

# North Carolina East District Bulletin

**3rd Quarter District Meeting  
May, 2025**



## Message from Governor Ray Cockrell

### Spring is in the Air!

"An optimist is the human personification  
of spring."

*Susan J. Bissonette*

Spring - what an amazing time of year! New growth – New beginnings – A sense of renewal. Beautiful trees, flowers and an amazing display of Mother Nature. And as Robin Williams used to say, "Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'"

Optimists Make a Difference! For anyone who has been around me for any amount of time, you have heard me exclaim this repeatedly. I truly believe that Optimists do make a difference. That was on full display at Optimist Day a couple of weeks ago at Boys and Girls Homes as you all made a difference in the lives of the girls in your Optimist Cottage. That is on full display as you work and sacrifice to feed children who may not know where their next meal is coming from. Your Optimism is always on display as you work in your communities to impact youth in so many ways. And it is certainly on display as you encouraged and celebrated young men and women to express themselves in writing through the Essay competition and verbally

through the Oratorical contest. You DO make a difference.

Spring is also a time of personal growth and renewal. A renewed commitment to serving and sharing. I know you are excited about the work you are doing. I can see that in your faces as you share about the latest project, event or fundraiser. During the days and weeks following that project, event, gathering or District time together – go out and tell everyone where you were that day and share your excitement about Optimists. Never be shy about sharing your passion and your "Why".

So let's go Optimists – let's party! Let's get excited about the work we are doing and the difference we are making!

Optimists Make a Difference!!



## Optimists Make a Difference!!

## Convention Chairman Sandy Cyphers, Wilmington Club

### HANG IN THERE!

You will definitely want to attend the 4th quarter NC East District Optimist meeting.

Fun, training, entertainment, food, surprises and especially fellowship with other NC East District Optimists during this special weekend.

Location,  
accommodations and  
events will be forth  
coming...be patient....  
A dog gone good time  
we will all have!!!!!!!

Sandy Cyphers  
N.C. East Convention Chairman



## PROMISE YOURSELF

To be too large  
for worry, too  
noble for anger,  
too strong for  
fear, and too  
happy to permit  
the presence  
of trouble.  
- Optimist Creed





## Zone 1 Update Bennie Bass

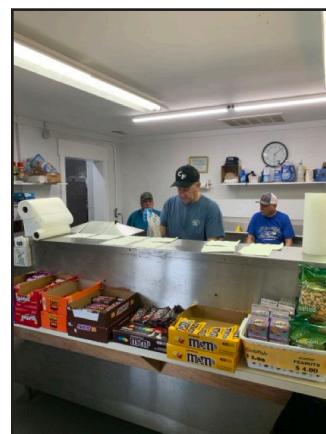


### Cape Fear

Preparing the ball fields  
for Spring Ball.



Eat'n meet'n at Cape Fear. Governor  
and Governor Elect in the house!



## Zone 2 Update Tom Lamont

New Member Inductions  
Laurenburg





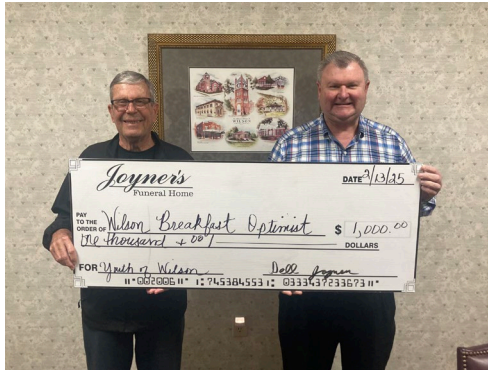
## Zone 3 Update



Goldsboro donating funds to Partnership For Children of Wayne County/Smart Start



Golden Circle collecting stuffed animals for the Wilson County Sheriff's Office.



Wilson Breakfast Optimist Club donates \$1,000.00 for the Wilson Youth Program.



Angela Iwaniuk shows her club members the St Patrick Day bags the Bennett Optimist put together for the Optimist Cottage children!

## Zone 4 Update Betty Jo Moseley



Roanoke Rapids Essay Contest Winners



Roanoke Rapids Girls' Ball

Roanoke Rapids Easter Egg Hunt!





## Zone 5 Update

### David Jennings Lt. Governor

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Our NC East District Zone 5 consists of the following clubs: Wake Forest, Roxboro, Chapel Hill, Orange County, Wake Tech and Henderson.

On March 25, 2025, Paige Bivens, the NC East JOI Club Committee Chair, spoke to the Henderson Club about creating a JOI club in Vance County Schools. As of today, there are 5 students who want to join and a few more are needed to create the new club. Many thanks to Paige for sharing her expertise.

The Wake Forest Club continues to sponsor the Crop Hunger Walk which includes their JOI club. They are working feverishly with Backpack Buddies as well as the Food Drive for Tri Area Ministries food pantry.

The Henderson club will have two fundraisers in the following months. There will be a fish plate sale at Seafood 220 in Henderson from 4-7 PM on May 5 and a quarter auction



Henderson Oratorical

starting at 6 PM at Aycock Recreation Center in Henderson on May 17. The club continues to work with and support the ACTS (Area Christians Together in Service) Food Pantry. The club also received another grant this year to give away 100 free bike helmets to the children; a definitive date for the bike rodeo has not been set yet.

These are just a few of the exciting things going on in the zone. Please feel free to share exciting news and photos with me. I love seeing them and each picture brings a smile to my face.



Wake Forest  
Club Essay Contest Winner



Henderson ACTS program



Wake Forest Volunteering at  
Note In The Pocket



## Zone 6 Update TBD Lt. Governor



Raleigh Valentine's Day Party



Raleigh Easter Egg Hunt



Garner Optimist St. Patrick's Day Party



East Wake Bingo Fundraiser



East Wake Feeding the kids in Zebulon



## Boys & Girls Homes Linda Shepherd – Golden Circle

### Optimist Day at the North Carolina Boys and Girls Homes at Lake Waccamaw

What a fun time was had by Optimists representing all zones in the North Carolina East District when we participated in Optimist Day at the NC Boys and Girls Homes at Lake Waccamaw on Saturday, April 12! Optimists from the NC West District were there also, so it was a special time of renewing friendships as well as making new ones with fellow Optimists.

The day began with a general session in the beautiful and serene chapel where we learned about some of the programs that are offered to benefit the boys and girls who live on campus and details related to the foster care and adoption program.

Afterward, a short walk over to our Optimist cottage gave us an opportunity to tour the cottage and greet the young ladies who currently reside there. From there, we were transported around the campus to see Thomas Academy and the gymnasium, where students have their schooling, athletic events, and even a prom! We were shown to the equine area where the young residents learn the skills of horsemanship, how to care for horses, and how to trust again--an important aspect of trauma therapy. Perhaps you are not aware that on this campus, students can experience farm life, auto mechanics, and even how to care for a baby! Yes, on this campus at Lake Waccamaw, there are LAKE houses. In this case, LAKE stands for Learning and Knowledgeable Environment, and it is where teen mothers learn to show love and take proper care of their babies under the tutelage of house mothers who set the example and assist in the care while the young mothers

continue their schooling. When our touring was finished, we came in from the chilly outside air to find that a delicious meal had been prepared for us by the kitchen staff. Campus residents were present to enjoy the meal alongside those of us who were their adult guests! There was a brief sharing time with the serious business of several financial contributions along with the tomfoolery of grown men demonstrating the ability to do handstands and even walk around on their hands! What a relaxing way to bring the day's activities to a close! Then it was time to say good-bye for most people. However, a few members of the Wake Forest Club and East Wake Club could be found planting flowers to beautify the yard around the Optimist cottage.

If you have never been to see the NC Boys and Girls Homes at Lake Waccamaw, I hope that, after reading this article, you will realize that it is well worth your time and gas to see this facility which provides a safe and loving environment where children who were not able to experience such kindness in the home of their parents are now thriving. I am very proud that Optimists across our state support the NC Boys and Girls Homes, not only financially, but also with gifts of items needed and requested for the ultimate benefit of the young residents.

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New desks arrived at the Optimist Cottage in March! Thanks to the Garner Optimist, the Winter Park Optimist and the Greenville Optimist clubs for making this happen for the children in the Optimist cottage!





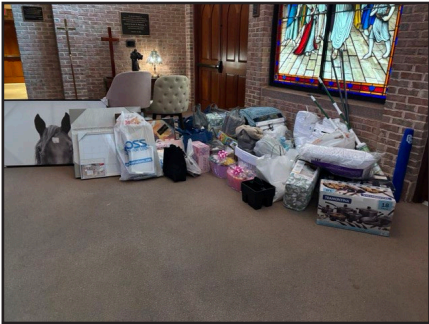
Not only that, but many Optimists contribute used but clean clothing and household items which can be sold at the Country Store and turned into dollars to keep the campus going.

Please think about how you can help.

Linda Shepherd  
Boys and Girls Homes Liaison  
NC East District 2024-2025



Demonstration of Timothy walking on his hands.





## Essay Contest 2024-2025

### Liz Griffiths

**"How Optimism Has Paved My Road  
to Success"**



### 2024-2025 North Carolina East District Essay Contest Winner

The North Carolina East District had nine contestants for the District Competition. The winner of this year's Essay Contest is McKenna Rowe sponsored by the Golden Circle Club of Wilson.

I wish to thank all Clubs and their members for their support of the Youth in this District.

Liz Griffiths  
District Essay Chairperson  
North Carolina East District



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## Optimist Junior Golf David C Jennings, Henderson Club

Greetings Optimists,

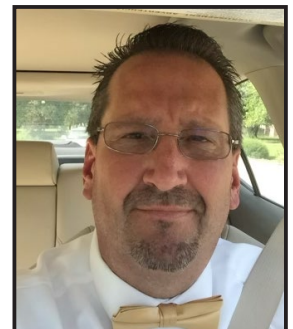
The Optimist International Junior Golf Championship is one of the largest and best-known junior golf tournaments in the world. Each year, more than 600 golfers participate in the championship. Optimists have been involved in the sport of junior golf for more than 30 years by holding local, regional, and international tournaments. The championship consists of qualifiers and culminates with the championship at Trump National Doral Resort and Spa in Miami, FL.

Our NC East Qualifier will be held on Friday, June 13, 2025 at Timberlake Golf Club, 634 Challenge Club Drive, Clinton, North Carolina 28328. Last year we had seven golfers go on to Doral. We have 14 slots available this year and our goal is to fill them all!

If you have any interest in helping with this event, please let me know. I need all the volunteers I can get.

Thanks for all your help.

David Jennings  
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**THE OPTIMIST**   
*International Junior Golf Championships*



## District JOI Club Paige Bivens, Wake Forest Club

### Spreading JOI

This quarter we have had many opportunities to **"Spread JOI."**

Gail Craft and I attended an event in March entitled, "Service through Leadership" sponsored by area high schools through a program called NERBA (Northeast Regional Business Alliance). The purpose was to showcase many volunteer opportunities in our community. We had four high schools attending where we shared our joy working in JOI. We shared what JOI Clubs do and how the youth could be a part of their community in and out of school. The result was two high schools wanting to start new clubs. Both have reached out to begin the

process. Some of our own Wake Forest High School students at this event ended up visiting our April meeting.

At the end of March I was invited to share JOI Clubs with

the Henderson Club. What a lovely experience! As I interacted with the Club, many important



points were made. I was able to share experiences and the hard work that the Wake Forest High School JOI Club has done.

The result was interest in starting clubs in elementary, middle, and high school. I will be collaborating with Vance County High School to

begin their process of starting their club. Special thanks to David Jennings for inviting me and pursuing an opportunity for the youth in Vance County.



Finally, I want to share the joy that our Wake Forest JOI Club created. Students were given rocks and paint pens to create encouraging words which were placed around the high school. These are tough times for our students. Some of the challenges they have did not exist for us. Our goal was to give students a message of encouragement. Perhaps these words helped as they walked throughout campus. We exhibited the meaning of Optimist International..."Friend of Youth." We too are spreading joy (JOI).





# Member Engagement

## Angela Iwaniuk, Golden Circle and Bennett



### WANTED: NEW MEMBERS

It is the start of our 3rd Optimist Quarter. Many clubs are doing a great job of bringing in new members and working hard in their communities. It is a great thing to see!

Our District is currently negative 25 members for the year, which is mostly because the Washington, NC club disbanded in December with 31 members. So, we have a little more work to do to make up for those lost members by bringing in new ones into our own clubs.

Don't forget about our incentives for bringing in new members this year!

- Each quarter – All members who bring in a new member will receive a \$10 Walmart gift card.
- At year-end – the club which has brought in the most new members will receive \$250.
- At year-end – the club which has increased their NET members the most will receive \$300.

At our 1st Quarter Meeting in November – we awarded six gift cards.

At our 2nd Quarter Meeting in February – we awarded 11 gift cards.

How many will be awarded in May? Hoping we can award even more gift cards in May and even more in September!

Have you heard about **The CARE** program initiated by Optimist International? This program encourages clubs like ours to reflect on our achievements, solicit member feedback, and identify improvement areas. By actively engaging in this process, we strive to enhance the

productivity and impact of our club for the benefit of all our members.

In line with the president's message, we understand the importance of welcoming new members with open arms. Just as one would prepare for the arrival of a new family member, we believe in preparing for new members by demonstrating our care and commitment to their growth and development. That's why we should assign mentors to new members, who guide them through the intricacies of our club and help them find meaningful ways to contribute.

Furthermore, we believe in creating opportunities for all our members to make a difference in the lives of others. Whether through our meetings, events, or community initiatives, we strive to instill a sense of hope and positivity in everything we do.

Join us in embracing a culture of hope, positivity, and care. Together, we can make a difference and bring out the best in each other.

Angela Iwaniuk  
Membership Engagement





## New Club Building (NCB) David Griffiths, Garner

**"Do you have a passion to help the youth in your community succeed. Do you have a passion to improve the safety and prosperity of your community."**

I referenced these two statements at the beginning of this Optimist year because this is what I believe defines an Optimist. I also believe these two statements can be used to identify others with like passions in the quest to build a new Optimist Club. Regardless, whether you are building a Traditional Club, a College Club, a Sports Club or a Virtual Young Adult Optimist Club, the passion to assist youth reach success and the improvement of one's community is what brings individuals together.

I believe most of us know the process, it starts with a few Optimists targeting a specific area/ community, visiting community leaders and holding informational meetings. As interested

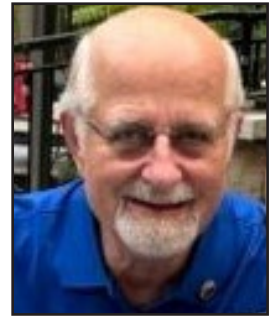
community leaders/citizens commit to being potential members, they are engaged in the process of recruiting others.

A minimum of 15 new members are required to organize a new Club.

Current NCB activities include the Apex-Holly Springs area and starting in early May, NCB efforts will start on the eastern shore once a specific area has been finalized.

If you have a specific location with contacts and need assistance, please contact me. Together with other members of the NCE District we can develop a plan for success.

Dave Griffiths  
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# NEW CLUB BUILDING



## OI Foundation Representative Gary Pender, Goldsboro Club

Hello Optimists –

I'm in need of Dime a Day, President Club members and Women's Philanthropy members or just a donation.

You have heard me say many times that our District receives \$10,000.00 a year from the OI Foundation for scholarships. If our District does the Oratorical, Essay and the CCDHH contest we will receive those scholarships for our youth.

I would love to come visit your club and tell your club members all about the foundation. Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Gary Pender DFR Chair.  
919-920-9190 • gpender@gmail.com



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST OIF BOARD MEMBER

Effective October 1, 2025  
through September 30, 2029

**SANDY CYPHERS**



## Oratorical Contest Timothy Johnson



The contest will be held on  
May 3rd in Goldsboro.

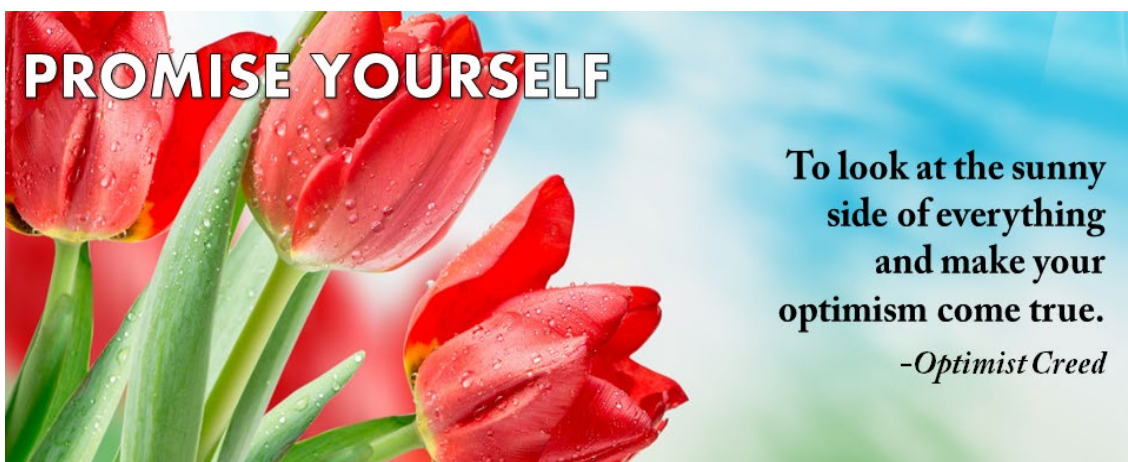
Stay tuned for the winners  
and pictures in our next  
bulletin – in the Fall.



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### How we communicate to you:

Facebook: North Carolina East District  
Website: OptimistNCEast.org  
Int'l Website: Optimist.org  
Email: Constant Contact



## NC East District Meeting 2/1/25

9:00am Begin meeting

Optimist Chant

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation - Greg Craft

Optimist Creed

Past Governors - pass football and introduce themselves

New - Lydia Dameron (Garner)

Club Anniversaries by quarter announced

### Announcements

-National Optimist Day February 6th

-Tabs - pick up wish list for Ronald McDonald House

-Store - Terry Corle - 20% off store items

9:16am Meeting brought to order

Modification to Agenda - add Lt Governor remarks - Walt Armentrout will be awarded at our next meeting. Motion to adopt - Timothy Johnson - 2nd David Jennings. All ayes to adopt the agenda.

First Quarter Meeting Minutes - Motion to accept Paige Bivens - 2nd Jonathan Bivens. All ayes to adopt minutes.

Financial Report - Terry Corle - Motion to file to audit Gary Pender - 2nd Sandy Cyphers  
-Sandy Cyphers - Thanks Terry for extra revenue for setting up the Optimist Store info  
Cary Foster received quarterly meeting store mail - an Optimist Hat

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

-Member Engagement - Angela Iwaniuk - \$10 gift cards for bringing in new members - 10 given out. +14 in the district. Try new ideas. Try a Valentine's Day party for your club. Listen to new ideas and change. Survey from last district meeting - most have trouble getting in new members. Some do not have good projects. Interact with other community organizations. At the end of the year, she will award a club - \$250 for the most new members. \$300 for most net new members. Optimist can be fulfilling. Governor Ray - another idea is a reminder to get one person to join or 1 Friend of Optimist. Take a look at your club roster's delete list and see if you can renew old FOO members.

-New Club Building - Dave Griffiths - Wake Tech up and going - 11 attended the meeting. Wake Forest Club is helping them with their start-up fee and membership dues. A new method discussed in December is to use social media ads to prospect new members. A few others are in the process of building. Garner will be using that method. Work smarter not harder. He is working with OI to come up with ads clubs can use.

-JOI Clubs - Paige Bivens - Trying to get two new clubs started this year. Would love to have north, south, east, and west. Paige's JOI club has 32 paid members. How to start a JOI club? -High schools starting to have club fairs, -Work through student services. This is an avenue to keep

Optimist clubs going. Love the other service organizations but Optimist is the heart of all the other organizations. She will be calling. She has given less guidance to her club this year. Her JOI club adopted the Valentine's Day holiday for BGHNC Optimist cottage. Bags included candy, pocket hearts with a saying or verse to go with it, and a snoopy clip-on.

CHEER - Cheese grater - Great, great, great!!

-Essay Competition - Liz Griffiths - She has been contacted by 5-6 students to find a club to participate. OI contacted her. Deadline for NC East District is 2/28 in hand at midnight. She can receive electronically if hard copy is late getting to her. Angela said from the survey - some clubs said they feel the District does not communicate enough with them.

-Oratorical Competition - Timothy Johnson - May 3 is when the District Oratorical contest will be held. The District must have our competitor by May 15. Have the name to Timothy Johnson by April 15. Last year we ran into a contestant not being able to fund his way to International contest. Dave Griffiths - zoom call about contests - judged by video in St. Louis. Sandy Cyphers - we have funds to assist with travel. Governor Ray supports that.

PROFESSIONAL/PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT - Governor Ray  
-Birthday party with a piñata. Kids were taking swings and only grazing the piñata. Every time they swung and hit it, a little bit of the piñata was breaking down inside. Finally, the birthday boy took a big swing and the piñata busts. That is kind of like our life. We may have dreams and goals in business and life. We are taking swings at the piñata. It may have worked. Every time you try you get a little bit closer to that dream or goal. Remember the phrase "One more." One more extra rep will help you reach your goal. One more ask, one more phone call. Think about Tiger Woods, one more practice swing. Michael Jordan, one more free throw. Patrick Mahomes, one more hour on the practice field. How long did they work on the Wake Tech club to make it a reality - 2 years. One more call, one more visit for a new apex or a new beach club. Paige Bivens - Aaron Rodger's kept trying and finally made it to the pros.

Break - 10:00 - 10:15

CHEER - Tom Lamont - Cowboy Cheer - Yeehaw! (Let's hear it for Tony Romo) Official Dallas Cowboys cheer is - Next year!

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

-BOYS AND GIRLS HOME - Linda Shepherd and Tom Lamont - Last meeting Linda passed around a sheet for clubs to join up for holiday - Adopt a Holiday - JOI is taking care of Valentines. Goldsboro is taking care of Black History month. Wilmington Club will do Easter. Request Tom or Ray to make a presentation at your club meeting and they can pick up the gifts, etc. to give to the cottage. Goldsboro will take July 4th. Prepare for 8 or 10 kids. Garner has



Halloween. Bennett will do St. Patrick's Day. Tom talked about how much the clubs helped the Optimist cottage. The bedrooms were updated. Still need to update the staff apartment (living room and kitchen) and the staff office needs a new floor, extra bedroom and pantry area needs updating. Thank you to all that helped with Christmas. Sibling groups are in the Optimist cottage. More sibling groups and younger ones are starting to be referred to BGHNC. Optimist Day is April 12. Working hard with Thomas Academy to get students involved in the essay contest. With encouragement from Timothy, the students may try oratorical this year. BGHNC Fundraiser: September 5th - Jungle Rapids - Duck contest. \$10 a duck. Last year they raised enough money for two passenger vans. Greenville, Garner and Winter Park provided funding for eight student cottage desks. Co-ed only in Optimist at this time. Rotary cottage may start with a five-sibling group. Tom asked for checks - Dan Durham submitted one from Roanoke Rapids Club.

#### OI PRESIDENT JAN VIDEO presentation

OI FOUNDATION - Gary Pender -  
-Dime-a-Day - give up 3-4 cups of Starbucks coffee for Dime-A-Day.  
-Presidents Club (\$250.00)  
-Women's Philanthropy - Sandy Cyphers - started in 2005 to entice women to give towards scholarships. Every year President of Foundation comes up with a different pin (like the Purse pin). This year it is a cute, pink golf bag. She likes incentives to give back to district members. Auston Pusey won last year. This year - if you donate to this she will give an incentive of \$350 twice. Once at next meeting and one more at District convention. Only 8-9% of District members give.  
-Scholarship for JOI OI outgoing president - Sandy Cyphers gave \$2,000.00 scholarship.  
-OI Foundation Board nominated Sandy Cyphers for OI Foundation board. Please vote for her.  
-Gary gave out OI Banner Patches.  
-Gary gave out Dime-a-Day pins. Tom Lamont showed Dime-A-Day holder from NC West District. Next meeting there will be a drawing for a Dime-a-Day.

CHEER - David Jennings - Dynamite Cheer - Page Bivens gave us a We are... NC Optimists cheer.

#### Governor Ray - Super Bowl Trivia questions

-PR AND MARKETING- Gail Craft -  
Follow NC East Facebook page. Email her club events to put on the District calendar. Go to our website for district information, meetings, old bulletins, etc. To vote for Sandy must have club and member numbers. Email Gail if you need that info. Dave Griffiths suggested using Instagram. District had one but took it down because no one was using it. Kudos to Gail for NC East District Bulletin content.

-Golden Circle is raffling off another quilt. Queen size with quilt rack. Angela won the last two quilts. Tickets are \$5.

-JR GOLF - Dave Jennings -  
Round of applause to those who helped out last year. 2025 event is Friday, June 13th in Clinton. We will have better golf bags this year. We fed almost every kid last year. We sponsor the top boy and top girl. Last year's winner got sick right before the tournament. Registration is \$12 this year. A student at NC State will be providing a promo video. The event needs snacks and drinks. They had pizza last year. They are piggybacking with Carolina Golf tournament this year.

-Big Hand Cheer to David Jennings.

#### GOVERNOR-ELECT REMARKS - Timothy Johnson

-All Presidents stand up.  
-Will provide member numbers to folks.  
-Getting a lot of positive suggestions for upcoming year.  
-Connect with him on Facebook.  
-He is OI Convention registrant #5.  
-OI Convention July 29 - July 3 at St Louis Station hotel. Take the train.

CHEER - Jonathan Bivens - Keep Pounding - Carolina Panthers

Oratorical Contest Meeting - May 3, 2025  
-Location is First Baptist Church of Goldsboro.  
-This will be a "Day only" meeting  
-Agenda: Contest, lunch, then District meeting

#### LT GOVERNORS

-Zone 2 - Tom Lamont - Elizabethtown is quiet. Had a restart meeting this past week.  
-Zone 1 Bennie Bass  
-Zone 4 Betty Moseley  
-Zone 5 - Dave Jennings - now seven clubs including Wake Tech. Henderson use to have a JOI club and Paige will be talking with them. Orange County was reinstated, still having a car show. Henderson Club and Wake Forest Club are the most active.  
-Any clubs in Zone 6 - Rebecca Lakey - Super Bowl Sunday party at Garner Club. Gail Craft - East Wake Club - cooks twice a month. Cooks one meal for kids and provides pizza for the second meal. Other organizations are also stepping up. They also give them snacks to take home. Vote for Sandy. They will have Bingo on Feb 21. Timothy with Raleigh Club - Christmas tree sales were down. The bulk of their revenue is renting out their farm facility. There is a football league, sand volleyball courts and a clubhouse. They have to repair their pond. Club membership is decreasing a little. Using FOO's to increase membership. Having a Valentine's Day party on 2/10.

Please call any chair to come talk to your club members.

Sandy Cyphers - We will have our convention at the beach. Info to come.

#### LUNCH

Terry Corle Presentations - thank you gifts to committee members under him 2023-2024.

Governor Ray Thank you gift to Terry Corle for 2023-2024 Governor.

Angela - GOAT trophy to Roanoke Rapids Club.

50/50 Raffle - Sarah Corle won \$43.

OI Foundation Board of Directors - 2023-2024 to Gary Pender.

Distinguished Foundation Representative 2023-2024 to Gary Pender.

Optimist Creed

1:00pm Adjourn Bell

The Next meeting is 5/3/2025 in Goldsboro, NC

Respectfully Submitted by Kimerly Cockrell



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## **Q2 District Celebration – Roanoke Rapids, NC February 1, 2025 Attendees**

Bennie Bass  
Carey Foster  
Crystal Smith  
Dan & Barbara Durham  
Dave & Liz Griffiths  
David & Jeanetta Jennings  
Frank & Susan Wocher  
Gary & Louwanna Pender  
Greg & Gail Craft  
John & Linda Shepherd  
Jonathan & Paige Bivens  
Lydia Dameron  
Marshania Barnes  
Mike & Betty Mosely  
Pete & Lynne Smith  
Ray & Kimberly Cockrell  
Rebecca Lakey  
Robin Murtha  
Sandy Cyphers  
Shana Bunn  
Timothy & Danielle Johnson  
Terry Corle  
Tom Lamont  
Will & Angela Iwaniuk

Cape Fear Optimist Club  
Roanoke Rapids Optimist Club  
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Garner Optimist Club  
Henderson Optimist Club  
Golden Circle Optimist Club  
Goldsboro Optimist Club  
Wake Forest/East Wake Optimist Club  
Golden Circle Optimist Club  
Wake Forest Optimist Club  
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Golden Circle Optimist Club  
Raleigh Optimist Club  
Golden Circle Club  
Winterpark Optimist Club  
Bennett-Wilson Optimist Club



**Draft Budget/ North Carolina East District 2024 - 2025**

Account Name <b>Receipts</b>	Budgeted Receipts	1st Qtr Receipts	2nd Qtr Receipts	3rd Qtr Receipts	4th Qtr Receipts	Actual Receipts	Difference
#100 Dues	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,111.00	\$ 2,569.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,680.00	\$ (5,320.00)
#105 Corporate Partners						\$ -	\$ -
#110 Allotment OI	\$ 626.00	\$ 305.83				\$ 305.83	\$ (320.17)
#120 Dist Convention	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 642.13				\$ 642.13	\$ (2,357.87)
#130 Dist Meetings	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 382.00	\$ 162.00			\$ 544.00	\$ (2,456.00)
#145 Jr. Golf						\$ -	\$ -
#150 Miscellaneous	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,751.00				\$ 1,751.00	\$ 1,251.00
#160 Optimist Store	\$ 500.00		\$ 112.00			\$ 112.00	\$ (388.00)
#190 OI Foundation Auction						\$ -	\$ -
#191 Auction B & G Home	\$ 400.00					\$ -	\$ (400.00)
#192 Fifty Fifty	\$ 200.00		\$ 45.00			\$ 45.00	\$ (155.00)
#650 Transfer Prev Admin	\$ 16,717.00					\$ -	\$ (16,717.00)
#800 CCDHH	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -
Total Receipts	\$ 34,943.00	\$ 5,191.96	\$ 2,888.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,079.96	\$ (26,863.04)

Account Name <b>Disbursements</b>	Budgeted Disbursements	1st Qtr Disbursements	2nd Qtr Disbursements	3rd Qtr Disbursements	4th Qtr Disbursements	Actual Disbursements	Difference
#200 Governor	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,500.00)
#210 Lt. Governors	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 308.88	\$ 103.12			\$ 412.00	\$ (1,388.00)
#250 District Secretary	\$ 300.00					\$ -	\$ (300.00)
#252 District Treasurer	\$ 300.00						
#255 Governor Elect	\$ 750.00					\$ -	\$ (750.00)
#260 Immediate Past Gov. OI Conv. *						\$ -	\$ -
#261 Past Governor	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -
#262 B & G Home Chair	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -
#283 New Club Building	\$ 1,000.00					\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)
#265 Committee Chairs	\$ 3,000.00					\$ -	\$ (3,000.00)
#300 Clerical/Secretary						\$ -	\$ -
#301 Postage	\$ 50.00					\$ -	\$ (50.00)
#320 Office Supplies	\$ 300.00					\$ -	\$ (300.00)
#330 District Bulletin	\$ 500.00	\$ 209.17	\$ 477.48			\$ 686.65	\$ 186.65
#331 Web Page	\$ 325.00					\$ -	\$ (325.00)
#340 District Directory	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -
#350 District Convention	\$ 6,000.00					\$ -	\$ (6,000.00)
#360 District Meetings	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 650.20			\$ 970.20	\$ (2,029.80)
#361 Lt Governor's Conf.						\$ -	\$ -
#370 Oratorical Contest	\$ 1,000.00					\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)
#371 CCDHH Contest	\$ 1,000.00					\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)
#380 Jr. Golf	\$ 2,000.00					\$ -	\$ (2,000.00)
#390 Essay Contest	\$ 1,000.00					\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)
#400 Badges & Pins Officers	\$ 400.00	\$ 254.83				\$ 254.83	\$ (145.17)
#410 Awards Current Year						\$ -	\$ -
#411 Awards, Past Year	\$ 500.00					\$ -	\$ (500.00)
#420 Audit/Bank Charges	\$ 100.00					\$ -	\$ (100.00)
#421 Audit Review 990	\$ 100.00					\$ -	\$ (100.00)
#430 Merchandise / Optimist Store	\$ 500.00					\$ -	\$ (500.00)
#440 NCB Supplies	\$ 500.00					\$ -	\$ (500.00)
#441 Membership	\$ 2,100.00		\$ 515.00			\$ 515.00	\$ (1,585.00)
#442 A & A	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -
#443 Personal Growth						\$ -	\$ -
#444 Childhood Health	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 400.00			\$ 400.00	\$ (600.00)
#446 Leadership Develop	\$ 250.00					\$ -	\$ (250.00)
#447 OI Foundation	\$ 500.00					\$ -	\$ (500.00)
#448 Boys & Girls Home	\$ 1,000.00					\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)
#450 Gifts (Guest)	\$ 200.00					\$ -	\$ (200.00)
#470 Miscellaneous	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,089.00				\$ 3,089.00	\$ 1,089.00
#480 Previous Admin Exp	\$ 500.00					\$ -	\$ (500.00)
#490 Next Admin Exp						\$ -	\$ -
Total Disbursements	\$ 34,475.00	\$ 4,181.88	\$ 2,145.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,327.68	\$ (28,147.32)

\* #260 Only if current Gov can't attend

**YTD Summary**

<b>Total Receipts</b>	\$ 34,943.00	\$ 5,191.96	\$ 2,888.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,079.96	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	\$ 34,475.00	\$ 4,181.88	\$ 2,145.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,327.68	
	\$ 468.00	\$ 1,010.08					

**Beginning Bank Balance** \$ 18,280.78 10/01/202

**End of Quarter Bank Balance** \$ 18,370.68 3/31/2025

Note: A minus number in H means we are under budget  
A plus number in H means we are over budget

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# 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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