

Central City Optimist Newsletter

February/March 2012

“Bringing Out The Best in Kids, 100% and Then Some...”



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President's Message

Dear Fellow Optimists:

I hope everyone had a joyous and rewarding Valentine's Day. Our Optimist year is moving along smoothly. I want to thank each of you for your continued participation and support of club activities. As our partnership with RRMS comes to a close, we will start working with the students from the Rebound Program to help them complete their community service hours. Remember we must continue to work on decreasing the current student drop-out rate. We as a community are better when we invest in schools rather than more prisons. I look forward to seeing you at our March 3rd meeting at the St. Martin's Center at 9:00 A.M.

Yours in optimism,
Roy

Great Job!!!

Charles Z. Robinson, SPHR, BESF was recognized as an "Outstanding & Distinguished Governor" of the S. C. District by Optimist International, at the district second quarter conference in Myrtle Beach. The status of Outstanding & Distinguished Governor is the highest honor awarded by Optimist International at the state level. Charles was presented a plaque, mounted eagle, and Distinguished Governor's ring. Under his leadership Clover, RH Central City, Rock Hill, and Ft. Mill were four of the York County Optimist Clubs that ranked in the top ten performers of the twenty eight clubs in the state. Charles is a charter member of CCOC and has served twice as governor, was a lieutenant governor, and Distinguished President in 1990 and SC District Achievement & Award Winner.

Lonnie Harvey, Jr., SPHR, immediate past president of the Central City Optimist Club, was awarded Outstanding & Distinguished Lieutenant Governor. Lonnie was presented a plaque and distinguished lieutenant governor's watch.

Upcoming Events for 2012



Guest Speaker: Dorene Boular
City of Rock Hill
Inside Rock Hill Civics Class
Saturday, March 3, 2012
St. Mary's/St. Martin Center
9:00 A.M.

Theme: "Getting to Know Your City-Embrace and Share the Opportunities"

Please come and learn about all the programs within the City of Rock Hill.



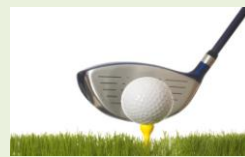
Optimist Oratorical Contest

The Optimist Oratorical Contest requires students under the age of 18 as of December 31 of the current school year, who have not yet graduated from high school or the equivalent, to prepare a 4-5 minute speech on a pre-assigned topic. The contest is designed assist youth in gaining public speaking experience and provide them with an opportunity to compete for a scholarship. This year's topic: **"How my Optimism Helps me Overcome Obstacles."** CCOC contest will be held on Saturday, March 10th. For more information please contact Lonnie Harvey at 803-325-2020.



CCOC Scholarship Info

Please contact Rachel Cuff (803-548-7174) Deadline is March 15.



CCOC Annual Golf

Tournament will be held on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012. Our 1st planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6 @ Bannon Hall at 6:00 p.m. Contact Leonard Adams(410-259-1365) for more info.

Special Olympics: Friday, April 13 @ 10:00 Cherry Park. Contact Mike Moore (329-9936) for more info.

A Message from Secretary/Treasurer

We will begin our 2nd Optimist quarter in January. Please submit your 1st and/or 2nd quarter dues to **Charlie M. Robinson (CCOC, Post Office Box 446, Rock Hill, South Carolina 29731)** or you can pay dues at monthly club meetings. If you have any questions about your dues please call **Charlie M. Robinson at 327-4547** or e-mail: charliem.robinson@yahoo.com. Thank you in advance for your support!

Happy Birthday!

Osbey Roddey Feb. 7th
 Edward Green Feb. 11th
 Rachel Cuff Feb. 20th
 Sharon Floyd Feb. 22nd
 John Ramseur Feb. 22nd
 Ernest Watson Feb. 22nd
 Marc Swygert Mar. 7th



Happy Anniversary!

Robert & Margaret Perry
 Feb. 8th
 Robert & Lois Parker
 Feb. 18th
 John & Edna Ramseur
 Mar. 9th



Arthur Green

Congratulations on your new job!

Arthur is currently working with TD Bank (America's Most Convenient Bank). Now is a great time to buy or refinance. Contact Arthur if you have any questions.

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Optimist In Action



Charles Z. Robinson, SC Governor (2nd Time) receives prestigious jacket and award.



Student-of-The-Month: Natalie Crain



Educator-of-The-Quarter: Marek Marshall



Guest Speakers: Latoya Mayes (Emmett Scott)



David Vebaun (City Manager)

Thanks to club photographers: Bob Parker and Lonnie Harvey.

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

March 3, 2012	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
April 07, 2012	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
May 05, 2012	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
June 02, 2012	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
July 07, 2012	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
August 04, 2012	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
September 1, 2012	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
October 5, 2012	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.

Board of Directors Meetings

March 22, 2012	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall
April 26, 2012	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall
May 24, 2012	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall
June 28, 2012	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall
July 26, 2012	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall
August 23, 2012	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall
September 27, 2012	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall

Information for the Central City Optimist Newsletter can be sent Gloria Burnside at ldburnside@comporium.net. Also, please check out our club's website at www.centralcityoptimist.org. A special "thanks" to Lonnie Harvey for managing our website. For more Optimist information visit: www.Optimist.org or www.OptimistSC.org websites.

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