

North Carolina East Optimist Bulletin

Hello Fellow Optimists,
I want to say that the first Quarter District meeting went very well. Our Guest Speaker **Covey Denton and her children** did an



awesome job with the Science experiment. Everyone really enjoyed that activity.

I think some members even took some experiments home to do. It was an honor to see our **OIVP Mid-Atlantic Region Kathleen Manchec** at the District meeting. It was



really good having a face to face meeting.

Although we will be Virtual again with the second Quarter Meeting, I'm looking forward to seeing all of you on

Zoom. Let's pray for the Third quarter meeting, so that we can all be face to face and enjoy the Oratorical Contest.

**Thanks to Cub Scout Pack 340 Greenville
For presentation of the flag.**



Thank you

**Pamela
Franks**

**NC East
District
Governor**



**Once again, I hope everyone enjoyed the
guest speaker and the videos. Go Optimist!**

Go NC East Optimist!

District New Club Building

Optimist International President Patsy Garner has set a challenge for 100 new clubs to be chartered by September 30, 2022. That means that each district

should build at least three new clubs this Optimist year. With the pandemic continuing, I realize that it is difficult even to keep existing clubs afloat. However, we must not lose our enthusiasm.

Please keep your eyes open to opportunities where clubs are needed and where communities could benefit from the good works of an Optimist club. Indeed, that is anywhere that an Optimist club does not already exist. If you will provide me with the area where a club is needed, I promise to give my best efforts to finding the people to make up the membership of the new club.



**Together we
can make this
happen!**

**Linda Shepherd
District NCB
Chair**



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

STRONG LEADERSHIP IS IMPORTANT

Leaders are not born as leaders...they are made into leaders by their interest, motivation, enthusiasm, desire, and eagerness to be a leader...it is up to those of us that have come before them to take the initiative to assist with individual's desire and enthusiasm to become leaders. This can be accomplished by teaching, training and sharing our knowledge in order to successfully make them into the best leader(s) they can possibly be in whatever areas of leadership they select....In the N.C. East District we need to continue training optimist members in order to help build leaders...members that will have the desire and passion to lead this district as Governor, Lt. Governor, Club Presidents, District Chairmen, etc. As District Leadership Chairman I am willing and interested in helping individual members

and clubs in whatever area is needed to make the most of their involvement and their club's involvement with our organization. Hopefully along the way, building and instilling in members the desire to become a optimist leader.

I am available and always willing to give my time to come to your club for a club training program in district areas and international areas, even individual club officer training. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ASK! I am here for you, with you and desiring to help you become a better optimist. BECOME, A LEADER! THE DISTRICT NEEDS YOU.

Sandy Cyphers

N.C. East District Leadership Development Chairman



CONGRATULATIONS and a BIG THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING N.C. EAST OPTIMISTS FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COM-LETE THE LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TRAINING PROVIDED ON-LINE BY OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL IN AREAS OF LEADERSHIP.

Club President Training - Sarah Corle & Gail Craft

Lt. Governor Training - Gail Craft

Club Secretary - Barbara Timmons

Club Foundation - Angela Iwaniuk, Kathy Sandifer

WHERE IS YOUR NAME????????????????????

Optimist club leaders PLEASE take the time to com-

plete this training provided by Optimist International. ITS ONLINE!!!!!! Only takes a few minutes to take.

HEAR YEE! HEAR Y NC EAST OPTIMISTS completing the LMS will have their name placed in a drawing for **\$100 to be awarded** at the summer conference in Myrtle Beach.

CLUB PRESIDENTS YOUR HELP IS APPRECIATED IN PROMOTING THIS TRAINING TO THE LEADERS IN YOUR CLUB AND YOUR NAME WILL BE PLACED IN A PRESIDENT DRAWING FOR EACH MEMBER OF YOUR CLUB THAT COMPLETES THE TRAINING IN ANY AREA.

Sandy Cyphers

N.C. East Optimist Leadership Chairman

You may think you know everything

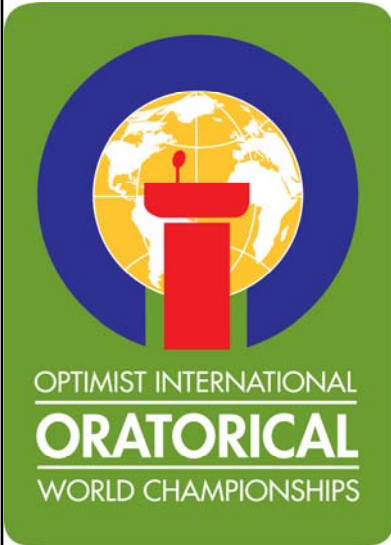
More girls than boys are born in the winter.

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District Oratorical Contest

Hello Optimists,

By now you should have begun promoting your Club Oratorical Contest. The topic for the 2021-22 school year is: "Staying Optimistic in Challenging Times." 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 1, 2022

Zone Contest completed before April 15, 2022

Zone Contest winners' documentation due by April 20 to District Chair Lou Anna Hardee, 5425 NC 33 East Greenville, NC 27858 (252-341-3565)

NCE District Contest is scheduled to be held at the Third Quarter District Meeting, (location to be determined) or ZOOM, if COVID issues.

Who: Youth under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2021 (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.

First conducted in 1928, this is the second most popular Optimist International Program. Nearly 2,000 clubs participate in this program each year. Districts have the opportunity to provide a scholarship of \$2,500, second place \$1,500, and third place \$1,000.

Each district will have the opportunity to send their top speaker (district winner) who will 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 2022 (exact date TBD) 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 2022 (exact date TBD) at Saint Louis University.

How To Enter: Interested students 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. To find out the contact in your area, please e-mail the Pro-grams Department at programs@optimist.org

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

This speech contest is designed to inspire today's youth to motivate and inform others through the art of public speaking. It provides young people with the opportunity to compete

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District Oratorical Contest

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for a college scholarship and express their views on a pre-assigned topic.

For 2021-22, let's all remember—"Serving Youth Today--Grows Optimists for Tomorrow!"

Yours in Optimism,

Lou Anna

Lou Anna Hardee

2021-2022 NCE Oratorical Chair

NC East District,
Optimist International

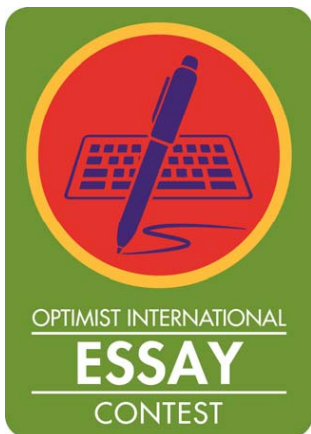


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District Essay Contest

"How does an Optimistic mindset change my tomorrow?"



Hello Fellow Optimists,

Hopefully, all of you have been getting the word out about the Essay Contest and making plans for your club level com-petition. I will need for each participating

club to turn in its winning essay, proof of birth certifi-cate or passport, and entry form by February 28.

With so much negativity all around us, I'm looking forward to reading these essays focusing on a positive mindset.

Joyce Leake
District Essay Chair



Joyce Leake District Essay Chair

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A rooster is not taught to crow. Born with it.

Men change their minds 3x more often than women.

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PGI

Optimist International Professional Development Program (PDP) Frequently Asked Questions

1. How is the PDP different from the Personal Growth and Involvement (PGI) program?

The PDP program is meant to provide members a way to develop professionally. Members will have the opportunity to build skills that will help them professionally and enhance their Club, District and Optimist International. Our organization wants to bring in younger professionals. The PDP is a tool to help them do that.

2. Can you move from an earned level of PGI to that level in the PDP program?

No, to begin the PDP program you must begin at Level 1.

3. If you completed Level 10 of the PGI program can you move to the advanced levels of the PDP program?

No, You must complete levels 1 - 10 of the PDP program before continuing on to the advanced levels.

4. Will participants earn pin backs like they do in the PGI program?

Certificates will be awarded for Levels 1 - 10 and pins will be awarded for the three advanced levels.

5. Will both PGI and PDP programs continue into the future?

At this time the PGI program will continue along with the PDP program.

6. Can Levels be worked on simultaneously in the

PDP program?

Just like in the PGI program criteria for PDP Levels 1 - 10 can be worked on simultaneously. When working on the three Advanced Levels, each level must be worked on independently, with a one year completion requirement.

7. Can any of the PDP criteria be met from prior Optimist activity?

Prior officer experience (such as Club President, District Governor) can count to meet criteria for the PDP program. Other criteria must be met from the date the Optimist begins the program.

8. Can any of the criteria be met as a team?

Yes, some criteria can be met as a team, for example: Optimist can choose to produce a video as a team.

9. How will members keep track of their PDP progress?

A tri-fold brochure will be available for members to manually track their progress for Levels 1 - 10 and the Advanced levels of the PDP program. An on-line, fillable form will also be available at Optimist International.



Linda Hawley
Isbell
PGI Chair

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Late afternoon is the best time to buy shoes.

Men have a tendency to fall out of hospital beds more often than women. Twice as many.

A bug does not chew its food.

You cannot catch cold at the North Pole.

You can only be stung by a female bee.

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Club Fitness

OK – show of hands: Who used the Club Fitness Scorecard from the last Bulletin to assess the health of your club?? For those with hands up – great! How did you do? Find things you can work on to get healthier? For those looking down not to make eye contact: Don't worry! It is never too late to assess the health of your club. Take a quick glance back at the last Bulletin for the Scorecard and give it a try.

Once upon a time, a very strong woodcutter asked for a job with a timber merchant, and he got it. The pay was really good and so were the work conditions. For that reason, the woodcutter was determined to do his best. His boss gave him an axe and showed him the area where he was supposed to work. The first day, the woodcutter brought 21 trees.

"Congratulations," the boss said. "Go on that way!"

Very motivated by the boss' words, the woodcutter tried harder the next day but he only could bring 17 trees. The third day he tried even harder, but he only could bring 10 trees. Day after day, he was bringing less and less trees.

"I must be losing my strength", the woodcutter thought. He went to the boss and apologized, saying that he could not understand what was going on.

"When was the last time you sharpened your axe?" the boss asked. "Sharpen? I had no time to sharpen my axe. I have been very busy trying to cut trees."

Moral of the Story: Sometimes working hard alone is not enough to achieve success. You have to work smartly too! The woodcutter in the story is the best person for the job but he was working so hard he did not take time to re-sharpen his primary tool.

How often do we try to work harder and harder to make our clubs and our District successful? Take a step back and use the tools OI has available to re-energize and to sharpen your saw.



With the right attitude and the right tools, nothing is impossible in life. If I can help in any way, please reach out to me and let's make a difference for the youth we serve!

Ray Cockrell
Club Fitness Chair

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Fleas only hop backwards.

Men do not have matching ears.

More men sleep on their back than woman. 4 to 1.

A rainbow can be seen as a complete circle from an airplane

Your hair grows faster in the summer.

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OI Convention Ambassador



Reno Nevada, The Biggest Little City in the World".

The 104th Optimist International Convention in Reno, Nevada on June 30-July 3 will be here before we know it. Reno is known as the "Biggest Little City in the World". I've never been there but am looking forward to visiting a new place and seeing some new sights.

For the first time ever this year, there is going to be an International Corn Hole Tournament.

Each district has been asked to organize a corn hole competition, and each district winning team gets to compete in Reno. So, all of you need to start honing up on your corn hole skills so we can bring home a winner.

Russell Leake
OI Convention Ambassador

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People with brown eyes are more sensitive to pain than with blue eyes.

Women talk more about men - than men talk about women.

At a traffic signal - red is always on the top.

Women see color better than men.

A housewife was worth \$17,351.88 in 1999.

Blondes feel more pain than brunettes.

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Marketing, Social Media & Webmaster

Hi NC East Optimists!

I can't believe that we are going into year three of the Covid virus.

OI is looking for video's of clubs doing the Optimist Creed in a unique way. If you have a group of creative people - go for it. I think this is a fun way to promote who we are and what we do.

I did two activities for Optimist Day this year on 2/3. The first was helping our local food bank in Knightdale - representing the East Wake Club. The second was delivering ten duffle bags with necessary items for the children placed into Child Protective Services - representing the Wake Forest Club.



Please take pictures of your activities and post to your clubs' Facebook pages. It's a great way for us to see how everyone is fundraising and helping kids. We also get fresh ideas of what our own clubs can also be doing to help our communities.

Let's continue to help kids! They need us.



Gail Craft District Chair.



The Wake Forest Club

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Black always moves first in checkers.

After Mexico and Canada, USSR is closest to the USA.

If a vehicle moves by itself - it is called an automobile.

Women react quicker in an emergency situation. They also scream louder.

People drink more on Wednesdays.

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What is a Parliamentarian

What is a Parliamentarian?

A parliamentarian is a consultant who helps organizations develop and understand their bylaws and other governing documents. A parliamentarian advises the president, officers, committees, and members on matters of parliamentary procedure in order to conduct productive, efficient, and legal meetings.

What is Parliamentary Procedure?

Parliamentary Procedure is simply a set of rules to make meetings more efficient and effective. Parliamentary Procedure is designed to help members of organizations discuss common issues and decide on actions. There are some good reasons for using Parliamentary Procedure:

You will get more done in less time by following orderly procedures

You will encourage greater participation by all members

You will ensure fair decision-making

You will protect the rights of all members, including those present at the meeting, those absent, the major-

ity, the minority, and the entire organization

You will develop more effective leaders

You will help ensure the legal status of your meetings according to the laws of society and your own organization

What is a Parliamentary Authority?

A parliamentary authority refers to the specific procedural book adopted by an organization. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised is the most well-known parliamentary manual. It has been adopted by more than 90% of all organizations in North America. It is important that you are using the current edition of your parliamentary authority.

Order the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised below.



BASIC PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES FOR N.C. EAST OPTIMISTS

Have you? Would you? Do you?

Have you met or do you know Robert Rules of Order?

What is, Robert Rules of Order?

During the Second Quarter Optimist Zoom Meeting, members in attendance will have the opportunity to

gain some basic knowledge regarding "Robert Rules of Order."

McNeil Chestnut from Raleigh, NC and a retired Assistant Attorney General for N.C. will share with us the basics of Robert Rules of Order and share suggestions for improvement in how to conduct the business of district meetings.

Sandy Cyphers

N.C. East District Leadership Development Chair-

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Of equal sizes, men contain more water than women. 70% to 60%.

Your nose is more sensitive to touch than your finger tips.

The male cockroach is smarter than the female cockroach.

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Childhood Health & Wellness

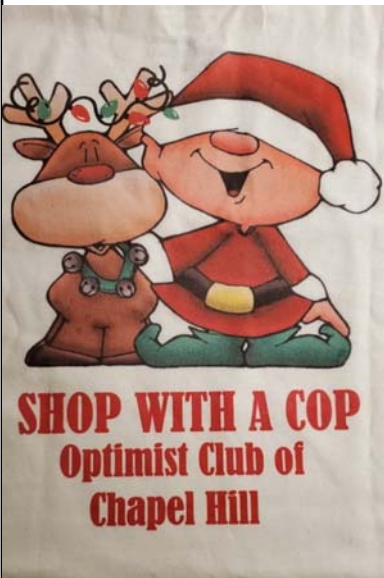


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NC Childhood Health and Wellness

This past December 1st our Chapel Hill Optimist Club sponsored fifty elementary school children on our Shop with a Cop project. With help

from the local police departments, Chapel Hill-Carrboro teachers and Walmart, it was a welcome success. This is the 9th year we have sponsored this project. It is our most popular community program. After outfitting the students with their souvenir tee shirts (see below), we were treated to a police escort trip to the Hillsborough Walmart. There the kids



were greeted by the officers from the six police departments who helped them shop and spend their \$100 gift cards. The Walmart staff treated everyone to cookies and juice before we left. The children's purchases were bagged and tagged to be taken back to the school for later pickup.

Our return to the school was again a noisy siren-

blaring motorcade of six police cars and two state police motorcycles that the kids will always remember.

This is always an opportunity for our police to interact with children that isn't during a crisis. Shop With a Cop is a chance to build bridges and trust with these children. For students and teachers, it is a reward for hard work under the stress of the pandemic. For everyone, it was great therapy. As my assistant organizer Lt. Nate Chambers says, "Best Field Trip Ever!" My special thanks to Cathy Potter and the Northern Wake Optimist Club for the idea years ago. Please consider it as a possible project for your club. You will be surprised how easy it is and rewarding.

Please keep Angela's son Keith in your thoughts and prayers as he is being treated for cancer. The newly revived "Moon Shot" initiative to cure cancer will be a welcome resource for cancer research. The new techniques for developing the COVID virus vaccines may play a big part in the research and cure. Until the pandemic is declared "over", please follow the healthcare guidelines to avoid getting sick.

Trish Verne
Child Health and Wellness co-chair



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You can double your popcorn output by cutting each kernel in half.

Minnie Mouse wears a skirt. Daisy Duck does not.

Standing on your head will make your hair grow faster.

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Special Christmas and Baskets of Love

What a very special Christmas season it was for our kids! We had a very kid-centric Christmas Dinner with Chic-Fil-A, songs and games. After the kids wrapped the Executives to look like Reindeer, Santa brought presents for all and they finished the night skating and having a wonderful time. BGHNC held the first Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – if not the first ever, it was the first in a very long time. The residents led the congregation in traditional Christmas carols then participated in a skit to set up and demonstrate the message for the night. President Ricky Creech shared a message from the old favorite, “A Charlie Brown Christmas”. It was a special evening. Of course Santa dropped presents down the chimney for all to enjoy Christmas morning. Christmas Day was spent celebrating “Christmas with the Creeches”. President Ricky and his family shared time by making gingerbread houses, making their own personal pizza as well as fun and games with the kids. Thank you to all the Optimists that did amazing things to make this season so special!

As you enter the new Admissions office on campus,



Gary Pender B&G Home Chair

you will find laundry baskets sitting at the bottom of the closet. Each basket is topped with a colorful throw blanket with a small, huggable stuffed animal sticking its head out of one end. Other items visible included a towel set, journal, and bed sheets.

These are “Waccamaw Bundle Baskets,” the welcome items presented to youth admitted to Boys and Girls Homes. These particular baskets were prepared for four youth who arrived on an early February evening.



What makes the baskets even more impactful is that they were provided through the generous donations of Boys and Girls Homes supporters. This is shared with the youth as they arrive, immediately letting them know that there is a much broader community of supporters who care for them. It is a tangible reminder that BGHNC is providing an environment of care that promotes health, healing and hope among children, youth, and families who enter our continuum of care.

You can become a part of that community of care by providing items for inclusion in the Waccamaw Bundle Basket. Here is a complete listing of the requested items for the Bundle Baskets:

Masks, Journal, Ink pens/pencils/color pencils/highlighters, Vision board

Cardboard or plastic puzzles

Coloring books/crayons

Playing cards/Uno, Stuffed animal

Toothbrush/toothpaste, Body wash

Shampoo/conditioner

Lotion, Deodorant, Comb/brush

Towels/wash cloths, Throw blanket

Laundry bag, Snack pack

Word Search/Crossword/Sudoku

We have great friends in Optimist! Thank you for loving our kids!

Ray



Ray Cockrell, B&G Home

District Membership

Greetings Fellow Optimists! I hope everyone's enjoying our unpredictable weather.

Not a whole lot to report. I think everyone's focus is still on the virus and other issues

surrounding our environment. I'll refrain from throwing in my two cents worth, but

our world is in a mess! Enough said!!!

Our District is doing relatively well. We are currently ranked number 7 and plus 6

members to date. Internationally, we are minus 986 and our membership is down

to 53,720. We've got to turn this around!

It will be good to see us back in a somewhat normal state soon. I hate those masks and will be glad if/when we can shed them for good.

New Members wanted!

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

Auston Pusey

Membership



District Convention



Save the Date!

Please mark your calendar for September 8 -11, 2022. Our NC East District Summer Conference will take place at **Beach Cove Resort in North Myrtle Beach,**

South Carolina. As most of you know, this location has been



the site of great meetings and wonderful fun in previous years. We are looking forward to informa-

tive sessions and lots of good times again next

September. Throughout the conference this year, we will be promoting a theme that represents the



purpose of our organization: Spreading Optimism around the World. Feel free to share your ideas with me about ways to support this theme through our activities at the convention. I look forward to hearing from you!

Linda Shepherd

District Convention Chair



**North Carolina East District
Optimist International
First Quarter District Meeting
Holiday Inn
203 SW Greenville Blvd.
Greenville, NC 27834**

Governor Pamela Franks called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Boy Scout Pack #340 presented the Colors and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Past Governor Russell Leake provided the Invocation.

Governor Franks welcomed and introduced:

➤ 1st Timers - None

➤ Past Governors - Attending were: Linda Shepherd, Jim Hart, Sandy Cyphers,

Gary Pender, Carey Foster, Wayne Sidelinger, Russell Leake, Jimmy Lamm,

Lou Anna Hardee, and Angela Iwaniuk.

➤ Charter Club Members - Attending were Sandy Cyphers, Jimmy Lamm,

Linda Shepherd, and Wayne Sidelinger

Carol Collier presented the minutes of the 4th Quarter Board Meeting. A motion to accept minutes was made by Jim Hart, seconded by Sandy Cyphers; motion approved.

Wayne Sidelinger presented the 4th Quarter Financial Report. A motion to accept the report was made by Angela Iwaniuk, seconded by Gary Pender; motion approved.

Lou Anna Hardee presented the 2021-2022 Budget for Al Ludlum who was working. Following discussion/questions, a motion was made to accept the budget by Wayne Sidelinger, seconded by Jimmy Lamm; motion approved with 1 opposed and 1 abstained vote.

Governor Franks invited District Chairs to report.

Essay Contest: Joyce Leake shared the topic for 2021-22 was "How Does an Optimistic Mindset Change My Tomorrow?" Youth under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2021 (and not enrolled as a degree seeking student of a postsecondary institution) in the United States, Canada or the Caribbean may participate. There is no minimum age. She encouraged all clubs to

provide the Essay Contest in their communities as interested students must contact their local Optimist Club. Contestants should submit an essay on the pre-assigned topic. With all the negativity in our world today, all of our clubs should really be pushing the kids in our communities to participate in this event. She encouraged clubs to publicize this event on social media, local newspapers, local radio stations, etc. because there are kids out there who want to participate, and she

was even more sure there are parents who would be thrilled for their child to win a nice college scholarship. Joyce extended thanks to you all for helping get the word out!

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Following a short break, the meeting was reconvened.

Governor Franks invited Lydia Denton, the NCE Oratorical Contest Winner, to present her winning essay. Lydia made an inspirational and invigorating presentation.

Following Lydia's presentation, her mother Covey Denton was introduced as a Science Teacher and Personality on WITN-TV. Covey Denton and several of her students provided a wonderful scientific demonstration on Ghost Boogers which included participation by everyone in attendance.

A delicious luncheon provided by Texas Steakhouse followed.

The meeting reconvened and district chairs reported:

Membership: Auston Pusey shared his condolences to the Edgerton family. He stated that Billy Edgerton (and Jan) was "The True Optimists" in his eyes and he leaves behind a hole in our District that will be hard to replace. Let's continue to honor his legacy and optimistic spirit.

As most of you know, I've served as Membership Chair several times. It happens to be a passion of mine, dating back to 2007 when I served as President of Cape Fear Optimist. Not to brag, but we doubled our club membership that year, becoming the largest club in our District. I simply challenged our members to seek new members. That's what I hope to do this year. GROWTH is a necessary ingredient to pump new life into our clubs and organization. Our organization needs us!!! Our District is currently dead even on membership and ranked 11th Internationally. We are minus 181 members and are "down" to 54,738 members. Please join me and let's do our part in

seeking new members. Good luck during our 2021 - 2022 year. Set your goals high and go for it!
"Remember, membership is an honor and privilege-- so SHARE it."

Junior Golf: Dennis Medlin shared that the NC East Junior Golf Qualifier is being planned as I speak. We are going to contact the Tarheel Youth Golf Association and the Peggy Kirk Bell Tour to try and increase play for next year and we are working on increasing exposure as well. If any club presidents would like for me to attend one of their meetings to discuss next year's qualifier, I will be glad to do so. Please give me as much notice as you can. My contact information is: cell 252-290-1958 or email me at den-med112@gmail.com.

Boys & Girls Home: Gary Pender promoted the ongoing "Cover Your Christmas Raffle." He shared that the Civic Chairs from all Civic Clubs that serve the Boys and Girls Home are having raffle gift basket with \$1055.00 worth of gift cards in it. Tickets are

\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00 and the great news is there is no limit on how many you buy. As the District Chair I have set my goals this year to raise \$21,000.00 for the Boys and Girls Home. John Quincy Adams said If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader. That is what Optimist are--we need to lead the way for children of today and tomorrow. And always remember OPTIMIST MAKES A DIFFERENCE. An alter call followed.

Optimist International Foundation: Gary Pender shared, I'm proud to announce NC East District lead by Bill Edgerton OI Foundation Chair raised \$19,217.95 for the 2020-2021 year. Also, we ranked 10 out of 41 districts in Optimist International. I have set my goals for this year is to raise \$20,000.00 to have 25 President Club members, 150 Dime A Day members and 20 Women's Philanthropy Council members. With your help we can achieve all these goals and more. If you have any questions about the foundation, please let me know. An alter call followed.

Childhood Cancer and Wellness: Sara Robbins shared that under privileged countries needed supplies and medicine bottles. She asked if everyone remembered the days of "pounding" and encouraged all members to let's have an "Old Fashioned Pounding" at the Second Quarter Meeting in February.

Bring non-perishable items such as bags of flour, sugar, etc. that could be packed and mailed to these areas. She shared these countries also needed medicine bottles; while there are medicine/drugs available, there are no bottles to dispense medicine. She asked members to save their old medicine bottles, remove the labels, and wash them before donating them at the next quarterly meeting. Sara reminded members to continue saving pop tabs to contribute to the Ronald McDonald Home and that a duck race was planned for the upcoming 4th Quarter Convention.

Families at Ronald McDonald Homes continue to need our support. The staff has opened the homes for small groups to provide meals for the residents. Contact your local RMD Homes to get dates and details. Check out the web site for the RMD wish list and put them on your Christmas list. The Diaper Bank of North Carolina also needs support. There is a major shortage of supplies. We can help make a difference in many lives. When you need a "pick me-up," remember your Optimist Creed. Promise Yourself...

New Club Building: Linda Shepherd reported that the East Wake Optimist Club was chartered on Monday, September 13, 2021. The club consists of energetic and enthusiastic individuals, including several law enforcements officers. Now we are in a new Optimist year, it is time to think about growth in our district. You will notice that my title is "Chair." That means that each of you are needed to provide ideas about locations

where clubs are needed and help with enlistment efforts. Give me suggestions about locations where clubs do not currently exist or the kinds of clubs that are needed (traditional, sports, special needs, college, etc.) and I will be happy to get to work with your assistance, contacting key individuals in the area. There is always the option of sponsoring an overseas Optimist club, and there is a great desire for clubs in lands where society is not so blessed with material goods as we are in America. If your club would like to consider this option, I will be glad to help you join forces with Jim Boyd, Director of Strategic Growth at Optimist International. In sponsoring an overseas club, your club's responsibility lies more in financial support and long-term communication and partnership rather than in enlistment of members. Please realize what a difference each Optimist can make in the life of children and be my "committee" to help build new clubs, both in NC East and overseas. I am eager to hear from you!

Convention: Linda Shepherd indicated that she was in the process of gathering information in preparation for booking the venue for our 2022 summer conference. Interest has been expressed to return to the Myrtle Beach area, so she is currently contacting hotels and resorts in that area to find the best location with the greatest offerings for you, while attempting to control costs. As soon as commitments are made, the information will be passed along to you. I will also be reaching out to you for assistance with various chores related to the convention, so stay tuned for the details, COMING SOON! Tentative dates are September 9-11, 2022.

Leadership Development: Sandy Cyphers expressed appreciation to all who helped make the 4th Quarter Convention held last month in Wilmington a success.

Sandy stated, as Leadership Development Chairman for the district, I truly want to do my part the "BEST" I can by helping and assisting you as a leader and as a potential future leader. Optimist Interna-

tional has a LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM to help you be the 'BEST" you can be in your respective leadership role. You can find the Learning Management System at LMS@optimist.org. Every club president, club officer and district officer that goes on this site and registers (a cost of only \$6.00) answers the questions and complete the Learning Management System will have their name placed in a drawing for \$200.00. (This will take place after the first of the year). If you will also let me know that you have completed the requirements, I will refund you the \$6.00. Let us work together this coming Optimist Year to be better leaders and grow future leaders in the N.C. East District. Email me at scyphers@ec.rr.com to let me know areas that you would like to learn more about, and I will do my best to provide that information to you. Sandy also stated that she and Governor Franks were in discussion about a parliamentarian to share guidance/protocol for business sessions, perhaps at our next district meeting.

Achievements and Awards: Dan Durham reported that only three clubs participated in the A & A for 4th Quarter. They were: Northern Wake, Greenville, and Roanoke Rapids. Dan further indicated there was little participation in the 2020-2021 program.

Governor Franks, Dan Durham, and others discussed the low participation could be from the new reporting form. Dan shared that many clubs called and advised the form was too difficult to download and Dan agreed. In the first quarter, he indicated there were only three clubs to participate and he mailed all club presidents and secretaries-treasurers the form and requested officers to made additional copies for the following quarters for the year. Governor Franks indicated her desire to meet with the 2021-2022 chair, Carey Foster and the Lt. Governors to decide if the form needed to be replaced, update, or not use, and be replaced. Governor Franks state the need to see if the program was not being

used due to Covid and Zoom Meetings. Dan and Barbara Durham made a \$30 donation to the Boys and Girls Home in honor of the three clubs that participated.

Bulletin: Wayne Sidelinger extended appreciation to everyone who submitted pictures/articles for the bulletin and asked that everyone continue to provide him information for upcoming issues.

Past Governor Angela Iwaniuk was presented a gift and appreciation extended for her services as the

2020-2021 NCE Governor. She commented that while the pandemic and past year was challenging, she thanked her team for their support, enjoyed serving as Governor, and wished everyone a better year in 2021-2022.

Governor Franks introduced and welcomed OI Vice President of the Mid-Atlantic Region Kathleen Manchec. Governor Franks presented her with a gift basket of local gifts and called upon her for remarks.

Kathleen distributed a container of M & M's to everyone in attendance. She commented about M & M meaning Members Matter. She spoke about the 100th anniversary of the Creed, Optimists vs. Pessimists, and shared words of wisdom relative to the philosophy of life and a poem "When You Thought I Wasn't Looking?" She expressed appreciation to all for their hospitality and that she really enjoyed the Halloween Event on Friday evening and encouraged everyone to continue their work and support serving youth and the district.

Governor Franks called upon Ray Cockrell, Governor Elect for remarks. Ray shared that he had a scout background and was looking forward to serving the district humbly in the coming year. He was excited and would appreciate everyone's assistance in his upcoming role.

Governor Franks thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She encouraged everyone to go back to their clubs, tell them what a great time they had, and to encourage more members to attend our next quarterly meeting scheduled at the Optimist Club in Garner, NC, February 11-12, 2022.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the Optimist Creed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anna Hardee

Lou Anna Hardee, Secretary-Treasurer
NC East District, Optimist International



District Chairpersons 2021-2022

Achievement & Awards	Carey Foster	Finance	Al Ludlum
Activities	Sandy Cyphers	Intl Conv Ambassador	Russell Leake
Boys & Girls Home	Gary Pender	JOI Youth Clubs	Amanda Sanders
Boys & Girls Home Campus Contact	Ray Cockrell	Junior World Golf	Dennis Medlin
Bulletin Editor	Wayne Sidelinger	Leadership Development	Sandy Cyphers
Candidate Qualifications	Angela Iwaniuk	Marketing, Social Media, Web Master	Gail Craft
CCDHH	TBA	Membership	Auston Pussey
Childhood Health & Wellness	Sara Robbins & Trish Verne	O. I. Foundation	Gary Pender
Club Fitness	Ray Cockrell	Oratorical Contest	LouAnna Hardee
District Convention & New Club Building	Linda Shepherd	PGI	Linda Isbell
Essay Contest	Joyce Leake		

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Receipts							
Acct #	Account Name	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	YTD	Budget
100	Dues [H]	\$2,461.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,461.50	\$11,079.00
105	Corporate Club	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
110	Allotment from OI [G]	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$591.00
120	District Convention [A]	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,404.00
130	District Meetings [B]	\$1,337.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,337.00	\$2,651.00
145	Jr. Golf [D]	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
150	Miscellaneous Receipts	\$188.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$188.10	\$0.00
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	\$0.00
800	CCDHH [K]	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Subtotal Receipts	\$3,986.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,986.60	\$24,225.00
650	Transfer from Prev Adm						\$19,235.62
	Total Receipts	\$3,986.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,986.60	\$43,460.62
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]	\$144.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$144.00	\$3,914.80
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	\$0.00
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	\$4,220.24
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
330	District Bulletin	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
331	Web Page	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
340	District Directory	\$511.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$511.93	\$575.00
350	District Convention [A]	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,947.20
351	District Conv Allotment [A]	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$737.00
360	District Meetings [B]	\$1,877.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,877.31	\$2,651.00
361	Lt. Governor's Conference	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$3,000.00
390	Essay Contest [E]	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
400	Badges & Pins/Officers	\$315.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$315.32	\$650.00
410	Awards, Current Year [J]	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
411	Awards, Past Year [J]	\$749.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$749.54	\$800.00
420	Audit/Bank Charges	\$12.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.00	\$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	\$0.00
440	New Club Supplies	\$138.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$138.35	\$500.00
441	Membership Promotion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
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	\$0.00
444	Childhood Health & Wellness (CCC)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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]	\$76.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$76.31	\$150.00
470	Miscellaneous Expense	\$15.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.30	\$176.10
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
		\$3,840.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,840.06	\$31,586.34

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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	\$3,840.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,840.06	\$36,986.34
							-\$12,761.34
460	Transfer to next Administration Above line includes escrows. See escrow breakdown below.						\$6,474.28
599	Total Disbursements	\$3,840.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,840.06	\$43,460.62
Reconciliation							
	YTD Financial Report Summary						Total
	Receipts (Includes Transfers from 2020-21)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,986.60	
	Disbursements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,840.06	
	Net	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$146.54	
	1st Qtr Bank Account Summary	BB&T	Convention	Jr Golf			
	Beginning Balance	\$19,235.62	\$0.00	\$591.05			
	Deposits & Other Credits	\$3,986.60	\$0.00	\$0.00			
	Expenditures /Withdrawals	\$3,840.06	\$0.00	\$0.00			
	Ending Account Balance	\$19,382.16	\$0.00	\$591.05			
	Total Funds	\$19,382.16	\$0.00	\$591.05			
RECONCILIATION OF ESCROW FUNDS							
	DISTRICT CONVENTION	Current Year Increase/(Decrease)					
	Start-of-Year Balance	\$ -					
	Receipts 10-1-21 through 9-30-22	\$0.00					
	Disbursements 10-1-21 through 9-30-22	\$0.00					
	End-of-Year Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00				
	JUNIOR GOLF						
	Start-of-Year Balance	\$591.05					
	Receipts 10-1-21 through 9-30-22	\$0.00					
	Disbursements 10-1-21 through 9-30-22	\$0.00					
	End-of-Year Balance	\$591.05	\$0.00				
	CCDHH						
	Start-of-Year Balance	\$0.00					
	Receipts 10-1-21 through 9-30-22	\$0.00					
	Disbursements 10-1-21 through 9-30-22	\$0.00					
	End-of-Year Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00				

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There are more white keys than black on a piano.

Eating aged cheese makes you talk more.

More women than men are fussier about their food.

Continued in the future.

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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