

# Central City Optimist Newsletter

April 2013

## *Mission*

*“By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids.”*



## 2012~2013 Officers

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*Vice President*

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## President's Message

**Greetings Optimist Family!**

Here we are in the month of April with **BRADFORD PEAR TREES** and other flowering plants showing there magnificent beauty all over the landscape of our town. I pray your **EASTER** was filled with much love and family joy!

With the coming of April, we have the Special Olympics, Relay for Life and the Oratorical Contests. Additionally, the Scholarship recipients will be decided on very soon. And, I don't want to forget to mention that the Golf Committee has begun its meetings. Let's give the Optimist leaders and their committee members heading up these projects and activities, a **SUPER THANK YOU!** We couldn't do it without you.

Another reminder to you, have you checked your PGI---PASSPORT booklet? What level are you on this month? Thanks to Karen Owens for bringing in Clara Breedon Walters, a new member, at the March meeting. Last month's speaker, Sandra Oborokumo also became a **FRIEND** of our Optimist Club. One of the 3 goals for the club this year is to increase membership. **WHO HAVE YOU INVITED TO JOIN?**

It is a blessing to have Charlie up and back on duty. (Smile) Please keep Trina and her family in your prayers.

In closing, just remember that we will be repeating the **OPTIMIST MISSION** along with our **OPTIMIST CREED** at the end of each meeting.

**April Blessings,  
Susie Belle**



**Optimist Breakfast Club Meeting**  
 Saturday, April 6, 2013 9:00 A.M.  
 St. Mary's/St. Martin Center

**Guest Speaker:** Lisa Meadows  
 Executive Director of RH/York County  
 Convention and Visitors Bureau  
**Topic:** "How to Take Advantage of What's  
 Happening in Rock Hill and York County"



## Mark Your Calendar



### Relay For Life

Friday, April 26-Saturday, April 27  
 7:00 P.M. – 7:00 A.M.

### Rock Hill High School

All teams are asked to make your donations on  
 Saturday, April 6 at our monthly club meeting.  
 For more info, please contact Joseph Evans at  
 803-328-0876. Thanks for your support!



### Please support our club scholarship program by making a donation!!!

We will award two \$1,000,  
 two \$500 and two \$250 scholarships. The  
 applications have been received and the  
 committee will review applications on  
 Thursday, April 4 @ 6pm at Stepping  
 Stones. We are currently accepting pledges  
 for the scholarship. Your donations can be  
 sent or given to Charlie M. Robinson. If  
 you have any questions, please contact me  
 Belinda Nix (Scholarship Chair) at 803-  
 325-2238 or [bnix86@yahoo.com](mailto:bnix86@yahoo.com). Thanks  
 for your support of our program.

### Optimist Oratorical Contest:

**NEW DATE: April 20th**



The oratorical contest is open to students under the  
 age of 19 who have not yet graduated from high  
 school or the equivalent. Students must prepare a 4-5  
 minute speech on the pre-assigned topic. The contest  
 is designed to assist students in developing skills in  
 writing and public speaking. This year's topic is  
 "Why My Voice is Important." CCOC contest will be  
 held on Saturday, April 20, 2013. For more  
 information please contact Lonnie Harvey at 803-  
 366-9224.

## A Message from Secretary/Treasurer

Optimist 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter dues are now due; please bring them to our club meeting on  
 Saturday or mail to **Charlie M. Robinson (CCOC, Post Office Box 446, Rock Hill, South  
 Carolina 29731)**. Note: Paying yearly dues of \$150.00 now will save on postage by not  
 having to mail quarterly dues statements. If you have any questions regarding your dues please  
 call **Charlie M. Robinson at 327-4547** or e-mail: [charliem.robinson@yahoo.com](mailto:charliem.robinson@yahoo.com). Thank you  
 in advance for your support! See you on Saturday!!!

### Happy Birthday!

**Charles Mobley**  
 April 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Charles Z. Robinson**  
 April 21<sup>st</sup>  
**Joyce Argo**  
 April 23<sup>rd</sup>



### Happy Anniversary!

**John and Elaine  
 Coleman**  
 April 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Jerry and Valerie  
 Sims**  
 April 19<sup>th</sup>



**Adopt-A-Family**  
 President Hinton is  
 taking the children to  
**The Good News Club**  
 meeting every Tuesday  
 at the Emmett Scott  
 Center. Also, the  
 children were given  
 baskets last week for  
 Easter.



Thanks for all of the  
 visits, calls, and cards  
 during my illness. Your  
 expressions of  
 thoughtfulness are  
 greatly appreciated.  
 Charlie M. Robinson

# Optimists in Action for March 2013

## Personal Growth & Involvement Program (PGI)

The Personal Growth & Involvement Program [PGI] is an optimist's passport to personal development, increased member involvement and Club growth. Participation in PGI offers Members the opportunity to live their lives thru the Optimist Creed while working at their own pace. It will also provide fresh ideas for Club meetings. Optimists are encouraged to carry the passport on their journey to meetings, sponsored activities, and "Optimist in action" events.

### Benefits of the Personal Growth & Involvement

- Allows Club Members to be recognized and appreciated for personal and professional accomplishments.
- Gives Members an opportunity to participate in long-term Club involvement while learning more about Optimism.
- Gives each Member the personal responsibility for his/her involvement in the Club's activities.
- Offers personal growth opportunities to each Member.
- Provides Members with Club meeting, membership recruitment and retention ideas.

Every optimist club member has the opportunity to grow personally and learn about Optimism while **advancing through ten levels** of involvement, personal growth and achievement.

**We spotlight these CCO-PGI participants as we revitalize our PGI Program as of 3/31/13:**

<u>Member</u>	<u>MBR#</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sponsored</u>
Charles Z. Robinson	0036	10	10/31/12	15
<b>Susie Hinton</b>	3127	1 to 6	<b>03/31/13</b>	<b>12</b>
Roy Blake	0005	4	12/31/12	3
Larry Burnside	3048	5	10/9/08	6
Trina Ricks	3148	3	10/31/06	3
Charlie M. Robinson	0002	7	9/25/08	16
Edward Boulware	0001	2	11/16/12	1
Dawn Johnson	3177	2	10/31/12	1
Sharon Floyd	3186	2	03/04/10	1
Roy Collins	3187	2	10/31/10	1
<b>Kay Owens</b>	3135	2	<b>03/31/13</b>	<b>1</b>

### Charles Z. Robinson

Optimist Clubs all over the world have established a dynamic purpose: "Bringing out The Best in Kids." Now it is our goal to make sure club(s) are available to provide youth and community activities. This is where each club member becomes vital. We need you to become involved in PGI. Your individual PGI is what helps to develop sustainability.

# Mark Your Calendar

## 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.



## Club Meetings

April 06, 2013	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
May 04, 2013	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
June 01, 2013	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
July 06, 2013	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
August 03, 2013	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
September 07, 2013	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
October 5, 2013	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.

## Board of Directors Meetings

April 25, 2013	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall
May 23, 2013	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall
June 27, 2013	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall
July 25, 2013	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall
August 22, 2013	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall
September 26, 2013	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall

Information for the Central City Optimist Newsletter can be sent to Gloria Burnside at [ldburnside@comporium.net](mailto:ldburnside@comporium.net).

Also, please check out our club's website at [www.centralcityoptimist.org](http://www.centralcityoptimist.org). A special "thanks" to Lonnie Harvey for managing our website.

For more Optimist information visit: [www.Optimist.org](http://www.Optimist.org) or [www.OptimistSC.org](http://www.OptimistSC.org) websites.



**Club Meeting:** Saturday, April 6, 2013  
9:00 A.M.  
St. Martin Center @ St. Mary's Church.



**Rock Hill Come See Me Festival**  
**April 11-20**  
CSM Parade: April 11 @ 6:30  
Special Olympics: April 12



**Our Deepest Sympathy**  
Please continue to keep Trina (Ron) Ricks in your thoughts and prayers. Trina's mother (Barbara Lambert) passed away last week and the funeral was on Monday, April 1.