

North Carolina East Optimist Bulletin

Hello Optimist Friends,
We are looking forward to our clubs and our district making a “huge comeback” as we near the beginning of the end of the pandemic. As many of us “seniors” are getting our Covid immunization vaccines, we are all hopeful that our days in quarantine and masks, and no close contact with others will be over in the weeks ahead.

We encourage everyone to begin planning for your club activities, fundraisers and projects, so that when the current mandates are lifted we will all be ready to get into “ACTION”.

We hope many of you are working on your club’s essay and oratorical contests. We plan to hold the District oratorical contest on May 8th, at Homewood Suites in Cary. This is the same hotel we met in during Linda Shepherd’s governorship in February of 2019. We also plan to have a silent auction there again, with the proceeds being shared

between the OI Foundation and The Boys & Girls Home.

Please help us by donating “nicer” items for the auction and then bidding on the items you like.

Have you heard about the OI Learning Management System? It is a great way to get on-line training and it is being offered for free for one year to all club officers. If your club achieves Distinguished Status, OI will require

Happy Valentine's Day



that all your officers have completed the LMS on-line officer training modules. Only 1 person in our district has completed officer training so far and at the 4th quarter we plan to recognize all members who do complete the officer training. So, please think about using LMS and contact me if you need help with it.

Since this is almost Valentine's Day, I cannot close this message without saying – "On Valentine's day we think of those who make

our life worthwhile, those gracious, friendly people who we think of with a smile." I appreciate all our wonderful Optimist members who have blessed me with their friendship and support. Thank you for choosing Optimism and working to make our communities, our youth and ourselves better!

Sincerely,
Governor Angela

OI Convention Ambassador

See You in Atlanta!

Optimist International 103rd Annual Convention

Wed., June 30 – Sat., July 3, 2021



5 Reasons to Come to CONVENTION

You can...

1. Choose Optimism as you gather with friends, old and new.
2. Experience the Hyatt Regency's historic design and great location.
3. Enjoy all Atlanta has to offer – great entertainment, culture, food and history.
4. Learn from world-class speakers and trainers.
5. Be a part of the annual reunion of the greatest Optimistic minds in the world.



District New Club Building

New Club Building Article -2nd qtr district bulletin
-- February 2021

In an effort at creativity while we are still in pandemic mode, I want to share with you an idea to consider in thinking of building a new Optimist club. What about a Non-Traditional Optimist club? Optimist International defines this as "any previously formed group or organization that supports or promotes programs or activities primarily related to youth." Affiliating with Optimist International would open up new opportunities for the youth already served by these clubs. In addition, many such

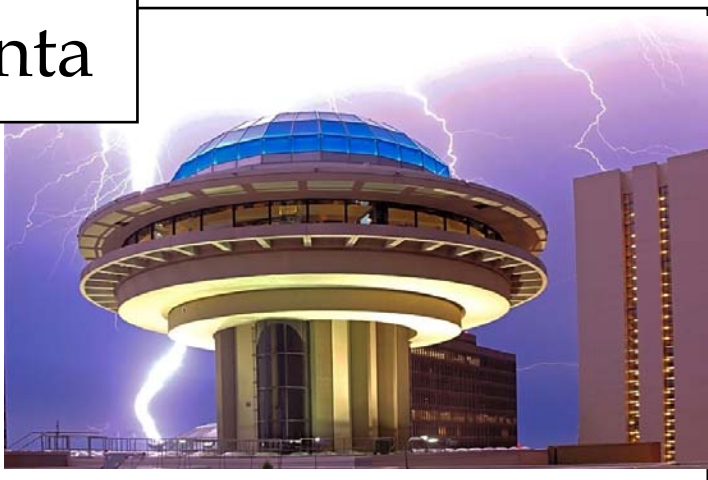
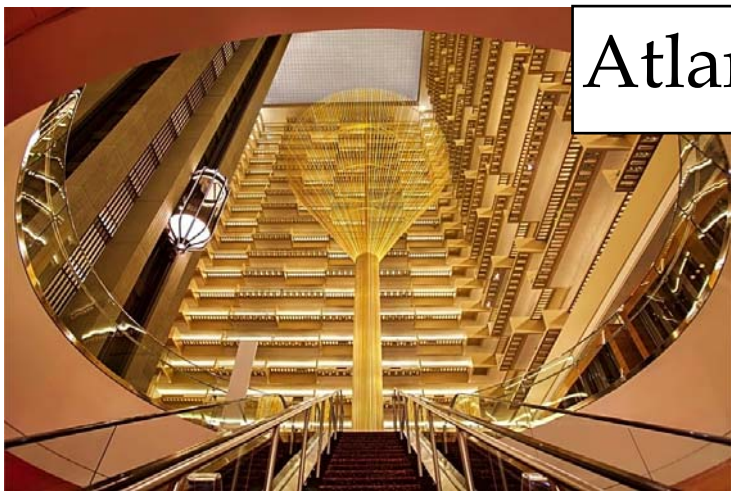
groups would be pleased to have the insurance coverage provided by Optimist International. In your community, are there youth-oriented groups such as coaches, teachers, church groups, youth chorus or band supporting groups, and youth activity and sports centers? Any of these groups might be prospects for becoming an Optimist club.

Please let me know when you identify opportunities for building a new club. I will be happy to help get the process started. I am...

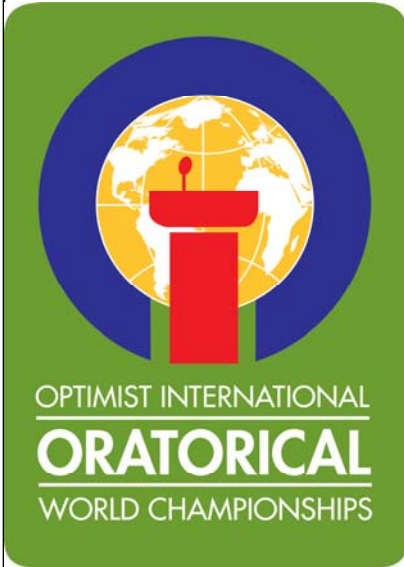
Forever an Optimist!

Linda Shepherd

Atlanta



District Oratorical Contest



Hello Optimists,
By now you should have begun promoting your Club Oratorical Contest. The topic for the 2020-21 school year is: **"Healing the World with Optimism."**

Ways to promote your club contest include contacting your school system, church, youth groups, debate clubs

and so on to publicize the opportunity for a young individual to win a \$2,500.00 scholarship from Optimist International. Contest guidelines and rules are available online from Optimist International, your Lt. Governor, and NC East District Oratorical Chair: Lou Anna Hardee.

Please note the timeline/criteria below:

- Club Contest completed before April 9, 2021
- Zone Contest completed before April 23, 2021
- Zone Contest winners' documentation due by May 1, 2021 to District Chair Lou Anna Hardee, 5425 NC Hwy. 33 East, Greenville, NC 27858 (cell: 252-341-3565) **NOTE:** A printed hard copy of documentation is preferred rather than electronic submission via email.
- NCE District Contest is scheduled to be held in Cary, NC on May 8, 2021.

Interested students should submit a speech which must be at least 4 minutes but not over 5 minutes in length on the pre-assigned topic to their local Optimist Club. The deadline to enter is determined by the sponsoring Optimist Club. All Club-level contests are typically held by late March.

Youth under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2020 (and not enrolled as a degree seeking student of a post-secondary institution) in the United States,

Canada or the Caribbean. There is no minimum age. The Optimist Oratorical Contest gives youngsters 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.

Districts will have the opportunity to provide a scholarship of \$2,500, second place \$1,500, and third place \$1,000 AND send their top speaker (district winner) to compete at the Optimist Regional Contest at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri. The Regional Scholarship award is \$5,000. Scholarship must be redeemed by the age of 25. The Regional Contest will be held July 21-23, 2021, at Saint Louis University in OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL ORATORICAL WORLD COMPETITION. Each Regional Winner will compete in the World Championship Contest for a chance to win a first, second, or third place scholarship of \$15,000, \$10,000, or \$5,000 respectively. The World Championship Contest will be held July 21-23, 2021, at Saint Louis University.

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

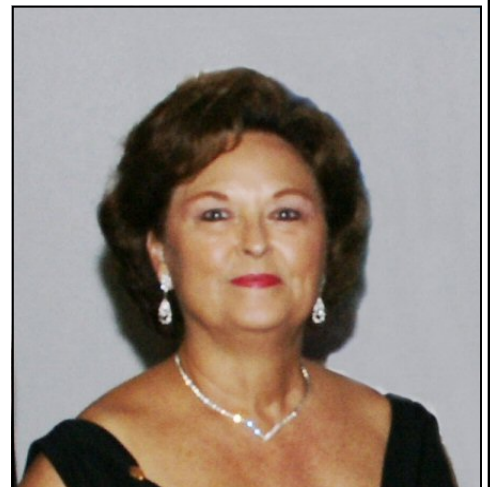
Yours in Optimism,

Lou Anna

Lou Anna Hardee

2020-2021 NCE Oratorical Chair

NC East District, Optimist International



District Convention

SUMMER CONFERENCE

July 16th, 17th, 18th

CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER

Wilmington, NC

“IF EVERYDAY COULD BE JUST LIKE CHRISTMAS, WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD IT WOULD BE.” Yes, what a wonderful world it would be for everyone.



Reality shows this is not possible. However how about being able to celebrate Christmas twice in a year as N.C. East Optimists?

Make plans to attend the N.C. East Summer Conference in Wilmington, NC. District members and their guests will have the opportunity to experience a warm Christmas, Friday Evening by the Cape Fear River across from the USS

North Carolina Battleship.

There will be lots of fun! YES, LOTS OF FUN even scrooges will have fun. Christmas decorations galore, ugly sweater contest so keep those sweaters out), bring a Christmas Ornament or small \$5.00 gift to have un-



der the Christmas tree. There will be Christmas music, Christmas fun games and YES, a real look alike Santa for you to tell him what you want for Christmas 2021.... and the most special thing about Friday Night's Christmas Event is to have club members personally donate a \$25.00 gift certificate, \$25.00 a check or a donation of their choice for the kids at the Boys & Girls Home, this is different from the amount of funds your club donates to the home...this is members individually donating. So, start collecting from your club members now and bring to the summer conference to drop in Santa's large stocking or mail the cards to the N.C. East Treasurer prior to the event. Santa will be "Thankful" and so will the kids at the home. Santa will also take the time for you to share with him what you would like for Christmas 2021. This will also be a good time to take photos for those special Christmas cards. Dinner will be provided by members of the Cape Optimist Club at their clubhouse. Take my word, **THEY ARE WONDERFUL COOKS!**

REMINDER!!!!!! The weekend is also for the TRAINING of new officers and leaders in the district for the 2021-2022 Optimist Year. Take the time to attend the

training to assist you in your respective leadership position. Saturday the Ole Timer's Breakfast with a guest speaker and recognition to optimist members followed by the District Business Meeting Session. To highlight the



weekend, Saturday evening will be celebration of the GOVERNOR'S BANQUET & BALL.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE AND FELLOWSHIP

WITH FELLOW N.C. EAST DISTRICT OPTIMIST MEMBERS.

Carey Foster
Sandy Cyphers
Convention Co-Chairmen





OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

F O U N D A T I O N

Optimist International Foundation

By getting this District Newsletter, you probably know much about the OI Foundation. Most of what I want to relay to you in this newsletter is about our NC East District Goals for the year 2020-2021. If you haven't watched the video of Bonnie Jean Sherbert's testimony, please go to the Foundation's web site and watch it. It is the best testimony for the Foundation I have ever heard.

Many times, when Foundations like ours go to a mega foundation for donations, one of their first questions is, "What percentage of your members participate?" Only about six or seven percent of our membership donate to the Foundation. My primary goal for this year is to improve that percentage considerably. The only way we will meet our goals is with your help.

This is the Foundation's fiftieth year and our goals for this year are:

Dime-a-Day 120 members (15%) donating \$50. to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary

Members donating something - 395 members (50%) Even if it's only \$5.

President's Club Members - 20 Members donating \$250. to join or maintain their membership

Clubs donating something - 31 clubs (90%) Even if it's only \$50.

Dollar-a-Day for clubs \$365. - 7 clubs (15%)

Friend of today \$500.Clubs and individual members

These are Optimistic goals, but YOU and I can meet or exceed these goals. Please know that I cannot meet any of them alone, I need your help, and together we can!

If you have any questions or need help, please let me know. Many, many thanks.

Bill Edgerton,

NC East DFR.



Marketing, Social Media & Webmaster

Hi Members of NC East District -

Here we are still in the middle of the pandemic and it's just not going away. But, the kids still need us!

During this time - we need to support each other's clubs and try to continue to raise money for each other.



Please post your events to Facebook and share to the NC East Optimist page. If you are in the area of another club and can help buy something or do something to raise money - please help the other club. The kids still need us (and food, fun and supplies).

I've enjoyed buying raffle tickets from Greenville (I

didn't win a thing!) and buying AutoBell gift cards from the Blackbird club. I wash my car all the time.



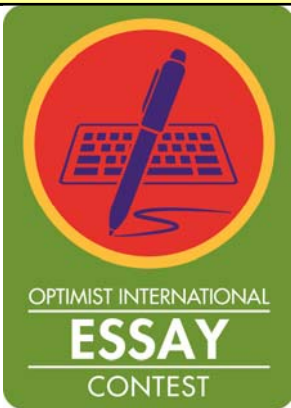
Gail Craft District Chair.

Hopefully, most of you are on your way to getting the vaccine! And double hopefully - our next meeting in September will be in person.

As The Grinch said last year, "2020 Stink, Stank, Stunk!"

Hope to see you soon!

District Essay Contest



OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT ESSAY CONTEST

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO MY FELLOW OPTIMISTS.

It continues to be a trying time in our lives with Covid-19 remaining over our heads. I am optimistic that by the end of the year we can return to some normality with our lives.

TAKE NOTICE.....A REMINDER!

\$2500 Scholarship will be awarded to the North Carolina East District Essay Winner. Has your club conducted or plans to conduct a competition? If not, WHY? Students need organizations such as ours to provide them a chance to participate for funds to assist with their college financial expenses.

If your club is not involved in this Optimist International Program.....I ask...**WHY NOT?**

MAKE A CHANGE IN YOUR CLUB AND OFFER THIS OPPORTUNITY to students in your community. If not this year, plan for 2022.

2020/2021 ESSAY TOPIC: "REACHING your DREAMS by CHOOSING OPTIMISM"

REQUIREMENTS: Under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2020

LENGTH: 700 -800 Words

Sandy Cyphers
N.C. East District Essay Chairmen





CHECK THIS OUT. Make sure your Club lets the junior golfers in your community know about the Hugh Cranford All Scholastic Team. SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE HERE!!!!!!!!!!!!

NC East District – Junior Golf 2021

NC East District plans to hold a Junior Golf Qualifier at Wedgewood Golf Course in Wilson on Saturday – May 1, 2021.

Qualifying Spots:

- Boys 16-18: Fifteen (15) qualifying spots / exemptions
- Boys 14-15: Eleven (11) qualifying spots / exemptions
- Boys 12-13: Two (2) qualifying spots / exemptions
- Boys 10-11: Two (2) qualifying spots / exemptions
- Girls 15-18: Nineteen (19) qualifying spots / exemptions
- Girls 13-14: Nine (9) qualifying spots / exemptions
- Girls 10-12: Four (4) qualifying spots / exemptions

We encourage all clubs to invite young golfers in your area to participate. We also welcome financial support for the golfers and the tournament, especially since we don't expect corporate sponsorships this year and we will need all help that any members or clubs can contribute. We also could use volunteers! So please consider helping us to keep Junior Golf going in the NC East District this year with your financial donations and participation!

TARGET SCORE FOR QUALIFYING FOR OPTIMIST TOURNAMENT

| | Boys 10-11 | Boys 12-13 | Boys 14-15 | Boys 16-18 |
|--------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Par 68 | 92 | 86 | 79 | 74 |
| Par 69 | 93 | 87 | 80 | 75 |
| Par 70 | 94 | 88 | 81 | 76 |
| Par 71 | 95 | 89 | 82 | 77 |
| Par 72 | 96 | 90 | 83 | 78 |
| Par 73 | 97 | 91 | 84 | 79 |
| Par 74 | 98 | 92 | 85 | 80 |

Our district also hopes to partner with the Tarheel Youth Golf Association with a Qualifying Tournament at The Emerald Golf Club in New Bern, NC on April 24-25. This tournament will be for girls and boys in grades 8-12 and they will register through TYGA.

Our fearless leader for the past few years, David Hodges has done a tremendous job in scheduling and leading multiple qualifiers each year and as a result he has increased the number of youth from

our district who have participated and the number of qualifying spots that NC East has available to send players to The Optimist World Championship. He has made NC East #1 in Junior Golf!

David has decided to step down from his leadership role this year, but he is promising to assist our District in scheduling our qualifiers and supporting us during the qualifiers. We will greatly miss his leadership and the corporate sponsors he brought in through the Mahler Thorp foundation he created.

The District is seeking new leadership for Junior Golf, so please let us know if you have an interest in or know of someone in our group who may be good at leading Junior Golf going forward.

| | Girls 10-12 | Girls 13-14 | Girls 15-18 |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Par 68 | 93 | 89 | 81 |
| Par 69 | 94 | 90 | 82 |
| Par 70 | 95 | 91 | 83 |
| Par 71 | 96 | 92 | 84 |
| Par 72 | 97 | 93 | 85 |
| Par 73 | 98 | 94 | 86 |
| Par 74 | 99 | 95 | 87 |

District A & A

Good morning optimist members. We have successfully completed the 1st quarter of 2000-2021 and that means it's time to get your A&A report in. I am sorry for the 1st quarter form being hard to download from the district web site. The form is available now.

Your A&A reports help the District officers to see what programs are being used and are also a good way for Optimist International to see what our youth are doing this year.

This report is being completed on February 1 and on this date I am sending a letter to all presidents that will provide 2 copies of the form and add a letter that will walk you through the completion of the form.



Dan Durham A & A Chair

When presidents receive the letter please read the instructions that are needed to get the form from the web site. I suggest you keep the second copy to be used for the next 3 quarters. I will be reporting the clubs that have sent the form during the zoom meeting. I will add the first quarter names and report this in the next quarterly meeting.

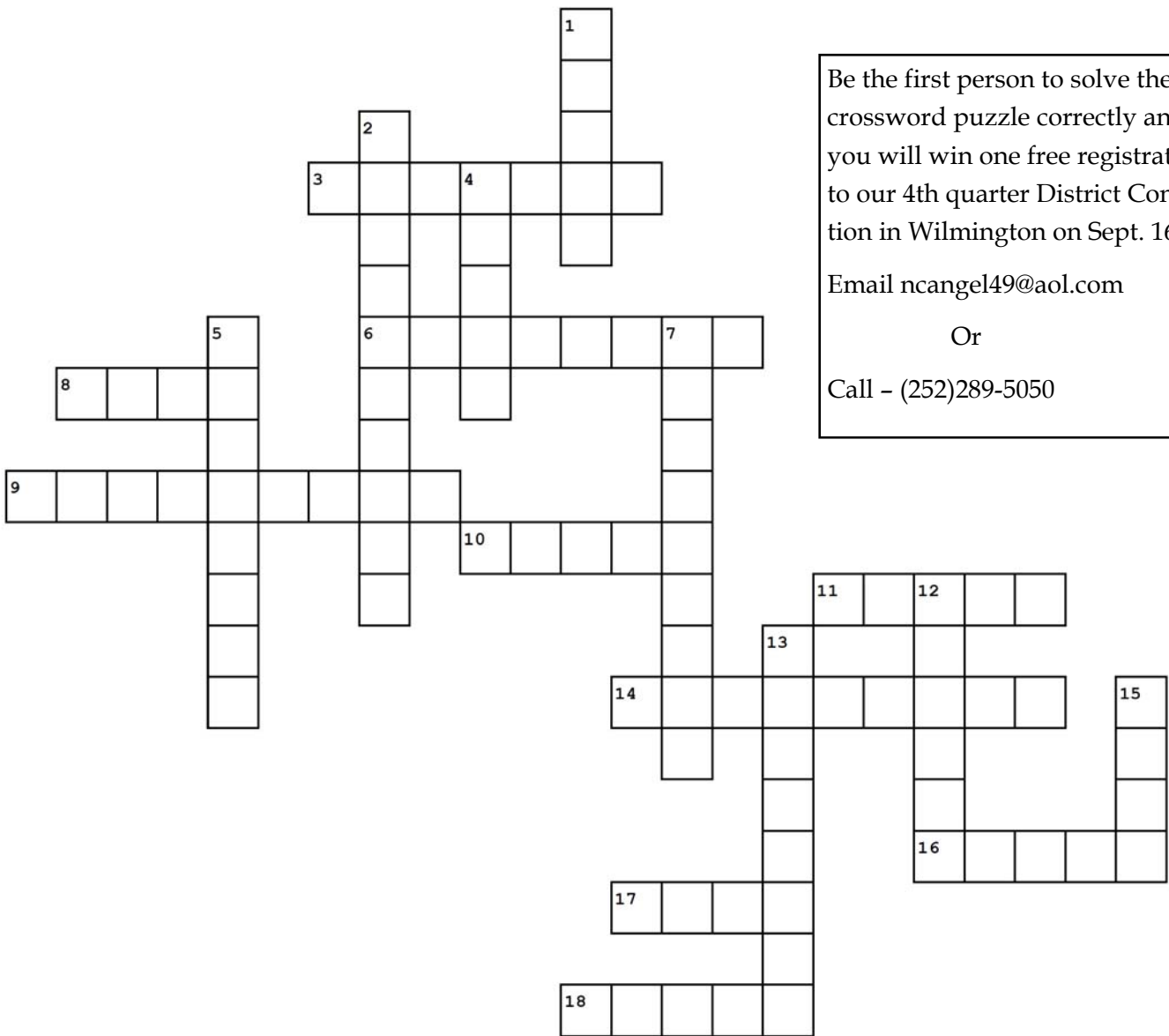
During this year Barbara and I are sending \$10,00 to Boys & Girls Home in the honor of all clubs that participate in the A&A report.

Thanks for being a reporting club this year and help Barbara and me support the children.

Also, the form I sent can be mailed to me if you have trouble with the instructions. Remember to make a copy of the form for subsequent quarters.

Dan Durham,
District A&A Chair

Optimist Valentine Crossword Puzzle



Be the first person to solve the crossword puzzle correctly and you will win one free registration to our 4th quarter District Convention in Wilmington on Sept. 16-18.

Email ncangel49@aol.com

Or

Call - (252)289-5050

Across

Down

- | | |
|---|---|
| <p>3. - favorite flavor in the chocolate box.</p> <p>6. - Valentine's Day is the biggest holiday for ____</p> <p>8. - Most popular Valentine flower</p> <p>9. - _____ and girlfriend</p> <p>10. - favorite valentine gift</p> <p>11. - He shoots invisible arrows to make people fall in love</p> <p>14. - Will you be my _____?</p> <p>16. - which US state has a town named Valentine?</p> <p>17. - St. Valentine is known as patron of _____</p> <p>18. - Cupid's mother</p> | <p>1. - bees make this</p> <p>2. - Which US state produces the most roses</p> <p>4. - bow and _____</p> <p>5. - Valentines Day is the 14th of _____</p> <p>7. - stuffed animal often given (2 words)</p> <p>12. - St. Valentine was a Roman _____</p> <p>13. - these people receive the most Valentines cards</p> <p>15. - In "XOXOXO", an X represents this action</p> |
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Junior Optimist International



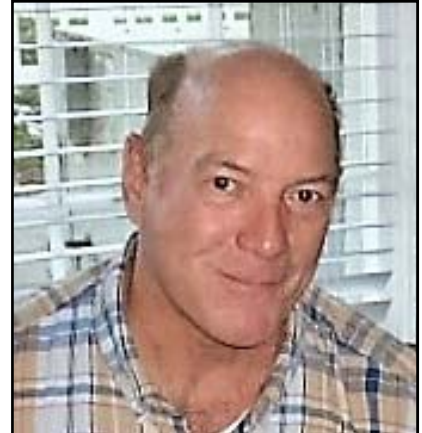
Greetings from JOI land to all of you! While our heads are still spinning from a years worth of Covid-itis and government mandates, we are just now starting to see the fog lift. Short-

ly the kids will return to school and with that, the opportunity to reassemble will be upon us. Everyone will be in an expansive mood, seeking to explore and grow! We need to position ourselves to seize this opportunity and add more youth to the Junior Optimist

roster. Alert your adult club to to expect this and to be ready to make your move!!

Our churches, soccer clubs, cheerleader groups and neighborhoods are more areas where we can build clubs and gain memberships. Together, let's make 2021 our best year yet!

Sam
Stoler6@embarqmail.
com



Sam Toler, District JOI Chair

The **Elm City Optimist Club**, along with 2 other service clubs, proudly supported a Scout in Elm City with his Eagle project. Jonathan Ballard, of Troop 332, created 3 "My Little Libraries". They have been placed around Elm City where children in the area can easily access and take a book home. The club will keep these libraries stocked by members and potential citizens in the community.



Left side:: Terry Corle, Christie Webb, Jonathan Ballard

Right Side:: Front row - Donna Upchurch, Sarah Corle, Linda Shepherd

Back row - Toni Welborn, Susan Wocher

District Membership

Welcome to a new year(2021) of opportunities to serve and “be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as ou are about your own”! Congratulations to 11 members in expanding optimism in the East District by bringing in mew members to enhance their clubs. You will be receiving a \$10.00 Walmart gift card. The club that brings in the largest number of new members will have something special at the end of this Optimist year.

In closing, stay safe, stay positives and remember, “to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind,”

Only Positive Wishes.
Brenda Farmer



Optimist Cottage B&G Home Lake Waccamaw

Happy New Year Optimist

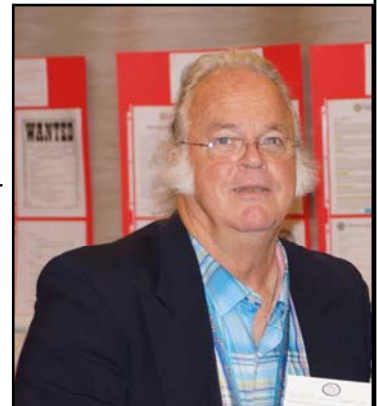
What a exciting year we are hoping that 2021 brings to the B&G Home. All the kids at the home are safe and healthy thanks to the staff at the home. The Optimist cottage is currently being used as a sibling cottage where they are trying to keep them together what a great idea. As you all know 2020 was a hard year for everyone not being able to meet, have fund raisers, serve the kids as we are use to. Each year all civic club chairs for the B&G Home have a fund raiser and this year we are going to have a raffle and we are asking for your help in doing so. We are collecting gift cards from Walmart, Target,

Food Lion Gas cards or wherever we can get them. We are going to put together 3 gift baskets and have a drawing in September. The ticket sale for the gift baskets will be going on sale soon and I know I’m asking a lot but with your help we can do this. I also would like to give you an up date on Betty Faircloth Gary’s wife she is not doing well and I’m asking for your prayers for both of them. Remember there are other ways to give to the

home by donation. Donate to the Country Store ,the Century Club \$100.00 or a Walt Armentrout Fellowship \$500.00 what a great way to honor a member from your club. I look forward to seeing and hearing from

all of you this year and THANK YOU for your support for the Kids of the BOYS and GIRLS HOME of NC.

Gary Pender
NC East District
Chair



Ray Cockrell, B&G Home

Communications Contest for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing



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

North Carolina
East District

Optimist Interna-
tional

“Communication
Contest for the
Deaf and Hard of
Hearing”

CCDHH

The Topic for the
CCDHH contest

this year is “Healing the World With Optimism”. This program provides our youth with hearing problems an opportunity to express themselves and also a chance to win a \$2,500 scholarship.

To participate, a student must have a 40 decibel or more hearing loss (even if it's only in one ear).

I'm asking the club in each county to contact their local school system and speak with the director or the lead teacher within the system and get their students involved. In the past, we had the contest at the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf and really did not try very hard to get the qualified students in the public school systems. Last year we held the contest in Goldsboro with local students participating.

Our plans for holding the contest this year are:

Place 205 East Walnut Street in Goldsboro

Saturday, May 15, 2021 10:00am

Applications and a typed copy of their presentation must be received by April 15.

If we have more than ten contestants, we will plan a preliminary contest and narrow it down to ten or less for the final contest.

We will adjust our plans as necessary to hold the contest as scheduled. I don't want our local students to miss the opportunity to earn the \$2,500. scholarship. If Covid-19 does require us to make changes, we will go to a larger venue or hold it by Zoom. Either way, we plan to hold the contest.

Go the Optimist International web site under OI Scholarship Programs for information. If you need more information from me, please call at 919-920-8541 or E-mail at bedgeton4@nc.rr.com.



The applications and documents should be sent to me at the address below by April 15, 2021. Please don't let your local hearing impaired students miss out on this opportunity.

Thanks for your help.

Bill Edgerton, CCDHH Chair

118 Windyfield Drive

Goldsboro, NC 27530

Application for the 2020-2021 Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Name _____ M F
 Address _____
 City _____
 State/Country _____ Zip Code _____
 Telephone (_____) _____ E-mail _____
 Date of Birth ____/____/____ Age _____

Have you participated in any other Optimist Club's Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing this school year? Yes No

Audiologist Verification:

I verify that the contestant listed above has a hearing loss of 40 decibels or more.

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____
 Title _____

Contestant Agreement:

I have studied the rules of the contest, and I will be bound by all of the requirements.

Contestant's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Parent or Guardian Permission:

I give my permission for my child/ward to participate in this contest.

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Relationship _____

I, _____ grant the Optimist Club International my permission to use a picture/video of my son/daughter _____ for their public relations purposes. Optimist Club International may use the photo/video in any publication they see fit.

Sponsoring Optimist Club Name _____

Sponsoring Optimist Club Number _____

Topic: "Healing the World with Optimism"

Please send your application to the address below.

Official Rules

Section I - General Rules

1. Contestants must enter through a local Optimist Club.
2. The CCDHH District Chair is responsible for all phases of the contest and his or her rulings in accordance with the official rules are final.
3. All competitions must be conducted by Optimists only.
4. The contest date, time and place will be determined by the Contest Chair.
5. All contestants must comply with the official rules of the contest.
6. The official application must be completed by each contestant and submitted to the sponsoring Club's Contest Chair.
7. All Zone, Regional and District level contests must have a minimum of 3 contestants participating.

Section II - Qualifications for Contestants

1. The contest is open to contestants under the age of 19 as of October 1 of the current Optimist contest year and who have not yet completed secondary school or its equivalent, including CEGEP students in Québec, Canada. Contestants must have an uncorrected hearing loss of 40 decibels or more in order to be eligible to participate. Participants must submit an audiogram or a Cochlear Implant Programming Report done within 24 months of the date of the contest from a qualified audiologist.
2. Contestants are eligible for only one Club's contest during any given year.
3. Each contestant must prepare his or her own presentation with limited assistance on content.

Improvements to the presentation can be made at any time.

4. A contestant who has won a District CCDHH or CCHI scholarship is not eligible to compete at any level of the competition again.

Section III - Contest Rules

1. All contestants must make a presentation on the official contest topic and submit a typed copy of the speech.
2. Contestants can present in sign language, orally or using a combination of both.
3. Presentations may be delivered in a language other than English or French.
4. The interpreter is to be provided by the sponsoring Optimist Club/Zone/District.
5. All contestants must give the official contest topic in the first sentence of their presentation. If a contestant fails to do this, a 3-point penalty will be automatically assessed by the timekeeper.
6. Any quotation, copyrighted, or largely paraphrased material used in the presentation must be identified with the original author's name. Failure to identify non-original material will result in disqualification.
7. The use of props, special costumes or clothing, will result in 10 penalty points.
8. The use of audience prompters will result in disqualification.
9. Notes and lecterns can be used if the contestant desires.
10. The time limit is not under 4 minutes and no longer than 5 minutes. Contestants going over or under will not be cautioned, and will be penalized one point each 15 seconds or fraction of over or under the time limits.

This penalty will be assessed by the timekeeper.

11. Timing will begin with first word or sign. Timing will stop when the contestant finishes.
10. No reference can be made that identifies the contestant, parents, school, community, sponsoring Optimist Club or District. This will result in a deduction of up to 5 points.
11. Contestants must not be identified by name, school or sponsoring Club until all judges have started deliberations.
12. Any protest in the conduct at any level of this contest must be made immediately after the condition is noted. Protests received after the next contestant has been introduced, or in the case of the last contestant, after the judges leave to total the scores, will not be accepted under any circumstances.
13. The Contest Chair will rule on all protests in accordance with the official rules. The decision of the Contest Chair is final and no higher appeals will be recognized.

Section IV - Judging and Timing

1. Each contest must have three judges, one timekeeper and one certified interpreter.
2. The judges must be qualified to evaluate the presentation methods of all contestants with or without the assistance of an interpreter.
3. The judges and timekeeper must not be identified in any pre-publicity or at the contest until after the contest has been completed.
4. Judges are not permitted to discuss or compare scores or opinions on any of the contestants with anyone or each other. Judges must evaluate each presentation independently.
5. The judges' scores and penalties are

confidential and should not be viewed by anyone except the Contest Chair.

Section V - Scoring

1. Material Organization – subject adherence, theme, content, color and logic. The maximum point award is 40 points.
2. Delivery & Presentation – delivery, gestures and emphasis. The maximum point award is 30 points.
3. Overall Effectiveness – appeal, impression, attitude and effect. The maximum point award is 30 points.

Section VI - Penalties

1. Failure to give official topic in the first sentence – 3 points
2. Failure to identify non-original material – up to 10 points
3. Use of props, costume, etc. – 10 points
4. Time penalties – 1 points for each 15 seconds or fraction of over or under the limit
5. Self-identification – up to 5 points
6. Failure to complete speech – disqualification
7. Use of audience prompters - disqualification

For more information contact:

SPONSORING CLUB SHOULD POST CONTACT INFORMATION HERE

Contact person: _____

Contact address: _____

Contact phone or email: _____

Candidate Qualification Announcement

St. Louis, Missouri (February 8, 2021) The Candidate Qualifications Committee of Optimist International is pleased to announce the list of nominees for the positions of International President-Elect, International Directors, and International Vice President-Elect.

After considering a large number of eligible optimists and then interviewing four well-qualified and dedicated Optimists for the position of International President-Elect, the Candidate Qualifications Committee endorses **Bob McFadyen of the Optimist Club of Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario. McFadyen** – who was the Number 1 International Vice President in

2017-18 – brings 40 years of experience working in a large financial institution and leading a team of more than 300 employees in four cities. If elected, McFadyen will become Optimist International President on October 1, 2022.

At this point in the history of Optimist International, the Candidate Qualifications Committee believes it is important to select an International President that is not only very familiar with our organization's mission, but who also has substantial experience in financial administration. In addition to working in the corporate world, McFadyen has chaired the Optimist International Audit and Finance Committee on sever-

al occasions. He has also served as chair of the International Membership Committee and has served on several other strategic International committees.

The Candidate Qualifications Committee is also pleased to announce the nomination of **Dr. Carol E. Haynes of Bridgetown, Barbados and Russ Thomas of Cumming, Georgia** as its endorsed candidates for the two open positions on the International Board of Directors. Both Haynes and Thomas bring a passion for the Optimist movement as well as a vast array of leadership experience in their professional careers. If elected, Haynes and Thomas will begin serving a three-year term of office on October 1, 2021.

Additionally, the Candidate Qualifications Committee nominated the following devoted Optimists to serve as International Vice Presidents beginning on October 1, 2022:

Marlene Phillips - Northeast Great Lakes Region

Gwen L. Gables - Southeast Region

Donna Aker - Mid-Atlantic Region

Julie Robison - Middle America Region

Rod McKendrick - Great Plains Region

Linda McDonald - Southwest Region

Lynn Reiter-Woodhead - West Region

Childhood Health & Wellness



As some of you might remember, we had a lot of fun providing gingerbread birds and birdhouses to kids at the hospital in 2019. Last year I was the lucky recipient of an excellent royal icing recipe (thank you Sally!) that worked incredibly well- almost as well as hot glue but

without the danger.

When I first asked this December, I was told that I could not make the royal icing at home (which is what I did last year) and that we'd need to buy it from the store. I know y'all know how frustrating store bought 'royal icing' is, so that wasn't going to work. But the awesome hospital infection control nurse, Christa, and I ended up having the same idea- we could ask the hospital's kitchen if they could make the icing and then portion it out for the kids. I was connected with Ruth in Nutrition and Food Services and she connected me with one of the chefs at the hospital who made us 35 ziploc bags (like mini piping bags!) of royal icing.

I got to work with the kids and teens in the inpatient

psychiatric unit in person for the first time since March and it was so sweet all the way around to personally witness how creative they were and how much they enjoyed making their own gingerbread birdhouses with icing from the hospital's kitchen. That afternoon I handed out gingerbread birdhouse kits to kids in pediatrics and gingerbread birdhouse kits to the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House of Chapel Hill, all with hospital kitchen made royal icing.

-Katie



Trish Verne

District Co-Chair



Sara Robbins,

District Co-Chair

North Carolina East District
Optimist International
1st Quarter District Board Meeting
Wilson, NC
Saturday, November 7, 2020

The following members of the Executive Committee were present:

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| Angela Iwaniuk | Governor, | Russell |
| Leake | Immediate Past Governor | |
| Carey Foster | Past Governor | Carol |
| Collier | District Secretary | |
| Wayne Sidelinger | District Treasurer | Sandy |
| Cyphers | OI Board Director | |

Clubs Represented: 10

Zone 1: Wilmington

Zone 3: Goldsboro, Wilson Golden Circle, Wilson Evening, Wilson Breakfast, Bennett Club

Zone 4: Greenville, Rocky Mt. Breakfast, Roanoke Rapids

Zone 5: Wake Forest

Total Members Present: 24

Governor Angela Iwaniuk called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance and those that joined us virtually. Former Governor, Jim Hart lead us in reciting the Optimist creed. Former Governor, Gary Pender gave the opening invocation.

Governor Angela Iwaniuk welcomed our first-timers and all past governors.

Governor Angela Iwaniuk passed out the minutes and financial report from the fourth quarter and asked if there were any questions or changes that needed to be made. Sandy Cyphers made a motion to accept the minutes and Gary Pender seconded. Jimmy Lamm made a motion to approve the financial report and Jim Hart seconded. The minutes and

financial reports were approved by all members.

Committee Reports:

Terry Corle, A&A Chair, encouraged more clubs to participate in the Awards and Achievements program. The top three clubs were: Greenville, Washington and Goldsboro.

Gary Pender, Boys and Girls Home Chair, introduced Mason Smith from the Boys and Girls Home. Mr. Smith informed us that there were currently siblings living in the Optimist cottage. Mary Stevens received the 2020 Walter E. Armentrout, Jr. award. Gary Pender accepted the award on her behalf. Gary then had an alter call for donations to the Boys and Girls Home.

Lou Anna Hardee, Oratorical Contest Chair, joined us by Zoom. She presented a video, from the website, showing information on the 2021 Oratorical contest. Lou Anna encouraged all clubs to participate in the Oratorical contest this year.

Billy Edgerton, OI Foundation Representative, gave a video presentation encouraging all members to donate a minimum of \$50.00 to Dime-A-Day. He informed us that there were currently seven members of the President's Club. One of his goals is to have at least 20 members of the President's Club. His second goal is for 50% of all members to donate to OI Foundation through the Dime-A-Day program. He reminded us that all donations are cumulative toward each level of achievement.

Billy Edgerton, CCDHH Chair, informed us that we could no longer collaborate with the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf on the Oratorical contest. The 2021 CCDHH Oratorical contest will be held on Saturday, April 24th in Goldsboro.

Governor Angela Iwaniuk recognized Al Ludlum to go over the 2020 - 2021 budget. Al passed out a copy of the budget and went over the receipts and expenses. Sandy Cyphers made a motion to accept the budget for the 2020 - 2021 fiscal year and the motion was seconded. The budget was approved by all members.

Break

Sandy Cyphers, Essay Contest Chair, read the topic of the 2021 essay: "Reaching your Dreams by Choosing Optimism". She encouraged all clubs to participate in this important scholarship contest. Her goal is for at least 50% of all clubs in the district to participate. She reminded us that the \$2500 comes from the OI Foundation.

Brenda Farmer, Membership Chair, joined us by zoom. She reminded us that the 30 and Under for \$30 expires on 12/31/2020. Brenda informed us that she will present a \$10.00 Walmart gift card to each person that brings in a new member. There will be a special event, at the end of the Optimist year, to the club that brings in the most new members.

Carol Collier presented information for the JOI Club in Sam Toler's absence. Sam wanted to challenge each club to be ready for this "new normal" and to ensure that we will continue to reach out to our youth. He encouraged each club to try to build a new JOI club virtually or in small groups when it is safe. He wanted to remind us that it only costs a one-time enrollment fee of \$50 to get a club started.

Linda Shepherd, New Club Building Chair, encouraged each member to help build a new club by finding something you all have in common. It only takes a minimum of 15 new club members to qualify for a charter. Linda also suggested the possibility of honoring people in other countries.

Carey Foster, District Convention Chair, along with his assistant Sandy Cyphers reminded us that the District Convention will be held September 17 - 18 in Wilmington, NC this year. The theme for our convention will be: Christmas in September - "If Every Day Could Be Like Christmas". Carey and Sandy tentatively have such events planned as: an ugly Christmas sweater contest, an ornament exchange, Christmas games and \$25 for the winners of the various contest. Sandy reminded us that we need training for the Lt. Governors.

Russell Leake, Candidate Qualifications Chair, in-

formed the members that he would get in touch with all the current Lt. Governors and have them to look for prospective Lt. Governors that may be willing to fill these positions.

Gail Craft, Marketing/Webmaster Chair, informed us that the bulletin and Directory will be on the website. She encouraged us to check the website for this and other valuable information. The website can be accessed at: communications@optimistnceast.org

Governor Angela Iwaniuk closed the meeting by stating that she was honored to serve as our Governor for the 2020-21 Optimist year. She invited club members from all over North Carolina east to become more involved with the District. She then thanked past Governor Russell Leake for his hard work and dedication to NC East the past year.

Everyone stood as Governor Angela Iwaniuk led us in reciting the Optimist creed. The meeting was then adjourned.

Carol Collier

District Secretary



**North Carolina East District - Optimist International
1st Quarter Financial Report - 10/01/2020 - 12/31/2020**

2/7/2021

| Receipts | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|--|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Acct # | Account Name | 1st Qtr | 2nd Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 4th Qtr | YTD | Budget |
| 100 | Dues [H] | \$2,948.50 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,948.50 | \$11,416.00 |
| 105 | Corporate Club | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 110 | Allotment from OI [G] | \$390.99 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$390.99 | \$599.00 |
| 120 | District Convention [A] | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$8,708.43 |
| 130 | District Meetings [B] | \$530.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$530.00 | \$3,407.00 |
| 145 | Jr. Golf [D] | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$10,079.80 |
| 150 | Miscellaneous Receipts | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$82.00 |
| 160 | Interest Earned (MM) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 190 | OI Foundation | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 |
| 191 | Auction B&G | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 |
| 192 | Other - fifty fifty | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$400.00 |
| 800 | CCDHH [K] | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | Subtotal Receipts | \$3,869.49 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,869.49 | \$35,692.23 |
| 650 | Transfer from Prev Adm | | | | | | \$20,089.11 |
| | Total Receipts | \$3,869.49 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,869.49 | \$55,781.34 |
| Disbursements | | | | | | | |
| Acct # | Account Name | 1st Qtr | 2nd Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 4th Qtr | YTD | Budget |
| 200 | Governor | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| 210 | Lt. Governors [F] | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,613.12 |
| 250 | Secretary/Treasurer | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$600.00 |
| 255 | Governor Elect | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| 260 | Immediate Past Governor (O) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 261 | Past Governor (O) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 262 | Boys & Girls Home (Chair Travel to B&GH) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$150.00 |
| 263 | NCB Chairperson | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 265 | Committee Chairs [N] | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,159.92 |
| 300 | Clerical/Secretary | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$25.00 |
| 301 | Postage | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$30.00 |
| 320 | Office Supplies | \$52.40 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$52.40 | \$60.00 |
| 330 | District Bulletin | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$650.00 |
| 331 | Web Page | \$251.88 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$251.88 | \$200.00 |
| 340 | District Directory | \$455.29 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$455.29 | \$575.00 |
| 350 | District Convention [A] | \$13.93 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$13.93 | \$6,401.34 |
| 351 | District Conv Allotment [A] | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$760.00 |
| 360 | District Meetings [B] | \$488.25 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$488.25 | \$3,407.00 |
| 361 | Lt. Governor's Conference | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$150.00 |
| 370 | Oratorical [C] | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,200.00 |
| 371 | CCDHH [K] | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$200.00 |
| 380 | Jr. Golf [D] | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$10,000.00 |
| 390 | Essay Contest [E] | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$150.00 |
| 400 | Badges & Pins/Officers | \$689.52 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$689.52 | \$650.00 |
| 410 | Awards, Current Year [J] | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$200.00 |
| 411 | Awards, Past Year [J] | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| 420 | Audit/Bank Charges | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 421 | Audit / Review / 990 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 |
| 430 | Merchandise Expense | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$250.00 |
| 440 | New Club Supplies | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 |
| 441 | Membership Promotion | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| 442 | A&A Awards | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 |
| 443 | Personal Growth | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$25.00 |
| 444 | Childhood Health & Wellness (CCC) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$25.00 |
| 445 | New Club Building | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 |
| 446 | Leadership Development | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$150.00 |
| 447 | OI Foundation | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 |
| 448 | Boys & Girls Home | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 |
| 450 | Gifts [I] | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$150.00 |
| 470 | Miscellaneous Expense | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 |
| 480 | Previous Administration Expense | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 490 | Next Administration Expense | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | | \$1,951.27 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,951.27 | \$43,681.38 |

**North Carolina East District - Optimist International
1st Quarter Financial Report - 10/01/2020 - 12/31/2020**

2/7/2021

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|-----|--|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | International Convention | | | | | | |
| 500 | Governor | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| 510 | Lt. Gov. Elect Max \$300. For 3 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$900.00 |
| 540 | Secretary/Treasurer | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| 550 | Governor Designate | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| 551 | Secretary/Treasurer Designate | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| 560 | District Ol Conv Meal | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 |
| | Total International Convention | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$5,400.00 |
| | Subtotal Disbursements | \$1,951.27 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,951.27 | \$49,081.38 |
| 460 | Transfer to next Administration Above line includes escrows. See escrow breakdown below. | | | | | | \$6,699.96 |
| 599 | Total Disbursements | \$1,951.27 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,951.27 | \$55,781.34 |
| | Reconciliation | | | | | | |
| | YTD Financial Report Summary | | | | | | Total |
| | Receipts (Includes Transfers from 2020-21) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,869.49 | |
| | Disbursements | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,951.27 | |
| | Net | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,918.22 | |
| | 1st Qtr Bank Account Summary | BB&T | Convention | Jr Golf | | | |
| | Beginning Balance | \$20,089.11 | \$2,304.43 | \$79.80 | | | |
| | Deposits & Other Credits | \$3,869.49 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | |
| | Expenditures /Withdrawals | \$1,951.27 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | |
| | Ending Account Balance | \$22,007.33 | \$2,304.43 | \$79.80 | | | |
| | Total Funds | \$22,007.33 | \$2,304.43 | \$79.80 | | | |
| | RECONCILLATION OF ESCROW FUNDS | | | | | | |
| | DISTRICT CONVENTION | | Current Year | | | | |
| | | | Increase/(Decrease) | | | | |
| | Start-of-Year Balance | \$ 2,304.43 | | | | | |
| | Receipts 10-1-19 through 9-30-20 | \$0.00 | | | | | |
| | Disbursements 10-1-19 through 9-30-20 | \$0.00 | | | | | |
| | End-of-Year Balance | \$2,304.43 | \$0.00 | | | | |
| | JUNIOR GOLF | | | | | | |
| | Start-of-Year Balance | \$79.80 | | | | | |
| | Receipts 10-1-19 through 9-30-20 | \$0.00 | | | | | |
| | Disbursements 10-1-19 through 9-30-20 | \$0.00 | | | | | |
| | End-of-Year Balance | \$79.80 | \$0.00 | | | | |
| | CCDHH | | | | | | |
| | Start-of-Year Balance | \$0.00 | | | | | |
| | Receipts 10-1-19 through 9-30-20 | \$0.00 | | | | | |
| | Disbursements 10-1-19 through 9-30-20 | \$0.00 | | | | | |
| | End-of-Year Balance | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | | |

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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