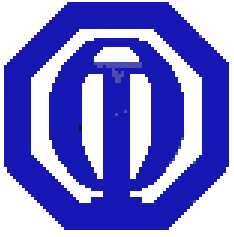
To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

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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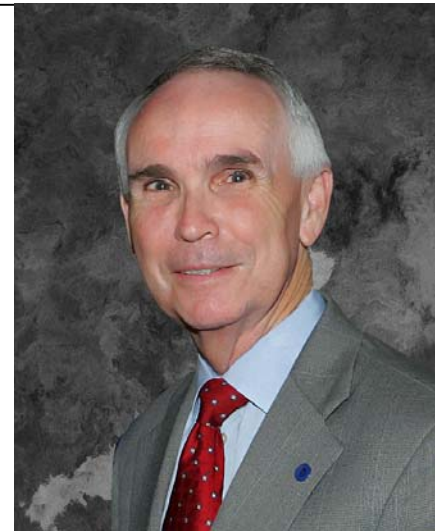


# North Carolina East OPTIMIST NEWS

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Congratulations to newly installed NCE District Governor, Yancey Hines and District Secretary/Treasurer, Thurman Murphy. Yancey and Thurman were installed during the Governors Banquet at the Annual Convention in Atlantic Beach on August 21st. Ronnie Dunn, Optimist International Representative, officiated.



Hello fellow Optimists,

*“Believe in leadership for the children.” This is our chosen motto this year. Good things don’t just happen. They require solid leadership.*

*Doing things the way we have always done them is comfortable, but the world changes –*

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*sometimes daily. As we begin our new Optimist year we should celebrate the victories and successes of the past. Indeed, make sure you look back to compliment and reward those who came before you. Never, never resist the temptation to praise the past.*

*Yet, I urge you to make a “big thing” about the beginning of a new Optimist year and the induction of new officers. Ceremonies (with good food) are history’s way of marking life’s important transitions. Looking to the future never reflects poorly on the past. The bride and groom were perfectly good people before they got married. But the occasion of their wedding ceremony and reception celebration shows everyone that a new beginning has taken place. A new beginning that mixes the success of the old relationship and the potential for great things to come.*

*The success of a club lies directly on the shoulders of its chosen leaders. As we all know, leadership is earned and learned. You were chosen because you earned the respect of your peers. I urge you to strengthen your leadership skills by learning as much as you can about Optimist International, NC East and your Zone.*

Learn by reading (OI has EVERYTHING on line at [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org) or by fax to you)

Learn by meeting (Attend OI conventions; District & Zone meetings; visit other clubs)

Learn by asking (Call your Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary/Treasurer, and/or OI)

Learn by listening (Seek the council of your fellow club members and other Presidents)

Next, though leadership can and should be exercised from any position in a club, we expect the president to create an atmosphere and structure that guarantees success. Above all, plan. Never go to a meeting without a written agenda. Set aside a time each week to call key people: members with upcoming projects, members responsible for programs, and especially missing members. It never hurts to hear from the president, does it?

Above all, leaders, do those things that will make this a special year in your life. You have earned the respect of your peers who selected you. Now go out all year long and prove that they were right to entrust the future of their club to you. Believe in Leadership for the Kids!

Good luck,

Y. C. H.

Governor, NCE



Above, new officers for the coming year. From left: Gary Turner, Lt. Gov. Zone 6, Carol Turner: Richard Austin, Lt. Gov. Zone 2, Denise Austin; Robert Chandler, Lt. Gov. Zone 5, Berry Chandler: Doug Lamm, Lt. Gov. Zone 4, Wanda Lamm: Darrell Fulcher, Cape Fear Optimist and Marie Jordan, Lt. Gov. Zone 1.



Trish Verne, Chapel Hill Optimist, Bob Verne Immediate Past Governor; Sandy Cyphers, Past Governor; Christine Potter, Ray Potter Governor Elect; Nancy Hines, Yancey Hines, District Governor, ; Lois Murphy, Thurman Murphy, District Secretary/Treasurer; Louwanna Pender, Lt. Gov. Zone 3, Gary Pender, Goldsboro Optimist.



Ronnie Dunn, Past Optimist International Vice President addresses the convention at the Governor's Banquet.



2003-04 Governor, Bob Verne, far corner, anchors the receiving Line, joined by his family and OI Rep. Ronnie Dunn and her husband, Wayne Dunn.



### Zone 1

Clubs in Zone 1: Wilmington, Wilmington Supper, Winter Park, Inner City, Masonboro, Myrtle Grove and Cape Fear. **Harry Hale, Lt. Gov.**

**Masonboro:**

**Myrtle Grove:**

**Wilmington Inner City:**

**Cape Fear:**

**Wilmington Supper:**

**Winter Park:** Collecting cell phones to raise funds for families of soldiers in Iraq

**Wilmington:** Donated \$620 to a student for eye surgery; Each member has designated which charity to donate their \$150. Donations have been made to Cape Fear Group Homes, Journey Resources, Ronald McDonald, B & G Homes, Coastal Enterprises. Club will attend B&G Home on Nov. 1.

### Zone 2

Clubs in Zone 2: Whiteville, Elizabethtown, Laurinburg, Spring Lake and South Brunswick Island. **Mark Smith, Lt. Gov.**

**Laurinburg : Elizabethtown : Whiteville :**

**South Brunswick Island: Spring Lake:**

### Zone 3

Clubs in Zone 3: Goldsboro, Washington, Greenville, Princeton and Carteret. **Gary Pender, Lt. Gov.**

**Greenville.** Held street cleanup Sept. 20; Donated \$300 to Ronald McDonald house; Concession stand at ECU football games; Change of meeting night considered.

**Goldsboro: Washington: Carteret: Grifton:**

### Zone 4

Clubs in Zone 4: Golden Circle, Wilson Evening, Wilson Breakfast, Tarboro and Edenton -Chowan. **Allen Stallings, Lt. Gov.**

**Wilson Evening:** Ray Potter elected Gov Elect; Donated \$500 to the NCYSA Soccer team; Parked cars at fair.

**Edenton:**

**Wilson Breakfast:**

**Tarboro:**

**Golden Circle:** Concession stand at fair. Held Installation Banquet. Four members attended the convention at Atlantic Beach.

### Zone 5

Clubs in Zone 5: Henderson, Roxboro, Youngsville, Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount Evening, Nashville, Rocky Mount Breakfast and Northampton County.

**Ed Taylor, Lt. Governor.**

**Roanoke Rapids.** Furnished concession at Concert in the Park 9/10 and Flag Football 9/21 and Relay for Life. Sponsored Punt, Pass & Kick Contest; Promoting PGI in the club.

**Nashville:**

**Youngsville:**

**RM Breakfast:** Held Golf Tournament on August 19-21.

**Henderson:** To sponsor T-Ball at the YMCA Concession stands for both football and soccer. Myrtle Beach trip is scheduled for Nov.13-14. Club has produced a historical DVD of club activities.

**Rocky Mount Evening:** 10 members attended the convention in Atlantic Beach; Booth at the Rocky Mount Fair to start 9/20.

### Zone 6

Clubs in Zone 6: Raleigh, Raleigh Dinner, North Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Southeast Raleigh and Garner. **Trish Verne, Lt. Gov.**

**North Raleigh:** State Fair Concession stand starts Oct. 15; We have 35 members signed up for a Jr. Optimist Club.

**Chapel Hill:** Participated in the Orange Country Recreation programs, Bike & Fishing Rodeo, Dash & Splash, Voices of Praise Gospel Festival, signed up 7 new members in Sept., distributed 150 free tickets to the UNC/W&M Football game.

**Raleigh:** Working on a new club in Apex with the Dinner Club, Held Installation Banquet at Optimist Farm, three members attended the International Convention.

**Southeast Raleigh :**

**Raleigh Dinner:** Joining Raleigh club to sponsor a club in Apex.

**Garner:**

No report from Lt. Governors on Optimist clubs that show no activity.

District A&A Chair  
Carey Foster



A&A reports will be sent out near the end of each quarter. Please return them by the second week in the new quarter. If any club has any suggestions for changes in the form, please contact me or Governor Yancy.



OI Foundation

I would like to thank each club that supported the OI Foundation this past year. Your donations continued the success of supporting scholarships, JOOI clubs, printed materials and the Childhood Cancer Campaign with the partnership with John Hopkins. According to my calculations, we reached our goal for this year. I hope to have a final report at the district meeting. Please continue your support during the coming year.

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Note: I would like to receive a copy of every 'Club Brochure' in the NCE District. Many clubs have them and I would like to set up a scrapbook to display them at meetings.

Club Bulletin Editors, please send me a copy of your Bulletin or News Letter. To the above address.

Publication Dates:

First Quarter 10/1/04

Second Quarter 1/9/05

Third Quarter 4/9/05

Fourth Quarter 7/6/05

District OI  
Foundation representative for  
2004-05 year is  
Gary Pender,  
Goldsboro Optimist Club.  
919-734-0793



**Achievement and Awards 2003-04**

**Don Harritan  
Chairman**



**2nd Quarter winners  
Top Ten Clubs**

1. Wilson Evening
2. Goldsboro
3. Winter Park
4. Whiteville
5. North Raleigh
6. Roanoke Rapids
7. Rocky Mount Evening
8. Cape Fear
9. Chapel Hill
10. Raleigh

**Doug Lamm, Convention Chairman**



Governor Yancy has selected the sight for the District Convention this year and it will be at Wrightsville Beach on August 18 through 20 at the Holiday Inn Sunspree. This is the same location as 2003. It will be a good time to start planning a mini vacation with your kids and grandkids. With the new law

**Top 3 Lt. Governors**

1. Zone 4 Allen Stallings
2. Zone 3 Gary Pender
3. Zone 1 Harry Hale

**Top 2 Clubs From Each Zone**

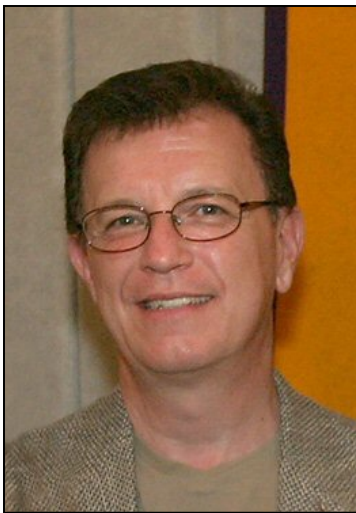
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| Zone 1 | 1. Winter Park<br>2. Cape Fear              |
| Zone 2 | 1. Whiteville<br>2. Elizabethtown           |
| Zone 3 | 1. Goldsboro<br>2. Greenville               |
| Zone 4 | 1. Wilson Evening<br>2. Chowan-Edenton      |
| Zone 5 | 1. Roanoke Rapids<br>2. Rocky Mount Evening |
| Zone 6 | 1. North Raleigh<br>2. Chapel Hill          |

in effect, schools will still be out for the summer and there will be a lot of activities scheduled for the youth.

Please mark your calendar for August 18-20, 2005 and let's have a great convention. Governor Elect Ray Potter is already working on training for this convention.

Please get in touch with Doug Lamm if you have any suggestions for ways to improve this year's convention.





Greetings, Club Essay Chairs and Committee Members!

Hopefully, you have already begun planning for this year's essay contest. In talking with Optimists at the District Convention at Atlantic Beach in



August, some clubs have wonderful plans for publicizing and promoting the essay topic to both teachers and students. This year's topic promises

to be a powerful and stimulating one—**"The Power of One."** You can download the seventeen pages of "general information" in PDF format from the Optimist web site ([www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org)). When you get to the homepage, go to **"Members;"** then, **"Clubs & Districts;"** then, **"Programs/Activities;"** then, **"Essay Contest,"** and finally **"Complete Contest Rules—click here."** This page contains lots of valuable information in addition to the link to the downloadable "general information."

At the October meeting in Laurinburg, I will have a brief presentation on specifics for conducting the essay contest. The date to remember: **Monday, February 28, 2005—all essays are due to me. My home address: 4755 Old Watkins Road, Oxford, North Carolina 27565. My phone number: (252) 492-9745. My email address: [sadlerjw@gloryroad.net](mailto:sadlerjw@gloryroad.net).** Please email me or phone me if you have any questions. The essay winner will be announced in March, 2005. **Please pay special attention to page 14 in the general informa-**

**tion. This page must be filled out and sent to me with your first place essay entry.**

I look forward to seeing you in Laurinburg later this month.

John W. Sadler, Jr.  
District Essay Contest Chair



Wilson Evening Optimist Installation

## New Club Building



Jerry Medlin, New Club Building Chair

We will have a new twist on New Club Building this year. Getting some new clubs is a must if we are going to grow the District in Membership numbers.

Come to the District Meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> to get a preview of the plans to build new clubs.

Jerry Medlin,  
District New Club Building Chrm.



# Club Officer Installation Pictures



Rocky Mount Breakfast



Goldsboro



Wilmington Winter Park



Wilson Golden Circle

# Atlantic Beach Convention





# Atlantic Beach Convention Pictures



**NC East District of Optimist International  
Fourth Quarter Board of Directors Meeting  
Saturday, August 21, 2004  
Atlantic Beach, North Carolina**



Yancey Hines, Sec/Treas  
2003-2004

These clubs were represented at the meeting: Wilmington Cape Fear, Wilmington Supper, Wilmington, Wilmington Winter Park, Elizabethtown, Laurinburg, Whiteville, Goldsboro, Greenville, Washington, Grifton, Wilson Golden Circle, Wilson Evening, Rocky Mount Breakfast, Henderson, Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount Evening, Raleigh Dinner, Garner, North Raleigh, Chapel Hill, and Raleigh. (22)

Guests at our District Convention were Ronnie Dunn and Wayne Dunn, both Optimist International Certified Trainers.

These clubs were not represented: Wilmington Inner City, Myrtle Grove, Wilmington-Masonboro, Shallotte-South Brunswick Islands, Greater Spring Lake, Carteret, Wilson Breakfast, Chowan-Edenton, Tarboro, Roxboro, Youngsville, Northampton County, Nashville, and Southeast Raleigh. (14)

Governor Bob Verne called the meeting of the N. C. East District Board of Directors to order at 8:45 A.M. The governor then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Doug Lamm offered the Invocation. This was followed by a recognition of NC East Past Governors by Bill Edgerton.

Joe Stroud, Mayor of Atlantic Beach, welcomed Optimists to the city.

The Minutes of the Third Quarter Meeting were presented by Yancey Hines.

The Third Quarter Financial Report was presented by Yancey Hines, and they were accepted as presented pending final annual audit.

Carey Foster, OI Foundation Chairman, reported on the Optimist Foundation and gave out awards to clubs for outstanding contributions to the Foundation. He reported on the progress of the NC East Cookbooks. Several clubs tendered donations at this time. Finally he reported that the preceding night's Scavenger Hunt had earned \$150.00 for the cause.

Nancy Phillips and Tom Lamont spoke for the Boys and Girls Homes. Tom reported that recent cuts in support for the home have made it necessary for the organization to redouble its efforts in fund raising. He requested financial support for the Home's "operations," not just its endowment. He characterized the situation as a crisis. Max Stephenson reported that the Golf Tournament on Thursday had raised \$610.00 for the Homes. Mention was made of the 5x12 program that also supported the facility. Several clubs offered donations at this time and individuals tendered their 5x12 pledges.

Wayne Sidelinger reported on distribution of the District Bulletin. He requested help with correct and up-to-date names and addresses. He also offered to make business cards for members as a recruiting tool.

Ben Spradley, Membership Chair, recognized individuals (Chapel Hill's James Casey) and clubs (Myrtle Grove) that had demonstrated significant growth in membership. A drawing was held for prizes.

New Club Building was discussed in the absence of District Chair Tommy Rogers. Carlton Baird brought an update on efforts in the Apex-Western Wake County region. Other potential areas were noted.

It was noted that new Youth Clubs were being chartered in Chapel Hill and in other areas. These charters should be completed soon.

Ellen Foster, Community Projects Awards Chair, reported on current guidelines. She reminded members of this year's deadline (end of September) and requested members to volunteer to judge the entries. Several members



District Oratorical Chair, Jan Edgerton, Goldsboro.  
919-734-5555  
District CCDHH Chair, Shirley DeBlois, Grifton  
252-524-5225



Theme: **“My Hero Is...”**

stepped forward to fill these positions.

Carlton Baird, OJGIC Chair, reported on the success of this year’s program and tournament. Sixty-seven golfers competed in two age brackets for both boys and girls. Twelve of the 18 who qualified participated in the international tournament in Florida. In all, 797 young golfers competed in the event. He requested that more NC East Optimists volunteer to work with the actual tournament next year.

Don Harritan, District Achievements and Awards Chairman, submitted his report.

Darrell Fulcher, Leadership Development Chairman, reviewed the various activities provided NC East Optimists this year.

Sandy Cyphers, Chair of the Candidate Qualification committee, reported that the district was still without a candidate for Governor-Elect for 2005-2006. She requested strong support to solve this problem quickly.

Yancey Hines, Governor-Elect for 2004-2005, spoke briefly.

Governor Bob offered comments on his year. He thanked everyone for their support. He reminded the assembly that Optimists are in the business of helping kids. He borrowed a thought from the Walt Disney Corporation that maintains they are in the “happiness” business. He concluded that we too as Optimists are in the “happiness business” for the sake of the youth of our communities. Next Governor Bob introduced Michael Angelo Caruso who would provide some of the training later in the day.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15

At 11:31 the meeting was reopened for special circumstances. At this time Lt. Governor Harry Hale nominated Ray Potter as Governor-Elect of the NC East District. The nomination was seconded by Jackie Young. The selection was approved unanimously.

The meeting was closed at 11:34

Yancey C. Hines  
NC East District Secretary-Treasurer, 2003-2004

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