

North Carolina East Optimist Bulletin

November GRT (Governor Ray's Thoughts)

Wow! As I write this it seems the only topic of discussion is the mid-term election cycle that is upon us. No matter what side of the isle you lean to, there are a couple of things that I think we can all agree on. What we want from our leadership is honesty, integrity, transparency and open communication. Just be straight with us and let us know where you stand and what you plan to do with your leadership opportunity. We will see how that goes!

I am looking forward to our first quarter meeting in Greenville. I look forward to expanding on the personal and organizational goals that I have created and set for the coming year. I have these goals but this is my first opportunity to share those goals

with you so that we can share the same direction.

As I laid out in my initial communication, we will explore themes at each of our meetings. This meeting is about leadership and exploring Optimism. In future meetings we will work to learn more about our District Projects, having fun and wrapping up the year with an inspirational Convention. While we are together in Greenville, I want to explore our values. Values are core beliefs that drive who we are and what we do. What are our



Ray Cocrell, Governor 2022-2023

values as an organization? What are our personal values? What is our “Why”? We will learn more about this in Greenville.

I have talked with you previously about the woodcutter who was excited to get a job with a large timber company. The wood cutter came out strong and in the first day cut down 17 trees. His boss was impressed and encouraged him to keep up the good work. The next day he came out just as ambitious but only cut 10 trees. Day three he tried even harder but only achieved 7 trees. He went to his supervisor and exclaimed in exasperation he just didn’t understand. He is working harder and harder but not being productive. His boss asked him, “when is the last time you sharpened your saw?”

We all must take time to sharpen our saw. We often work harder and harder toward being an optimist, but must take time to refresh, re-energize and ensure we are continuously learning and “sharpening” our own personal saw to be effective.

I look forward to seeing you all in Greenville!

Ray

Ray Cockrell
Governor 2022-2023
NC East District Optimist

Optimism is essential to achievement and it is also the foundation of courage and true progress.

- NICHOLAS M. BUTLER



SHOP WITH A COP
Optimist Club of
Chapel Hill

You may think you know everything.

It cannot hail if the ground is below freezing.

You are more likely to catch a cold from another person by shaking hands. Kissing is ok.

You are more likely to be killed by lightning in the afternoon.

If you have a big nose a mustache will make it look smaller.

Bats are not blind.

You cannot absorb water through the skin.

Fahrenheit and Celsius are the same at minus 40.

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Officers for 2022-2023 From left: Wayne Sidelinger, Gail Craft, Pamela Franks, Joyce Leake, Jerry Delbridge, Angela Iwaniuk, Terry Corle, Ray Cockrell



NC East's newest Optimist club, Wilson Scouting Optimist, built by Wilson Evening Optimist

Awards at 4th Quarter Board Meeting



Sandy Cyphers accepting for Ray Spitz Christen D. Larson and Century Club award.



\$365 Banner Patch to Henderson



Raymond Clark, Dime a Day



Louwanna Pender Presidents Club award.



Goldsboro club \$365 patch award.



From left: Joe Kennedy, Director of Community Engagement, Boys and Girls Homes.



Moose in Kokako, Maine feeding in stream bed.

NORTH CAROLINA EAST DISTRICT OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

**First Quarter District Meeting Holiday Inn – Greenville,
NC Saturday, November 12, 2002**

Mission: By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves.

Vision: Optimist International will be recognized worldwide as the premier volunteer organization that values all children and helps them develop to their full potential.

AGENDA

10:00 am

Welcome

Pledge & Invocation

Recite Optimist Creed

Values Discussion

Optimist Creed – What Does It Mean?

Presentation of Governor's Goals

12 Noon

Lunch

12:45 pm

Install Executive Board

Presentation of Budget

Key Leadership Presentations / Leadership Discussion

Lt. Governors – Discussion of Special Projects

Governor-Elect Remarks

Governor Closing Remarks - Creed



District Oratorical Contest

Hello Optimist Friends!

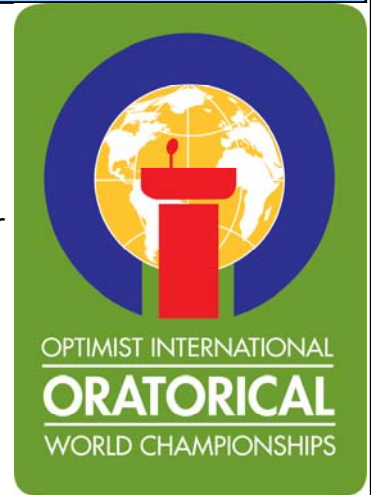
It is already time for your club to start making plans for the 2022-2023 Optimist International Oratorical Contest. The topic for this year's contest is "Discovering the Optimism within Me."

The deadline to submit district winners to Optimist International is May 15, 2023. Unless circumstances dictate that the district contest be held on Zoom, it is usually conducted at the 3rd quarter district meeting. Therefore, Lt. Governors should go ahead right away and schedule the zone contest to be held in late April. Zone contests need to be scheduled so that clubs know the latest date for scheduling the local contest. It is a good idea to try to make that by the middle of April. In planning, please take into consideration the dates of spring break for your local school district.

There is a new rule this year:

NEW RULE: Section III - Qualifications for Contestants 2. A contestant is eligible to enter/ compete in only one Optimist Oratorical contest during a contest year (October 1 to September 30). Once a contestant wins first place at the Regional level of the Optimist International Oratorical World Championships, they are ineligible to compete in the Optimist International Oratorical Contest at any level again.

Club oratorical chairpersons should publicize information about their contest, possibly in their local newspaper or on social media, but definitely by sending information to the school guidance counselors and English teachers in their immediate area.



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I hope your club will consider having a contest even if you have not recently conducted one. Let's give many students an opportunity to win a scholarship while perfecting their public speaking ability!

Linda Shepherd
District Oratorical Chair 2022-2023



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Tarzan and Jane did not have any children.

Some women really have intuition.

Toronto is the Capital of Ontario.

Between man or woman, man has the stronger will power to say no.

If you store an egg in a bag of onions it will taste onion when cooked.

The name of the ground hog that comes out of his hole in Pennsylvania is Punxsutawney Phil.

The yoke of an egg contains cholesterol.

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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

OPTIMISTS! IT'S FREE, IT'S FREE, IT'S FREE, DID I SAY IT WAS FREE?

Now is the time to come to the aid of yourself, your club, and your district.

How can you do this?

By taking the time and interest in the **OPTIMIST INSTITUTE (INSPIRING, EDUCATING, AND ENGAGING MEMBERS)**.

2022-2023 WEBINARS FOR CLUB OFFICERS COURSES AND THE FOLLOWING ARE LISTED BELOW:

November's Webinar A NEW YEAR.....NEW OPPORTUNITIES

December's Webinar SHARING THE GIFT OF OPTIMIST

January's Webinar THE OPTIMIST INSTITUTE

February's Webinar KEEP THEM COMING BACK

March's Webinar SPREADING JOI

April's Webinar OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

May's Webinar PGI & PDP

August's Webinar GROWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP, RETENTION THROUGH IMPROVING MEMBERS' EXPERIENCE

All Webinars are planned for the second Monday of each month 8:00pm-9:00pm (Eastern Standard Time)

To get on the site go to WWC.OPTIMIST.ORG

EVERY OPTIMIST MEMBER THAT COMPLETES A WEBINAR WILL HAVE THEIR NAME PLACED IN A DRAWING FOR \$200.

Each webinar you finish, your name will be added to a drawing, which will take place at the Summer Conference (**you do not need to be present to win**). Example: If you take the Webinars for Optimist International Foundation or Club Officer you will have 2 chances. You could have as many as 9 or 10 chances.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I am here to assist you in becoming a better, stronger, more engaged, and knowledgeable optimist member.
Sandy Cyphers
2022-2023 N.C. East Leadership Development Chairman
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Arkansas is the only state that begins with an A but doesn't end with an A.

Your wedding anniversary is diamond in its 60th year.

We are in the Bronze age in history.

You should only save the stem half of a lemon.

The Ohio river starts in Pittsburg, Pa.

The signature of Prince Charles is worth more than John Travolta.

There is no limit as to how many terms a vice president of USA can hold office.

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District Essay Contest

Optimist International Essay Contest

Topic for the 2022-2023 school year is: "Who is an Everyday Hero that Brings Out the Optimism in You?"

Who: The contest is open to contestants under the age of 19 as of October 1st of the current Optimist International contest year (October 1 – September 30) and who have not yet completed secondary school or its equivalent. There is no minimum age. Students must enter in the District in which they reside. U.S. students attending school on military installations outside the U.S. are eligible to enter in their last home of record.

How To Enter: Interested students must contact their local Optimist Club. They need to submit an essay on the pre-assigned topic.

When:

Students

All Club-level contests are held by early or mid-February. Student submissions will not be accepted after the Club-level contests have closed. Please contact your District Chair for more information.

Clubs and Districts

The deadline for Clubs to submit their winning essay to the District Chair is February 28, 2023. The deadline for Districts to submit their winner's information to Optimist International is April 15, 2023. Club winners advance to the District contest to compete for a \$2,500 college scholarship. The District-level scholarships are funded by the Optimist International Foundations.

The Essay Contest is sponsored by Optimist International to give young people the opportunity to write about their own opinions regarding the world in which they live. The approach can encompass a young person's personal experience, the experience of their country or a more historical perspective. In addition to developing skills for written

expression, participants also have the opportunity to win a college scholarship!

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What Your Club Should Do:

All Clubs should get the information and application out to each high school in their area in December or early January. The following link has all club information needed.

https://www.optimist.org/Documents/2023/programs/22-23_Essay_Club_Planning_Guide.pdf

Each club should set a deadline for their entries to be submitted back to their club sometime in February.

Each club should select 3 qualified judges, who do not know the applicants, they can be Optimist members. The judges will read and rate each essay and a winner will be selected.

The winning Essay and required paperwork should be submitted to Angela Iwaniuk, Essay District Chairperson no later than February 28, 2023.

The winning District Essay and will be announced at the 3rd Quarter District meeting and the winner will be presented with a plaque and a \$2500 scholarship from Optimist International.

Angela Iwaniuk, District Essay Chair

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District Membership

Greetings Fellow Optimists! I hope everyone's well and ready for an exciting year of growth.

Our District is currently in pretty good shape, as we are only minus three in membership. This ranks us at number 26. I'm positive we're going to have a year of growth and we will be in the midst of the leaders by years end. Our

Mid-Atlantic Region is ranked number one.

I recently got caught up in a weak moment and will be President of Cape Fear

Optimist (again). We had Governor Ray visit and speak at our monthly eating meeting and I vowed to be plus in membership for the year. I challenge all

clubs in our District to do the same. I however encourage you to clean up your rosters

now and that gives you the rest of the year to recoop.

I guess the clubs that still sell Christmas Trees are getting geared up for selling trees. This is a perfect opportunity to promote your club. You never know who's waiting for you to "just ask".

Hope to see you at the District Meeting. "Remember, membership is an

honor and privilege.....so SHARE it"!!!

Auston Pusey

Membership
Chair



Auston Pusey is said to have posed for the middle person.

Junior Optimist International

Welcome to a new (and somewhat normal) Optimist year! I trust you and yours are excited about what the coming year is to bring! For those of us on the JOI side of things, it is the opportunity to grow our game, from the ground up.

Find a common starting point and see your ideas come to fruition! Be it a church, neighborhood,



Jack Crysell (L), Will Webb (M) and Riley Crysell (R) stir up a pot of chili to be served at the October 9 Run for Your Life cancer fun run in Tarboro. Lurking in the background is the wicked witch Brenda Goodwin, hoping to drop a bat wing or two into the brew!

school, sports team, "hang-out group," or whatever, round 'em up and channel their energy in the ways of the Optimist.

There are always lots of avenues in

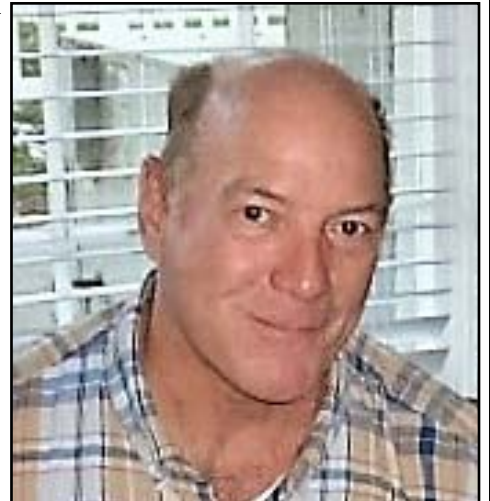
which they can serve their local community.

Best of all, In an age of spiraling prices, JOI Club fees remain the same. A \$50 initial chartering fee and \$60 annual registration fee are both pro-rated costs to get your club up and running..

As always, I am at your service to assist you. If I don't know the answer, I'll find someone who does!

Sam Toler 252-904-8602

District JOI Chair 2022-2023



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The most popular dance in the 1930's was the Big Apple.

You most apt to get a sunburn immediately after eating.

Men have insomnia more then women.

Electricity moves faster then light. 192,00 miles per second compared to 288,000 miles per second.

A woman and a jackass have the same body temperature.

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Draft Budget/ North Carolina East District 2022 - 2023

Account Name	Budgeted	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Actual	Difference
Receipts	Receipts	Receipts	Receipts	Receipts	Receipts	Receipts	
#100 Dues	\$ 11,744.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (11,744.00)
#105 Corporate Partners	\$ 1,000.00					\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)
#110 Allotment OI	\$ 734.00					\$ -	\$ (734.00)
#120 Dist Convention	\$ 7,000.00					\$ -	\$ (7,000.00)
#130 Dist Meetings	\$ 3,000.00					\$ -	\$ (3,000.00)
#145 Jr. Golf	\$ 1,500.00					\$ -	\$ (1,500.00)
#150 Miscellaneous Duck	\$ 600.00					\$ -	\$ (600.00)
#160 Interest Earned	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -
#190 OI Foundation Auction	\$ 500.00					\$ -	\$ (500.00)
#191 Auction B & G Home	\$ 500.00					\$ -	\$ (500.00)
#192 Fifty Fifty	\$ 400.00					\$ -	\$ (400.00)
#650 Transfer Prev Admin	\$ 6,474.28					\$ -	\$ (6,474.28)
#800 CCDHH	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -
Total Receipts	\$ 33,452.28	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (33,452.28)

Account Name	Budgeted	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Actual	Difference
Disbursements	Disbursements	Disbursements	Disbursements	Disbursements	Disbursements	Disbursements	
#200 Governor	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,500.00)
#210 Lt. Governors	\$ 1,800.00					\$ -	\$ (1,800.00)
#250 Secretary/Treasurer	\$ 600.00					\$ -	\$ (600.00)
#255 Governor Elect	\$ 600.00					\$ -	\$ (600.00)
#260 Immediate Past Gov.	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -
#261 Past Governor	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -
#262 B & G Home Chair	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -
#283 New Club Building	\$ 1,000.00					\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)
#265 Committee Chairs	\$ 4,600.00					\$ -	\$ (4,600.00)
#300 Clerical/Secretary	\$ 100.00					\$ -	\$ (100.00)
#301 Postage	\$ 100.00					\$ -	\$ (100.00)
#320 Office Supplies	\$ 100.00					\$ -	\$ (100.00)
#330 District Bulletin	\$ 500.00					\$ -	\$ (500.00)
#331 Web Page	\$ 200.00					\$ -	\$ (200.00)
#340 District Directory	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -
#350 District Convention	\$ 6,000.00					\$ -	\$ (6,000.00)
#360 District Meetings	\$ 4,050.00					\$ -	\$ (4,050.00)
#361 Lt Governor's Conf.	\$ 500.00					\$ -	\$ (500.00)
#370 Oratorical Contest	\$ 750.00					\$ -	\$ (750.00)
#371 CCDHH Contest	\$ 750.00					\$ -	\$ (750.00)
#380 Jr. Golf	\$ 1,500.00					\$ -	\$ (1,500.00)
#390 Essay Contest	\$ 750.00					\$ -	\$ (750.00)
#400 Badges & Pins Officers	\$ 300.00					\$ -	\$ (300.00)
#410 Awards Current Year	\$ 200.00					\$ -	\$ (200.00)
#411 Awards, Past Year	\$ 500.00					\$ -	\$ (500.00)
#420 Audit/Bank Charges	\$ 50.00					\$ -	\$ (50.00)
#421 Audit Review 990	\$ 100.00					\$ -	\$ (100.00)
#430 Merchandise	\$ 500.00					\$ -	\$ (500.00)
#440 NCB Supplies	\$ 500.00					\$ -	\$ (500.00)
#441 Membership	\$ 500.00					\$ -	\$ (500.00)
#442 A & A	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -
#443 Personal Growth	\$ 250.00					\$ -	\$ (250.00)
#444 Childhood Health	\$ 500.00					\$ -	\$ (500.00)
#446 Leadership Develop	\$ 300.00					\$ -	\$ (300.00)
#447 OI Foundation	\$ 500.00					\$ -	\$ (500.00)
#448 Boys & Girls Home	\$ 500.00					\$ -	\$ (500.00)
#450 Gifts (Guest)	\$ 200.00					\$ -	\$ (200.00)
#470 Miscellaneous	\$ 1,952.28					\$ -	\$ (1,952.28)
#480 Previous Admin Exp	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -
#490 Next Admin Exp	\$ 200.00					\$ -	\$ (200.00)
Total Disbursements	\$ 33,452.28	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (33,452.28)

YTD Summary							
Total Receipts		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Disbursements		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Beginning Bank Balance		Note: A minus number in H means we are under budget					
Receipts		A plus number in H means we are over budget					
Disbursements							
Ending Bank Balance							

North Carolina East District

Optimist International

NCE Annual Convention

Fourth Quarter

District Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, September 10, 2022

Governor Pamela Franks called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. Boy Scout Troop #88 presented the Colors and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Past Governor Dan Durham provided the Invocation.

Governor Franks introduced Ed Clark who was formerly with the U.S. Air Force Intelligence. He spoke about his experiences with the intelligence that was involved in intercepting/monitoring communications of other countries 24/7 hours for national security. This group held the highest security you could get, provided briefing to the U.S. President, but nothing could be discussed with anyone; this group continues today.

Governor Franks introduced Nicole Fontana, a City Councilman who welcomed everyone to North Myrtle Beach, SC. She said she had just been re-elected for her ninth term and recognized a lot of familiar faces but also saw new faces. She shared that she was a product of an Optimist Club as she was a foster child who was adopted. Further, she expressed appreciation to everyone for what they do as Optimists; she asked that everyone remember her face and to know that children out there like her need your services, she was so proud of what Optimists do, and asked everyone to continue doing what they are doing.

Governor Franks informed everyone that we had two individuals who were celebrating their birthdays, Linda Shepherd and Jim Hart; everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Linda and Jim.

Governor Franks welcomed and introduced:

- 1st Timers – Timothy Johnson, Dannell Johnson, and Joe Kennedy
- Past Governors – Sandy Cyphers, Dan Durham, Carey Foster, Jim Hart,

Angela Iwaniuk, Jimmy Lamm, Russell Leake, Gary Pender,

Linda Shepherd, Bob Verne, and Wayne Sidelinger.

- Charter Club Members—Linda Shepherd and Wayne Sidelinger

Governor Franks said she wanted to take a few minutes to express appreciation to Lou Anna who was participating via ZOOM as she is taking care of her husband who is not well, taking care of the Optimist Club of Greenville, and also, has done an exceptional job this year as the NC East District Secretary-Treasurer.

Lou Anna Hardee presented the minutes of the Third Quarter Board Meeting. A motion to accept minutes was made by Dan Durham, seconded by Bob Verne; motion approved.

Lou Anna Hardee presented the Third Quarter Financial Report. Lou Anna asked if there were any questions concerning the financial report; hearing none, Governor Franks called for the report to be filed for audit.

Convention Chair and New Club Building--Linda Shepherd, Chair, shared that J.G. Baker was not well and asked everyone to sign a card being circulated to send to him.

Linda provided an update of events scheduled for the day, location of the Hospitality Room, Duck Race, Governor's Ball, and the Sunday Morning Departure Breakfast. Gary Pender expressed how much he had enjoyed everything that she had done to put on a fantastic convention.

Linda shared a new club, Wilson Scouting Club, was being chartered by the Wilson Evening Optimists. She stated that Wayne Sidelinger had been involved with the Boy Scouts and this new club is excited. Linda encouraged members to go back to their community and consider building new clubs for Boy Scouts/parents.

Childhood Health and Wellness--Trish Verne, Co-Chair promoted the Duck Race and shared that everyone needed to get their tickets. She said it had been a rough year but wanted to recognize Mukta Dharmapurikar sponsored by the Chapel Hill Club in the NC East Oratorical Contest winning first place in the district and also the Mid-Atlantic Regional Contest to advance to the International Oratorical Contest. While she did not place in the top three, if you look at her track-record, she is now enrolled at Harvard University. She also has a younger sister who plans to participate in the oratorical in the future; her mother is a physician, and her father is a physi-

cist; this is a wonderful family and Trish encouraged all clubs to conduct oratorical contests in the future.

Trish shared that kids that walk in a kindergarten this year and continue on until Christmas come back after Christmas a different child. Kids have an inner-clock and they are up to a lot and need time to be children. Kudos to groups providing food to kids, the Ronald McDonald Homes are now open for meals to be served so think about them when making plans for the upcoming year. She also shared that one of her favorite projects is “Shop with a Cop” and suggested clubs partnering with schools. Students who do not have a lot are picked out by teachers to participate. A list of medical issues of students is provided and students are teamed up with an officer, everybody gets a shirt so they can be kept up with, and are provided a \$100 gift certificate to shop at Walmart. Police officers escort the bus provided by the school for transportation to the shopping venue. After they shop, their items are bagged up, labeled with students’ names and stored at the school until Christmas. She further shared how clubs could go about this project and procedures to follow.

Boys & Girls Home--Gary Pender, Chair, stated a lot has been going on but it had been a tough year for the Boys and Girls Home. He reminded everyone of how they could contribute/support the home—Century Club, Walt Armentrout Award, a good way to recognize a club member. The Optimist Cottage was built in 1968 and when we support the Boys and Girls Home, we need not to just donate to the Cottage but also to the County Store where the community shops. There are so many issues going on in society today with kids that are being abused, parents on drugs, and dealing with other problems, they need our help and donations from clubs and members help provide support to these kids.

Gary introduced Ray as the Interim President and CEO of the Boys and Girls Home. Ray introduced Joe Kennedy who is the new Director of Community Engagement at the Boys and Girls Home. Joe said it was really amazing and that when he looks at this crowd; he sees the face of service; the face of hope and just imagine you are 11 year old and had a half bowl of cereal with no milk and you hear a sound of police, others, and you are taken to a place that you have never met anyone because you let your teacher know something was going on in your home. When a dad is hurting two little sisters and their mother is strung out on drugs is what some kids witness. Kids think they are nothing and

need encouragement that they are worth something. He said please invite him to your clubs and let him share the Waccamaw Way to change kids’ lives; we can talk about the death of Ricky Creech, the Optimist Cottage, the intervention/mental health to help change their lives. We thank you for wanting to transform the lives of boys and girls in North and South Carolina. When I look at this group, I see the faces of hope.

Gary said Joe had the passion and that is the kind we need and thank you to everyone who has made donations. He stated that donations made to the country store where area people shop helps support the home. An alter call followed.

OI Foundation—Gary Pender, OIF Chair, asked if everyone knew how much the district received each year from OIF--\$10,000 for scholarships. He extended his appreciation to everyone who had made donations either by the “Dime A Day,” President’s Club, or the Women’s Philanthropy. He shared the district has 736 members and if each member donated \$1 that would be \$736 and if they met twice a month that would be \$1,472 a year; this is an easy way to raise funds. He had a goal of \$20,000 for this year and to date, \$7,833.50 had been raised. Next year he would like to visit clubs and share ways the district could raise funds for OIF. He also shared that his goal was to have 125 participate in the “Dime A Day” and we have 59. Also, his goal included 25 President’s Club and to date we have 7. Funds from the “Dime A Day” which is \$36.50 per member helps with this goal. He was not satisfied with funds donated this year and we have until September 30 to raise more funds and encouraged all clubs/members to participate. Currently, we have 736 members in our district and if each member would contribute a “Dime A Day” that would yield \$26,864 so, please participate.

Gary presented awards to the following:

- At our last meeting, he had a couple of members to receive a “Dime A Day” Pin and called them forward.
- Goldsboro Optimist Club does Christmas Trees and each member who works the tree lot receives a “Dime A Day.” Goldsboro Optimist Club was presented a Banner Patch for 18 “Dime A Day.”
- Gary presented pins to members present who participated in the “Dime A Day”. Those who were not present will receive their pins following the convention. Gary said he will present pins to members of the Goldsboro Optimist Club at their next meeting but rec-

ognized members present, Dawn and Raymond Clark

- This next award goes to a very special person--Luwanna Pender who receives the President's Club Award.
- Goldsboro Optimist prepared a memory patch in honor of Bill Edgerton who passed away in January to put on the Goldsboro Optimist Banner and recommended if any club has a member who passed away to remember them with a patch.
- \$365 Banner Patch—goes to the Goldsboro Optimist Club and the Henderson Optimist Club
- Benefactor award for giving \$2,500 goes to John and Linda Shepherd receives the “Dime A Day” and John receives the President's Club Pin and both John and Linda receive Philanthropy Pins
- President's Club Award, Benefactor Award, and \$1,000 for the Christen D. Larsen Award goes to Ray Spitz. Christen D. Larsen Award is a great way to honor any member of your club.
- Sandy Cyphers and Ray Spitz receives the Century Club Award for \$500 donation

Gary said that the NC East District ranked #21 in giving out of all districts in OI; next year, the NC East District will shoot for the top ten and meet our goal. NC East was 14th in member giving at \$10.63 per person. Gary stated that he was not satisfied and that we can do better by September 30. Alter call followed.

He extended appreciation to all who had contributed to the OI Foundation this year and next year we will strive to reach our goal. Applications for “Dime A Day,” President's Club, and Walt Armentrout Award are on the back table to participate in the OIF Programs. Prior to taking a break, Wayne Sidelinger reminded everyone of the location of the hospitality room and said lunch would be pizza, chicken, shrimp, 18 desserts, and a fruit tray. He reminded everyone to sign up for a drawing to win the two pumpkins to be given away today.

Before taking a break, Governor Franks invited everyone to get up, dance, stretch and have fun because we have been sitting for a long time.

Following the break, Governor Franks called for reports to be continued:

Leadership Development—Sandy Cyphers, Chair, said she was going to review Leadership Development and asked who knew what LMS stands for—Learning

Management System; it is now the Optimist Institute. She said that she would continue in this role for the upcoming year and would like to visit clubs and help all Optimists become the best they can be. She wanted to help train new leaders for the district. She shared that this year, an incentive of \$100 was offered for everyone to participate in the LMS; only a few people logged in to the LMS website and their names were placed in a drawing for a chance to win. Members who participated and eligible for the drawing were: Gail Craft, Terry Corle, Lou Anna Hardee, and Barbara Timmons. Their names were put in the drawing and Gail Craft was the winner. Sandy shared the president, secretary-treasurer, and OIF Rep can complete the program at no charge and other members pay \$25; Sandy offered an incentive to every member who completes training and pays \$25 to complete the Optimist Institute that she would refund their \$25 based on a list of completions provided by Stephanie Monschein from Optimist International at the end of the Optimist Year. Sandy stated she thought that it was a wonderful thing that Optimist International had instituted this training to help Optimists become the best they can be. She said to let her know if you are willing to stay an extra 30 minutes following a district meeting to learn more. Sandy remarked, “Let's work to grow leaders in our district.”

Women's Philanthropy—Sandy Cyphers said that contributors who donated to the OI Foundation and earmarked their check for a female in the oratorical contest would receive a pin. The Women's Philanthropy had offered an incentive to anyone to become a member and offered an incentive to those who donated would receive a pin and have their names in a drawing which included: Sara Robbins, Luwanna Pender, Angela Iwaniuk, Linda Shepherd, and Wayne Sidelinger (yes, men can contribute). She asked Governor Franks to draw a name out; winner was Sara Robbins and pins were presented to participants.

Memorial Service for Deceased Members—Joyce Leake graciously conducted a memorial service recognizing those members who were not longer with us. She shared 23 members out of 16 club had passed away. In planning the service, there were some whom she knew and some she did not know. She thought it would be good to have a picture of each deceased member so after many phone calls, she was able to collect pictures of each to frame/display. All of these Optimists were at one time engaged in helping children. She recalled

meeting Bill and Jan Edgerton at an international convention and enjoyed being with them and getting to know them; they were truly engaged in helping the youth. Joyce invited Kimberly Cockrell to light a candle as she recognized each deceased Optimist and shared their respective club. In conclusion, she remarked she was glad to be here and never take anything for granted.

\$100 Cash Drawing Special Early Bird Incentive— Everyone who registered/paid for the convention by August 20 had their name placed in a \$100 Gift Card Drawing with Only One to be Awarded. Joyce Leake had a list of all names with a number who registered by August 20. Since she and her husband were on the list, she had someone else to turn the cage to yield the winning number. The number 25 was drawn; Dave Jennings from the Henderson Optimist Club was the lucky winner and he asked that the \$100 be divided with \$50 donated to the Boys and Girls Home and \$50 donated to the OI Foundation. Joyce stated checks would be sent to each group as requested.

Past Governor Angela Iwaniuk recognized individuals who were involved with building a new club during the past year as Builders of Excellence; they were: Gail Craft, Linda Shepherd and Terry Corle.

Candidate Qualifications--Angela Iwaniuk, Past Governor and Chair, reviewed the way past governors continue service. As Chair of Candidate Qualifications, she shared that the Candidate Qualifications Committee had met and were nominating Terry Corle as the Governor-Elect for 2022-23. She shared he had chaired numerous positions at the district level, in both Virginia and North Carolina, as well as serving at the international level for Optimist International and more recently serving as the 2021 OI Vice-President of the Mid-Atlantic Region. She called for nominations from the floor twice; hearing none, she called for a vote, Terry Corle was elected to be the NC East Governor-Elect for the upcoming year.

Terry Corle expressed his appreciation for their confidence to be Governor-Elect and stated that he would begin working on his team for his year soon. In the upcoming year, he would be offering/assisting the Governor and his team.

Governor Franks invited Governor-Elect Ray Cockrell for comments. He offered a story about some young boy scouts who came upon a railroad track while they were out and about. One of the scouts said. “ I bet I can walk all the way down on one of these tracks without slipping

off.” However, he failed. But one of the other scouts took his friend’s hand and as they held hands and walked together, they were able to walk down the track without falling off. So--Let’s not be bitter, let’s get better but most of all let’s do it together. I am excited about the year coming up and you will hear more tonight.

Governor Franks invited OI Vice-President of the Mid-Atlantic Region Kathleen Manchec to make comments. Vice-President Manchec greeted everyone and shared a calendar of fun with those attending. She stated that she admired the NC East and West for their support of the Boys and Girls Home. She said she was reminded of two little boys who were removed from their home due to abuse and the sad way the system works but she hoped they did ok after 5 years and that she admires what Ray does. She shared that a lot of change and transition has occurred this year with change in Optimist International and overall. We learned how to use Zoom; I just retired from a bank that does not like change and we will adapt. Vice-President Manchec shared the following:

- OI President Patsy Gardner held 9 town hall meetings leading up to the international convention and members will see more town hall meetings being held in the future; information relative to nine proposed by-law changes--approved and/or tabled for the board and a committee to research (i.e., Special Needs Clubs) and further review by the Board in February 2023.

- She spoke about the \$15 dues increase and that OI did not have in increase in 2019 and with the cost of living, dues were increased at the convention. Clubs pay dues to OI, districts get dues from OI—so do clubs pass on the increase to members. She asked, “How many clubs do fund raising and how many think that they cannot do fund raising?” While many believe that funds raised cannot be used to offset administrative costs, if the ad/flyer states the funds raised at an event will be used to support youth in the community and/or offset administrative costs, then you can.

- Members were asked if they had reviewed the newsletter from OI which included information about dues. Developing countries pay less and OI is looking at the support to be equitable and on the same level. She spoke about the number of members it takes to build a new

club; consideration was giving to raising the number of members from 15 to 20 to form a new club; it was defeated. Most clubs come in at 25.

○ She reminded everyone that all paperwork must be in by September 30; no exceptions. For Honor Clubs, all reports must be filed by September 30. Honor club requirements were reviewed; 212 new

members net was discussed, and OI is having a lot of discussion and confirming receipt of documents by clubs.

○ Everyone seems to be sitting with members of their clubs. Each member has candy in front of them—those with a Reese Peanut Butter Cup move to the front table; those with Hershey Kiss go to the back table; Hershey Candy Bar go to Sandy's table; and Regular Milk Chocolate move over here. Mingle and get to know others.

○ Towels were distributed—how do you fold towels, decide how it needs to be folded. After much discussion and ways shared on how to fold towels, the correct way is to fold the towel as you would hang it on a towel bar so you do not have to refold. The exercise is that there are multiple ways to do things.

○ Roast—individual cut off a little bit each time she prepared a roast (2 inches)—reason was so it would fit in the pan. Again, more ways to do things understand why you are doing whatever. Keep an open mind. Accept new ideas.

○ Every district is challenged--OI is challenged; stay optimistic it will work--keep trying.

○ Communication—what works best--face to face, email, text, snail mail, phone—find out the preferred way. If an e-mail is returned, follow-up with printed email to individual to ensure they receive the information you are sharing.

○ Earlier, someone stated family comes first and yes, they do. Put your faith in the leaders you elected and work together.

In closing she said she had enjoyed being with the district and hoped to see everyone again.

Governor Franks expressed appreciation to Linda Shepherd and Sandy Cyphers for a great convention; everyone remember to sign the card, and to everyone enjoy the Governor's Ball tonight.

Linda Shepherd reminded everyone to put their food slip from their registration packet by their dinner plate tonight to ensure their choice of dinner was served and use the picture one on Sunday morning.

Governor Franks asked everyone to say the creed and invited everyone to lunch.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anna Hardee

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



North Carolina East

2022-2023 Officers

Governor	Ray Cockrell
Immediate Past Governor	Pamela Franks
Past Governor	Angela Iwaniuk
Governor Elect	Terry Corle
Secretary	Gail Craft
Treasurer	Wayne Sidelinger

Lt. Governors 2022-2023

Zone 1 Bennie Bass

Zone 2 TBA

Zone 3 Angela Iwaniuk

Zone 4 Joyce Leake

Zone 5 Jerry Delbridge

Zone 6 TBA

District Chairpersons 2022-2023

Achievement & Awards	TBA
Activities	Pamela Franks
Boys & Girls Homes	Jimmy Lamm
Boys & Girls Homes,	
Campus Contact	Ray Cockrell
Bulletin Editor	Wayne Sidelinger
Candidate Qualifications	Pamela Franks
CCDHH	Gary Pender
Childhood Health & ,	
Wellness	Trish Verne
Club Fitness	Pamela Franks

District Convention,	Russell Leake (Sandy Cyphers)
Essay Contest	Angela Iwaniuk
Finance	Terry Corle
International Convention ,	
Ambassador	Angela Iwaniuk
JOI Youth Clubs	Sam Toler
Jr. World Golf	Derek Anderson
Leadership Development	Sandy Cyphers
Marketing, Social Media,	
Web Master & ,	
Public Relations	Gail Craft
Membership	Auston Pusey
New Club Building	Sara Robbins
O. I. Foundation	Gary Pender
On-Site Registrars,	Linda Shepherd & Linda Watson
Oratorical Contest	Linda Shepherd
PGI	TBA
Sgt at Arms	John Shepherd



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Receipts							
Acct #	Account Name	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	YTD	Budget
100	Dues [H]	\$2,461.50	\$2,940.50	\$3,094.50	\$2,885.00	\$11,381.50	\$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	\$593.57	\$0.00	\$593.57	\$591.00
120	District Convention [A]	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,127.00	\$7,127.00	\$6,404.00
130	District Meetings [B]	\$1,337.00	\$0.00	\$813.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.00	\$2,651.00
145	Jr. Golf [D]	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,520.00	\$1,520.00	\$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 -Duck Race	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$633.00	\$633.00	\$0.00
800	CCDHH [K]	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Subtotal Receipts	\$3,986.60	\$2,940.50	\$4,501.07	\$12,165.00	\$23,593.17	\$24,225.00
650	Transfer from Prev Adm						\$19,235.62
	Total Receipts	\$3,986.60	\$2,940.50	\$4,501.07	\$12,165.00	\$23,593.17	\$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	\$278.02	\$278.02	\$2,000.00
210	Lt. Governors [F]	\$144.00	\$0.00	\$93.60	\$390.56	\$628.16	\$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	\$641.76	\$641.76	\$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	\$130.53	\$130.53	\$60.00
330	District Bulletin	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$650.00
331	Web Page	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$122.61	\$122.61	\$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	\$8,657.89	\$8,657.89	\$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	\$422.75	\$0.00	\$2,300.06	\$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	\$124.39	\$1,190.65	\$1,315.04	\$1,200.00
371	CCDHH [K]	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$224.25	\$0.00	\$224.25	\$200.00
380	Jr. Golf [D]	\$0.00	\$65.00	\$2,550.00	\$0.00	\$2,615.00	\$3,000.00
390	Essay Contest [E]	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$129.74	\$0.00	\$129.74	\$150.00
400	Badges & Pins/Officers	\$315.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$279.27	\$594.59	\$650.00
410	Awards, Current Year [J]	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$129.28	\$129.28	\$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	\$47.82	\$47.82	\$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	\$39.80	\$55.10	\$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	\$65.00	\$3,544.73	\$12,408.19	\$19,857.98	\$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 OI Conv Meal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$337.58	\$337.58	\$500.00
	Total International Convention	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$337.58	\$337.58	\$5,400.00
	Subtotal Disbursements	\$3,840.06	\$65.00	\$3,544.73	\$12,745.77	\$20,195.56	\$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	\$65.00	\$3,544.73	\$12,745.77	\$20,195.56	\$43,460.62
Reconciliation							
	YTD Financial Report Summary						Total
	Receipts (Includes Transfers from 2020-21)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,593.17	
	Disbursements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,195.56	
	Net	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,397.61	
	4th Qtr Bank Account Summary	BB&T	Convention	Jr Golf			
	Beginning Balance	\$23,214.00	\$0.00	\$591.05			
	Deposits & Other Credits	\$12,165.00	\$7,127.00	\$0.00			
	Expenditures /Withdrawals	\$12,745.77	\$8,657.89	\$0.00			
	Ending Account Balance	\$22,633.23	-\$1,530.89	\$591.05			
	Total Funds	\$22,633.23	-\$1,530.89	\$591.05			
RECONCILIATION OF ESCROW FUNDS							
	DISTRICT CONVENTION		Current Year Increase/(Decrease)				
	Start-of-Year Balance	\$ -					
	Receipts 10-1-21 through 9-30-22	\$7,127.00					
	Disbursements 10-1-21 through 9-30-22	\$8,657.89					
	End-of-Year Balance	-\$1,530.89	-\$1,530.89				
	JUNIOR GOLF						
	Start-of-Year Balance	\$591.05					
	Receipts 10-1-21 through 9-30-22	-\$65.00					
	Disbursements 10-1-21 through 9-30-22	\$0.00					
	End-of-Year Balance	\$526.05	-\$65.00				
	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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President Lincoln was born in a log cabin.

Most men do not look for a wife that looks like his mother.

If you worked at a salary of .01 a day and doubled each day, you would be earning 10,738,418.23 in 30 days.

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- 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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