

North Carolina East District Bulletin

**1st Quarter Edition
November, 2023**



Message from Governor Terry S. Corle, Sr.

Fellow Optimists-

Welcome to the 2023 – 2024 Optimist year. Our time to make a difference in the lives of the youth in North Carolina East. As you have heard me say before, I'm excited about what we are going to accomplish this year. We've gotten a great start after Immediate Past Governor, Ray Cockrell's fantastic year, and let us end our year in eleven months on a high note moving forward.

Our district meetings are essential to our success as an organization, where our main objective is helping the youth of North Carolina. I would encourage everyone to emphasize to your fellow club members how important these meetings are, not only to the leaders of the district, but to all our members. District meetings are a time to learn what other clubs are doing, to hear what's new and exciting at Optimist International, to be educated on how and when reports are due and how our scholarship programs need to be executed, and to enjoy the camaraderie associating with fellow members and friends. Remember our organization and how we conduct business starts with you, our members. All Optimist International policies are voted on by its members at the annual convention each year. For the district, you as a member of the district have a vote through your club president on how the district operates.

Please remember that one of my goals this year is to have each and every club have a program where they go out into the community and feed our kids. One of five kids in North Carolina goes hungry every day. That number may vary depending on who you talk to or what you read, but regardless, one out of any number is too many.



If you were able to attend our first quarterly meeting here in Smithfield, I thank you and look forwarding to seeing you at future meetings.

Thank you for your support and for everything you are doing for the youth of North Carolina East.

Yours in Optimism,
Terry S. Corle, Sr., Governor



Boys & Girls Homes Ray Cockrell, Chair

Optimists Make a Difference!!

We are still celebrating the renovation of your cottage! A group came to visit from another organization and asked what the residents in the cottage need. They replied that they want a new cottage like Optimist got! You are the envy of the campus right now. Well done!!

Olivia came to Boys and Girls Homes a year ago as a pregnant teen. She had her baby here at one of our homes for teen mothers where she lives, goes to school and cares for her baby. When she is not working, Olivia draws cartoon portraits of the people in her life.

This summer, Olivia asked if she could paint a special mural on the campus of BGHNC. Over a month and a half, Olivia painted the mural 12 feet wide and 10 feet high in the campus cafeteria. "It was the first time in my life that I could draw on a wall and not get into trouble!" she said, laughing.

Giant red and orange sunflowers reach toward the sun. Draped across the top of the mural,

two monarch butterflies hold a banner that reads: "Together as One: One Band; One Sound."



Olivia's gift and legacy to Boys and Girls Homes meant so much to her. "Drawing is a coping skill for my anxiety and depression," she said. "Sunflowers themselves are a sign of rebirth and rehabilitation. That's what

BGHNC is for me – a place for digging into who you are. You never see a sunflower growing by itself. Growing up, I raised myself, but at BGH, I've grown to know I have a home here; a family here, and I can let people help me."



You DO make a difference in the life of a child!

Ray

BOYS & GIRLS
HOMES
of North Carolina



District Convention
Angela Iwaniuk, Bennett Club



NC EAST District Annual Convention



Annual Gathering to be held in Raleigh, NC

**We are moving our Annual District Convention to the State Capital in
September of 2024. Convenient for us and LOTS OF FUN!**

Event Date, Time & Venue to be announced in 2nd Quarter

**OPTIMISTS
Got Talent!**



**We will be seeking entries for our Convention Talent Show. Start
looking for the talent of the members in your club. Applications will
be available in the 2nd Quarter.**

JOI Club

Paige Bivens, Wake Forest Club

There are many ways to spell JOY. Having joy in our lives and in our club is necessary to sustain optimism. Is it not part of our Creed? In the Optimist International Organization, JOI spells Junior Optimist International. JOI clubs keep us young and, more importantly, sustains our clubs. Who will take over as we need to leave our positions? Who will serve the youth in our communities if we no longer can? Where will we find people to help pass on our missions and visions? One avenue is JOI clubs. Our clubs need them and our community needs them. My goal is that we grow our JOI clubs in our district to 4 or more. Our district is large enough to support and participate in growing our JOI clubs.

We have 30 clubs in our district and two, yes, I said 2 JOI Clubs.

From our International website:

“Junior Optimist International was officially formed in 1988. It is the umbrella organization which links the local Junior Optimist International Clubs and members to others throughout the world. Much like Optimist International, Junior Optimist is governed by an International Board of Directors, as well as District Officers.

From the Club level on up, Members have the opportunity to develop leadership skills. Participation in Junior Optimist International gives young people the opportunity to serve their communities. Students who are involved in Junior Optimist Clubs learn about and practice good citizenship, teamwork, communication and money management. They feel good about themselves and have high self-esteem. Membership in Junior Optimist Clubs helps to develop friendships with others who share the same interests. There are opportunities for personal growth and leadership positions at Club, District, and International levels. Junior Optimist exposes Members to Optimism as a philosophy of life, provides Members with an improved

sense of kindness, increased awareness for those in need, and a better sense of coping with cultural diversity. It also provides members the opportunity to complete community service hours required for graduation.”



Junior Optimist International Benefits the Community

Junior Optimist clubs create an increased number of young volunteers within the community –volunteers who will help to improve the quality of life. They can provide an interesting forum in which to address youth related issues. Junior Optimist International serves as an excellent training ground for future community leaders.



Community Service

The real purpose of Junior Optimist International clubs is Community Service. Each club is free to choose service projects which fit the needs of the community. Some examples of projects are peer tutoring, helping with Special Olympics, Toys for Tots, sponsoring a book drive, and collecting food and school supplies to donate to area shelters or food banks.

How to Start a Junior Optimist International Club

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

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There are three levels of JOI clubs:

- Alpha clubs are for children ages 6 to 9 years of age.
- Junior clubs are for youth ages 10 to 13.
- Octagon clubs are for youth ages 14 to 19 who are still in high school or its equivalent.

Why Sponsor a Junior Optimist Club?

Sponsoring a club can be very beneficial to you and your Optimist club! Many Optimist International leaders have been supportive of Junior Optimist clubs over the years because long-term involvement with youth embodies the true meaning of our motto, "Friend of Youth."

**Won't you
spread
some
JOI?**

Membership

Auston Pusey, Cape Fear Club

Greetings, Fellow Optimists! I try to be upbeat and promote optimism to the best of my ability, but sometimes things happen beyond our control. We were cruising along in good shape for our district to be an honor district, and the last day of the year turned into a nightmare. We went from plus twenty something to minus twelve in one day (September 30).

I want to encourage you to clean your rosters now, and that gives you the rest of the year to recoup your losses. There are many kids relying on our organization to help support them. Let's do our part! Remember, each new member is equivalent to helping 35 kids.

As info, our district is minus 5 and ranked 33rd Internationally. Governor Terry has some lofty goals for the year that I'm sure he'll be sharing during our first quarter meeting.

CCDHH Gary Pender, Chair, Goldsboro Club

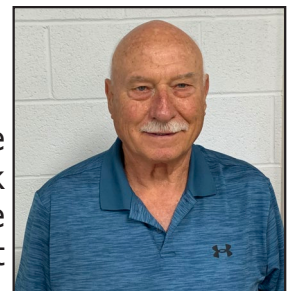


Hello Friends-

It's time to get started on the CCDHH Oratorical Contest and this year's topic is "How to Change the World With Optimism." What a great and powerful statement! For the past 3 years or so, we have only had 3 contestants to enter the contest. I know that there are more kids out there that need our help winning a scholarship. I have been working with some amazing teachers who love what we are doing and work very hard with kids to prepare them for the contest. I'm asking you to help find those kids in our schools with a hearing loss of 40 decibels or more. Please let me know if I can help you in getting the info to all kids.



I'm going to end this note by encouraging you to seek new members. I know the challenge you face, but at least know you tried.



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

Auston Pusey
Membership Chair



Leadership Development

Ray Cockrell, Wilmington Club

Optimist C.A.R.E.!

OI is rolling out a new plan to help strengthen and grow our Optimist clubs. Take a look and see how this can help your club.

The new C.A.R.E. program is a structured plan for clubs to celebrate accomplishments while resolving issues and strengthening membership. The four-step annual program is designed to help keep Optimist club membership healthy, strong and engaged, while allowing everyone to feel they have a voice in their club's direction.

Celebrate

Host an annual party for your club members. Send out invites and ask a fellow Optimist to facilitate the program. Celebrate the club's accomplishments and discuss the impact you have had in your community over cake.

Send out anonymous member surveys through Survey Monkey or JotForm two weeks before the event. It's important that the survey be anonymous so that members can give honest feedback.

Include these four questions:

- What do you think went well this year?
- What do you feel the club needs to work on?
- What makes you happy to be a member of your Optimist club?
- Do you have a new idea for a club community service project, youth activity or fundraiser?

Address

Have the guest facilitator review the survey responses and have an open, unbiased discussion.

Be sure to ask a person who is not a member of your club to be your facilitator. Some facilitator suggestions include a past or current Governor, Lt. Governor or member of a nearby club.

Address any reasons why members might leave the club and make a list of potential improvements.

Recognize

Recognize any issues, areas for improvement and ways to strengthen membership, then create an opportunity to recognize members for their accomplishments, exceptional work and efforts throughout the year. Honor members with appreciation awards or a Member of the Year award.

Excel

Plan to move forward together as a stronger club.

Let me know how I can help!



How we communicate to you:

Facebook: North Carolina East District

Website: OptimistNCEast.org

Int'l Website: Optimist.org

Email: Constant Contact



Essay Contest, 2023-2024 Sandy Cyphers, Wilmington Club

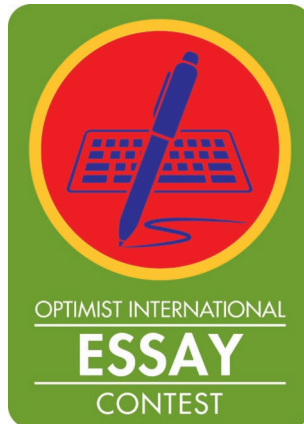
"OPTIMISM: "HOW IT CONNECTS US"

GET ON BOARD THE N.C. EAST DISTRICT ESSAY CONTEST TRAIN AND EXTEND TO YOUTH IN YOUR CITY AND COUNTY THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE A \$2500 SCHOLARSHIP GIVEN BY OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

EACH OPTIMIST DISTRICT WILL HAVE ONE WINNER!

The contest is open to contestants under the age of 19 as of October 15th. A student must enter in the district where he or she resides in the U.S.

The deadline for club entries in the district is February 28, 2024 and must be submitted to the North Carolina East District Chairman, Sandy Cyphers. (Address: 1450 Highland Circle, Myrtle



Beach SC. 29575)
For questions call
Sandy at 910-367-3295.

I am optimistic that clubs in the N.C. East

District will extend the opportunity for the youth in their respective communities to participate in this scholarship procedure. The winner will be announced prior to the 3rd quarter district meeting and invited to attend to read his/her entry and receive his/her scholarship.

Looking forward to receiving lots of entries!!!!!!

Sandy Cyphers



OI Foundation Representative Gary Pender, Goldsboro Club

Hello NC East Optimists-

It's amazing how fast an Optimist year goes by, and here we are in the 2023-2024 year. It has been my honor to serve you as the DFR for the past 2 years and again this year. I will be getting in touch with your Club Foundation Rep soon and would like to come and talk to your club about the Foundation. The main purpose of the Foundation is to let members know what the Foundation does and to raise money for the Foundation.

Our district will receive \$10,000 in scholarship money even if we don't raise a penny. This past year the NC East District raised \$12,059.79 because you care about the youth in your community. Here are just a few ways you can help:

Dime A Day \$36.50 per year
President's Club \$250.00
Women's Philanthropy \$100.00

Christian D Larson
\$1000.00
In Memory Of or In Honor Of \$100.00
Or make a donation to Childhood Cancer/Health and Wellness Campaign

I look forward to serving you and your club members as DFR. If I can help in any way, please let me know.

Gary Pender DFR
919-920-9190
gpender@nc.rr.com



New Club Building Linda Shepherd – Golden Circle, Blackbird, Elm City

Hello, Fellow Optimists!

As New Club Building Chair, I would like to ask for help from each of you. There are many areas in our district where no Optimist clubs exist. That likely means that children in those areas do not hear about scholarships, sports programs, and other opportunities that are the focus of Optimist International. It also means that there is little likelihood that children with cancer or dreaded illnesses receive help from us.

I would like to see us build a club on the Outer Banks. Some of you vacation there every year and are probably acquainted with some residents who live there all year long. It would help us to get a foot in the door if we had a friendly contact among the locals, someone who could help us locate other people interested in bringing out the best in their youth and community. If you have any names in mind, please share this information with me so that we can spread our desire to help youth all the way to the coast.

We also have an area that is barren of Optimist clubs southeast of Greenville. Perhaps we could consider forming a club in the Jacksonville area. That might involve reaching out to people at the Marine Corps base. Please tell me whom you know in that area.

Could we build a club somewhere around Fayetteville? That is another area where we might reach out to individuals in the military. Surely some of you have acquaintances there.

We were recently successful in building a college Optimist club on the NC Wesleyan University campus. The club is composed primarily of international students who are eager to volunteer in the local community. They want to feel like they belong too! Is there a college near you? Getting young people involved will assure the future of our great organization. If you would like to help, please let me know of the college campus where we can get started.

Our success in growing our outreach depends on YOU! Will you help? I am...

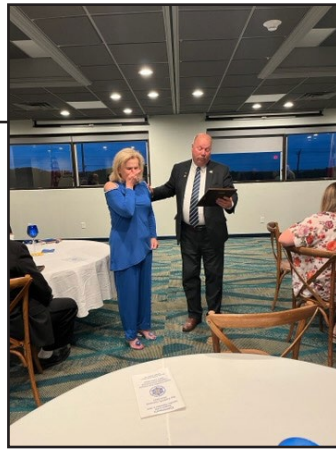
Forever an Optimist!
Linda Shepherd
252 567 5673



NC Wesleyan College Club

NEW CLUB BUILDING

Q4 District Meeting Pix



Oratorical Contest

Timothy Johnson

Optimist International sponsors three scholarship contests for students to earn money to pursue opportunities in higher education: the Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH), the Essay Contest and the Oratorical Contest. The contests are conducted at the Club level, then Zone and Regional (if necessary) and at the District level. District-level scholarships are funded by the Optimist International Foundation and awarded by Optimist International.

The topic for the 2023-2024 Oratorical Contest is: "How to Change the World with Optimism."

The contest is open to contestants under the age of 19 as of October 1st of the current Optimist International contest year (October 1 – September 30) and who have not yet completed high school. There is no minimum age.

Interested students submit a speech on the pre-assigned topic to their local Optimist club. To find out the contact in your area, please e-mail the District Oratorical Chairperson, Timothy Johnson, at NCEastZone6LtGovernor@gmail.com.



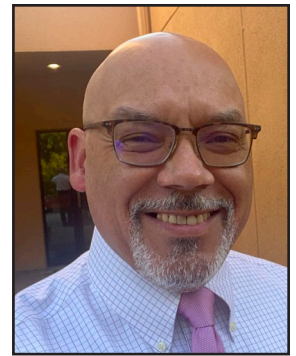
The deadline to enter is determined by the sponsoring Optimist club. All club-level contests are typically held by late March.

Districts and clubs may opt to hold an online Oratorical

Contest. Please contact our District Oratorical Chair Timothy Johnson for guidance on holding an online contest.

The Optimist Oratorical Contest gives young people the chance to speak to the world. More than \$150,000 in college scholarships funded by the Optimist International Foundations is awarded annually from this program.

First conducted in 1928, this is the second most popular Optimist International Program. Nearly 2,000 clubs participate in this program each year. The winners at the club level receive medallions and zone winners receive a plaque. Districts have the opportunity to provide a first place scholarship of \$2,500, a second place scholarship of \$1,500, and a third place scholarship of \$1,000.



Junior Golf

David C Jennings, Henderson Club

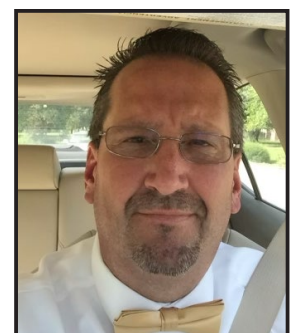
Greetings, Optimists!

The Optimist International Junior Golf Championship is one of the largest and best-known junior golf tournaments in the world. Each year, more than 600 golfers participate in the championship. Optimists have been involved in the sport of junior golf for more than 30 years by holding local, regional, and international tournaments.

The championship consists of qualifiers and culminates with the championship at Trump National Doral Resort and Spa in Miami, FL from July 16-31, 2024.

I am still in the process of taking up the mantle of this missive, and I should be able to provide much more information in the next quarterly update. If you have any Junior Golf interest, please let me know.

David Jennings
252-204-5160



THE OPTIMIST 
International Junior Golf Championships

Q4 Minutes

Submitted by Gail Craft

NC East District Meeting
Pine Knoll Shores NC
9/9/23 • 9 am

9:30 am Governor Ray Cockrell opened the meeting.
Pledge
Anthem – showed video of young boy singing at a Veteran's Day Ceremony.

Chose 10 Volunteers to stand in front of the room
Each given a balloon with a verse from the Creed.
They had to get in the correct order.
Each one read and acted out their line.

Welcome by -John Brodman, Mayor. Liked our Mission Statement and our Creed. Gave history and planning goals of Pine Knoll Shores.

No First Timers
Past Governors present: Linda Shepherd, Dan Durham, Angela Iwaniuk, Carey Foster, Auston Pusey and Sandy Cyphers, Gary Pender & Terry Corle.

Motion to accept the Agenda:
First: Gary Pender
Second: JG Baker
All in Favor: Aye

Motion to accept the 3rd Quarter Minutes:
First: Angela Iwaniuk
Second: David Jennings
All in Favor: Aye

Convention Update - Sandy Cyphers. Hope that you are enjoying yourself. Sandwiches and chips will be here at 12:30. Schedule adjustment – The duck race will be at 3:30, (not 4) at the pool. Reception will be at 5:30 and the Banquet will be at 6. After Dinner will come back upstairs to this meeting room.

Finance Report – Ray Cockrell (Treasurer, Wayne Sidelinger passed away in July).
Balance in bank is \$26,895.30. All info has been transferred from Wayne Sidelinger's family to Terry Corle and Ray. October 1st will transfer to Terry's team.

Gary Pender – Balance is looking very good.

Membership - Auston Pusey. International is down to 50,000 members. We need to heed the warning. In 10 years we won't exist. We need to start here in our District. FOO same cost as a members. Bring them in, When you buy a new car – talk to the sales rep. They will do anything

for a sale and join your club. We are negative one in Membership. We know of a few more joining this month.

OI Foundation - Gary Pender. Last Quarter we were #16 out of all the Districts in OI. We've donated \$9,514. Now we're #14 with \$12,059.79 raised by District. Gary Pender is #7 rated Foundation Rep in OI. 'Til end of this month we can still raise money. Christian D. Larsen is \$1,000. Donate in name of someone in your Club. He wrote the Creed. We have to do more to raise money. Years ago we had a lot more numbers and a lot more money. Our district receives \$10K for all three of our scholarship contests. Goal is \$13,500 not there yet.
Raleigh Club gets a patch. Eleven donated to Woman's Philanthropy. John Shepherd won \$100..
Gary thanked Sandy for all the prizes. She has a love of Optimists and all kids.
altar call. John gave back the \$100 to the OI Foundation.

Childhood Health and Wellness - Ray Cockrell
Ducks available for the duck race. There are lots of blank spaces left. Last year district only gave \$250. Over \$27K given by all of OI. Altar call.

Boys and Girls Home - Ray Cockrell
Optimist Cottage has had significant renovations, thanks to the Winter Park Optimist club. Tim Burrelson visited at Christmas and became aware of conditions. New floors, paint, sheet rock, new kitchen, new tv's. All kids want to be in there. Need additional financing. The HVAC went out two weeks ago. Got it fixed by pulling money from the General Operating Funds. There is an urgent need for clubs to donate to this cottage fund. We make a difference. New President, Marc, was a counselor 26 years ago. Spent 10 years at the Optimist Cottage.
Joe Kennedy has moved on. He coordinated all civic organizations. Tom Lamont is back. Thank you for having an impact on our kids. Altar Call
Gary Pender was - and Sandy Cyphers is on the B&G Board. Thank you for your service.

Door prizes handed out.
Break.

Memorial Service Video shown. Kimberly Cockrell lit candles.
Mickey Bass recently passed.

Leadership - Sandy Cyphers - Go on the website for leadership Board for OI. Gail won \$100 gave to B&G Home. Read off names who took classes on OI site. Presidents, Past Presidents majority of the room. Everyone needs to retake the classes after October 1st.

Who is a Leader? All different sizes and sexes. Do you have passion, vision, dedication, good ideas, solid plan,

communicate and delegate. Positive attributes, sense of humor, honest, flexible, knowledge, open mind, motivate. Purpose of the club is our Optimist Vision. Sandy handed out a page of all the above to all the Presidents attending. A key leader must always plan for the worst and plan for the best. Everyone needs to make an effort to become who you would like to work with. Seek challenges not barriers. Govern by hope of success. Wish success to Ray and Terry. Let's make it happen in 2023-24.

New Club Building - Terry Corle –No new club this past year. If we're going to continue to exist we need new clubs. Challenge to the Lt Governors. Every Zone needs one new club. Linda Shepherd is trying to build a college club this year. Vital that we have new clubs. We are losing the older clubs fast. Linda meeting with the college group this Sunday.

Marketing & Communications - Gail Craft – send Gail events. Will create a page on our Website of Club fundraisers. Cape Fear Car Show, WF Car Show. Also, will put Terry's Videos online too.

OI Convention - Ray – Thank you to those who attended. 700-800 instant friends. Next international convention will be in late June on the Canada side of Niagara Falls. Book now and get your passport. It was amazing to hear 800 Optimists reciting the Creed at the same time. All the Flags of all the countries were displayed. Amazing display. Strong showing.

Candidate Qualifications – should be Pamela Franks as Immediate-Past Governor. Ray Cockrell presented. Lots of quality folks coming up in the District. Executive Board met yesterday. Approval and recommendation from Committee was to have Ray Cockrell serve as the Governor-Elect during Terry Corle's year as Governor - then Ray will follow as Governor. Working active plan for next several years.

Open to discussion.
Motion to close nomination.
First: Gary Pender
Second: Timothy Johnson
All aye.

Angela Motion to Accept Ray Cockrell as Governor-Elect from Executive Board.
First: Angela
Second: JG Baker
Angela Thank you Ray for stepping up again.
Ray – I humbly accept that honor.

Club Celebration – All

Linda Shepherd– Golden Circle Golf Tournament next Friday. \$50/player. \$100 Hole Sponsor, Parker's BBQ. Lots of prizes for raffles. Wedgewood Golf in Wilson.

Bennie Bass – all four clubs at a Zone meeting. The Supper Club only plays ball – wants to restructure to get more involved.

Auston Pusey – Cape Fear is busy. Recruited 10 new members. Most play ball. Sold out of the Christmas trees in 14 days. Pancake breakfast, Car show. Busy club doing something all the time. 8-10 softball tournaments. Rent five fields. We get concessions. There are 90 people on the roster. 20 people are the core. Own what we have but there is lots of maintenance. Had to spend \$15K on dirt. The fields look great.

Gary Pender - Recognize members with the Walt Armentraut Award. Influential Member and Optimist. Created \$500 donation. Receive a plaque and pin. Goes to the fund for the Optimist Cottage.

David Jennings – Henderson 39 members. Good job recruiting new members. Gave 75 Bike Helmets away from NC DMV. They had flames on them. Had both Essay & Oratorical contests. Gave two \$4k Scholarships. Had Respect for the Law event. Bought presents for four kids from the Masonic Home – they had a big Christmas. \$1,000 scholarships to Elementary Schools. On 10/2 Fish Fry. Will sell 800 plates - \$2K – \$3,500. Corporate sponsors buy American Flags for \$30 each. Do this 8-9x per year.

Goldsboro – Provide popcorn during National Night Out. Back to school – 150 pencil bags, folder, notebooks. Literacy connection in library. Childcare, Girl Power. Dinner for one night. We are the children/student support organization go to in our county.

Terry Corle - East Wake feeds kids at the Boys and Girls Club. Every club needs to feed the kids. One in five children is starving in NC. We are #10 in the nation for starving kids. Make PB&J, put something in their stomachs. All clubs need to do something about feeding kids.

JG Baker – Benson feeds 200 families each month. Meeting night is a pot luck dinner.

Timothy Johnson – Raleigh just had its fishing tournament over the summer. Farm segment and Fuqua Football fields. Lots of traffic and exposure on the farm – they lease the space. Longterm partnership with the sports association. Volleyball sand courts, Wrestling. They rent space all year. Non-Profit partners as speakers during meetings. We lend financial support. We also held an essay contest and Christmas tree sales.

JG Baker – Since 1948 taking orders for trees. Also have Hitchhikers Robotics program that competes all over the state. The kids help with the Christmas tree lot. Also roadside cleanup 4x per year. Summer long fishing program with trophies. The Blood Connection comes out to do a blood drive every year. Donates money back to our club.

Garner Club – 1st Monday cook BBQ. They meet every other week. Sell Christmas trees, Basketball, and rent event space.

Gary Pender – there is a pass through program in OI Foundation. They are the 501c. If you have a corporate sponsor can use donation for tax write off.

Sarah Corle - Elm City schools asked what supplies they needed. We played Bunco to raise funds.

Terry Corle – add the events to the calendar on our website.

Angela Iwaniuk – make an event on your Facebook page and share with your friends.

Ray Cockrell – Optimists can offer supplies and food.

JG Baker – William Hill is a Special Ed Counselor teaching under privileged children. He'll come visit your club.

Terry Corle – Governor Elect - Thank you for putting trust in me to be your Governor this year. Thank you to all the folks who have volunteered to be on the team this year. First meeting will be November 3rd & 4th in Smithfield. I have registration forms with me. Everyone who registers will get an Optimist Mug. Great incentive to attend meeting.

The 2nd quarter will be Zone meetings on Saturdays in February. 3rd in April – location TBD. 4th Quarter Convention will be in the Raleigh area. Many of our members are from Wilson, Goldsboro & Raleigh area. Videos are a way to communicate with every member for 5-10 minutes. Videos will include what's happening, forms due, guests we will have at meetings. Everyone needs to bring in a new member. Notecards – sales tool. Can purchase and give out. Dime a Day – expect everyone to donate. This is how we get our scholarship money. From OI – Race to the Finish – There is a new member retention tool – CARES. The OWLS program. New President Tracy wants to do projects. Tell her about your events. She'll show up.

The International Convention will be in Niagara Falls on the Canada side. Need your passport.

New email: governornceast@gmail.com. If you text Terry – include your name. Give Terry suggestions.

Ray Cockrell - "The impossible will happen later today. Miracles take a little longer".

JG Baker blessed the food.

Meeting ended at 12:45 pm
Lunch.

Respectively submitted by Gail Craft

Registrants
Dan Durham
Barbara Durham
Sandy Cyphers
Ray Cockrell
Kimberly Cockrell
Gail Craft
Greg Craft
David Jennings
Jeanetta Jennings
Thomas Farmer
Carolyn Farmer
Frank Wocher
Susan Wocher
Linda Shepherd
John Shepherd
Terry Corle
Sarah Corle
Jerry Delbridge
Hilda Delbridge
Bennie Bass
Auston Pusey
Alice Pusey
Dinorah Keith
Chuck Keith
Gary Pender
Louanna Pender
Dawn Clark
Raymond Clark
Carey Foster
Betty Moseley
Timothy Johnson
JG Baker
Joshua Cockrell
Haley Whittaker
Louanna Hardee
LH - Son/Daughter in Law
Angela Iwaniuk
Will Iwaniuk

NC East District Financial Report 10-01-22 to 9-30-23

Draft Budget / North Carolina East District 2022-23

Account Name	Budgeted	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Actual	Difference
Receipts							
#100 Dues	\$ 11,744.00	\$ 2,945.00	\$ 2,697.00	\$ 3,018.00	\$ 2,854.00	\$ 11,514.00	\$ (230.00)
#105 Corporate Partners	\$ 1,000.00					\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)
#110 Allotment OI	\$ 734.00				\$ 293.04	\$ 293.04	\$ (440.96)
#120 Dist Convention	\$ 7,000.00				\$ 3,565.00	\$ 3,565.00	\$ (3,435.00)
#130 Dist Meetings	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,351.00	\$ 1,030.24	\$ 1,345.00		\$ 3,726.24	\$ 726.24
#145 Jr. Golf	\$ 1,500.00					\$ -	\$ (1,500.00)
#150 Misc Duck	\$ 600.00				\$ 950.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 350.00
#160 Interest Earned	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -
#190 OI Foundation Auction	\$ 500.00					\$ -	\$ (500.00)
#191 B&G Homes Auction	\$ 500.00		\$ 475.00			\$ 475.00	\$ (25.00)
#192 Fifty-Fifty	\$ 400.00					\$ -	\$ (400.00)
#650 Transfer Prev Admin	\$ 6,474.28					\$ -	\$ (6,474.28)
#800 CCDHH	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -
Total Receipts	\$ 33,452.28	\$ 4,296.00	\$ 4,202.24	\$ 4,363.00	\$ 7,662.04	\$ 20,523.28	\$ (12,929.00)
Disbursements							
#200 Governor	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 24.00		\$ 465.00	\$ 549.10	\$ 1,038.10	\$ (1,461.90)
#210 Lt. Governors	\$ 1,800.00			\$ 585.84		\$ 585.84	\$ (1,214.16)
#250 Secretary/Treasurer	\$ 600.00		\$ 129.54		\$ 417.88	\$ 547.42	\$ (52.58)
#255 Governor-Elect	\$ 600.00	\$ 36.73			\$ 563.27	\$ 600.00	\$ -
#260 Immediate Past Gov.	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -
#261 Past Governor	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -
#262 B&G Homes Chair	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -
#283 New Club Building	\$ 1,000.00					\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)
#265 Committee Chairs	\$ 4,600.00					\$ -	\$ (4,600.00)
#300 Clerical/Secretary	\$ 100.00		\$ 36.73			\$ 36.73	\$ (63.27)
#301 Postage	\$ 100.00	\$ 64.24				\$ 64.24	\$ (35.76)
#320 Office Supplies	\$ 100.00			\$ 34.86		\$ 34.86	\$ (65.14)
#330 District Bulletin	\$ 500.00					\$ -	\$ (500.00)
#331 Web Page	\$ 200.00	\$ 191.88			\$ 436.83	\$ 628.71	\$ 428.71
#340 District Directory	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -
#350 District Convention	\$ 6,000.00				\$ 5,597.40	\$ 5,597.40	\$ (402.60)
#360 District Meetings	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 1,048.00	\$ 795.24	\$ 2,428.44		\$ 4,271.68	\$ 221.68
#361 Lt. Governor's Conf	\$ 500.00					\$ -	\$ (500.00)
#370 Oratorical Contest	\$ 750.00			\$ 327.72	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,327.72	\$ 577.72
#371 CCDHH Contest	\$ 750.00			\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ (250.00)
#380 Jr. Golf	\$ 1,500.00					\$ -	\$ (1,500.00)
#390 Essay Contest	\$ 750.00			\$ 106.75		\$ 106.75	\$ (643.25)
#400 Badges & Pins Officers	\$ 300.00	\$ 298.42	\$ 15.79	\$ 97.79		\$ 412.00	\$ 112.00
#410 Awards Current Year	\$ 200.00					\$ -	\$ (200.00)
#411 Awards, Past Year	\$ 500.00	\$ 73.19				\$ 73.19	\$ (426.81)
#420 Audit, Bank Charges	\$ 50.00					\$ -	\$ (50.00)
#421 Audit Review 990	\$ 100.00					\$ -	\$ (100.00)
#430 Merchandise	\$ 500.00					\$ -	\$ (500.00)
#440 NCB Supplies	\$ 500.00					\$ -	\$ (500.00)
#441 Membership	\$ 500.00					\$ -	\$ (500.00)
#442 A&A	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -
#443 Personal Growth	\$ 250.00					\$ -	\$ (250.00)
#444 Childhood Health	\$ 500.00					\$ -	\$ (500.00)

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#446	Leadership Develop	\$ 300.00					\$ -	\$ (300.00)
#447	OI Foundation	\$ 500.00					\$ -	\$ (500.00)
#448	Boys and Girls Homes	\$ 500.00		\$ 475.00			\$ 475.00	\$ (25.00)
#450	Gifts (Guests)	\$ 200.00		\$ 246.98			\$ 246.98	\$ 46.98
#470	Miscellaneous	\$ 1,952.28	\$ 71.88	\$ 108.65		\$ 382.45	\$ 562.98	\$ (1,389.30)
#480	Previous Admin Exp	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -
#490	Next Admin Exp	\$ 200.00				\$ 1,729.75	\$ 1,729.75	\$ 1,529.75
	Total Disbursements	\$ 33,452.28	\$ 1,808.34	\$ 1,807.93	\$ 4,546.40	\$ 10,676.68	\$ 18,839.35	\$ (14,612.93)
YTD Summary								
	Total Receipts		\$ 4,296.00	\$ 4,202.24	\$ 4,363.00	\$ 7,662.04	\$ 20,523.28	
	Total Disbursements		\$ 1,808.34	\$ 1,807.93	\$ 4,546.40	\$ 10,676.68	\$ 18,839.35	
	Beginning Bank Balance		\$ 22,196.73	\$ 24,684.39	\$ 27,078.70	\$ 26,895.30		
	Receipts		\$ 4,296.00	\$ 4,202.24	\$ 4,363.00	\$ 7,662.04		
	Disbursements		\$ 1,808.34	\$ 1,807.93	\$ 4,546.40	\$ 10,676.68		
	Ending Bank Balance		\$ 24,684.39	\$ 27,078.70	\$ 26,895.30	\$ 23,880.66		



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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