

# Central City Optimist Newsletter

December 2012

## *Mission*

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



## 2012-2013 Officers

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## President's Message

Greetings Optimist Family!

Now that the great WIN of the Presidential election is finally soaking into our spirit, we can move on with the business of the Optimist Club with an even greater sense of vigor and excitement.

If you haven't noticed, December has made its debut. The leaves are rapidly falling from the trees and the cooler morning air is giving way to some days of warmer afternoons. Thanksgiving has come and gone; I pray we all enjoyed family and friends around the banquet table of delicious food and laughter. Among the many gifts we can be thankful for the season, GIVING stands out! We as Optimists have the opportunity to do just that in the weeks and months ahead.

Detailed planning is underway for our Senior Citizen's Banquet which will be held Saturday, December 1, 2012. Larry and Gloria Burnside are doing an outstanding job in leading the rest of us in preparation for this occasion. When you see them, please remember to say thank you!

Also coming up this month is the chance to start giving to the family we will be adopting for the year. For more information, check with Lynette Bell, our Internal Vice President. Last month Lynette Bell and Karen Owens gave us a very informative workshop on all the projects and activities we hope to accomplish this year. If you miss it, don't fret! They are just a telephone call away.

At the November meeting Latoya Mayes McDonald was installed as a new Optimist member. Please reach out and show her some family love. Charles Z Robinson sponsored Latoya...Thanks Charles Z for helping us reach one our goals this year.

Oh, before I forget, we will be joining SANTA CLAUS at Flint Hill Adult Day Care and Calvary Baptist Church Adult Day Care to share some Christmas joy. The Clients are always grateful to see us coming.

May the spirit of peace, joy and love be among the gifts you give away this season.

Blessings in optimism,  
Susie

Activity	Date	Location	Sponsor	Chairperson
Youth Of The Month/Year	Monthly	Club Meeting	Youth Activities	Karen Owens
Educator Of The Quarter/Year	Quarterly	Club Meeting	Youth Activities	Marc Swygart
<b>Essay Contest</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Youth Activities</b>	<b>Linda Mobley</b>
Oratorical Contest	March	TBA	Youth Activities	Lonnie Harvey
Special Olympics	April	Cherry Park	Community Service	Michael Moore
<b>Sr. Citizens Banquet</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Emmett Scott</b>	<b>Community Service</b>	<b>Larry Burnside</b>
<b>Toys/Clothing/Mentoring For Christmas</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Community Service</b>	<b>Susie, Lynette and Karen</b>
Respect For Law	June	Club Meeting	Community Service	Robert Floyd
<b>Adult Day Care Program</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Flint Hill &amp; First Calvary</b>	<b>Community Service</b>	<b>Larry Burnside</b>
Relay For Life Cancer Walk	May	TBA	Community Service	Joseph Evans
Scholarship Program	April	Club Meeting	Scholarship Committee	Belinda Nix
Flower Fund Drawing	Monthly	Club Meeting	Club Project	Joyce Argo
New Optimist Club Building	Ongoing	TBA	New Club Building Comm.	Charles Z. Robinson
Membership/NOW Program	Quarterly	TBA	Membership & Fellowship	Lillian Gilmore
Awards Breakfast & Officers Installation	October 2013	St. Martin Center	Program & Fellowship	Belinda Nix
Charity Golf Tournament	September	Carolina Crossing	Golf Committee	Leonard Adams
Africa Connections	February	York County Museum	Community Service	Trina Ricks
Rolling In Rock Hill	September	TBA	Community Service	Lynn Watson

### A Message from Secretary/Treasurer

Optimist 1<sup>st</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!



**Robert Perry**  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Brother David Boone**  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Lois Parker**  
December 30<sup>th</sup>

### Happy Anniversaries!

**Ronald and Trina Ricks**  
December 6<sup>th</sup>  
**James and Stephanie White**  
December 9<sup>th</sup>  
**Clarence and Helena Anderson**  
December 27<sup>th</sup>



# Optimists In Action



## Optimist Breakfast Club Meeting

Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012 9:00 A.M.

St. Mary's/St. Martin Center

### Special Activity: Chinese Christmas Gift Exchange

Please plan to attend and join in the fun!!!

*“Remember that children, marriages, and flower gardens reflect the kind of care they get.”*

*-H. Jackson Brown, Jr.*



## Chinese Christmas Gift Exchange

We would like for each club member to participate again this year in the Chinese Christmas Gift Exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift (\$10.00 value). Each member will be given a number to determine the order in which they can select a gift from the display table. Watch carefully as gifts are opened, you might get lucky and be able to exchange your gift! More details will be given at the meeting. Remember, everyone leaves with a gift. For more info contact Trina Ricks at 803-980-1219.



## Senior Citizen Banquet

Saturday, December 1, 2012

Emmett Scott Center

2:00-4:00 P.M.

We need club members to help with the set-up at 12 noon.

Gift bags for our seniors will be assembled on Thursday, November 29, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at Flint Hill Baptist Church. For more information contact Larry Burnside at 803-327-0540.



## Adult Day Care Project

Flint Hill and First Calvary Adult Day Care visits will take place on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.

**10:00 A.M. Flint Hill Adult Day Care**

**10:35 A.M. First Calvary Adult Day Care**

Come out and spread holiday cheer to clients who attend two of our local day care centers.

For more information please contact Larry Burnside at 803-327-0540.

## Adopt-A-Family Christmas Project

Thank you for your willing spirits and generosity as we plan to spread Christmas joy to our adopted family of four children. Gift idea tags were available at the November meeting. If you were not present, there will also be an opportunity to choose a gift tag at the December meeting. Gifts will be delivered on **Monday, December 24, 2012 at 11:15 A.M. after we visit the adult day care centers.** I will provide more details at our club meeting on Saturday. Please bring your gift(s) to the December meeting or call Lynette Bell to coordinate pickup by December 20<sup>th</sup>. Also, if you would like to serve as an elf to assist with delivering gifts to the family, please contact Lynette Bell at (803) 684-5527, Susie Hinton (803) 372-7656 and/or Kay Owens (803) 980-5053.

**Thank you for your continued support.**



## Optimist Essay Contest

The essay contest requires students under the age of 19 that have not graduated from high school or the equivalent. Students are required to compose a 700-800 word essay around the following topic: **“How Can I Help My Friends Realize Their Value?”** The contest is designed to develop writing and critical thinking skills. One scholarship of \$2,500 per SC District is awarded by Optimist International each year. Deadline for submission is January 1, 2013. For more information please contact Linda Mobley at 803-329-5770.

# Mark Your Calendars

## 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

December 01, 2012	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
January 05, 2013	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
February 02, 2013	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
March 02, 2013	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
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

December 20, 2012	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall
January 24, 2013	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall
February 28, 2013	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall
March 28, 2013	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall
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, December 1, 2012  
Don't forget to bring your \$10.00 gift for our Chinese Christmas Gift Exchange activity.

**Let's welcome our new club members:**

Clarence Anderson, Jr.  
Atty. Willie Ellison  
Latoya Mayes McDonald  
Ann Morrison  
Donna Randall