

# Central City Optimist



## Newsletter



January 2012

*"Bringing Out The Best in Kids, 100% and Then Some..."*



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### President's Message

#### Happy New Year Fellow Optimists!

I am very excited to see another wonderful year. Many outstanding opportunities await us, and I hope you have a strong desire to become actively involved with our youth and the community. Theodore Roosevelt once said, "**This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in.**" With that thought in mind, let us work toward making our community an ideal place for living, growth and development.

I look forward to seeing you at our January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting at the St. Martin's Center at 9:00 A.M.

Yours in optimism,  
Roy

### Rock Hill Herald Newspaper Article

#### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE: Dec. 22, 2011

"Thanks to Optimist Club for senior banquet!"

The annual Central City Optimist Club's Senior Citizen Banquet, held this year on Dec. 3, was one of the most joyful and inspirational events of the year.

The members welcomed the guests with a cheerful greeting that continued throughout the two hours of the program. The music and scripture readings added to the enjoyment of those present. This was truly a glimpse of what heaven will be like.

Many thanks to the club members for their dedication to those of us in our senior years. Tom Shealy (RH)

**Note:** Mr. Shealy donated \$100.00 to club in honor of Brother David Boone.

# Upcoming Events for 2012



**Guest Speaker: Latoya Mayes**  
**Director: The Emmett Scott Center**  
 Saturday, January 7, 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."**  
 Deadline for submission: TBA. For more information please contact Lonnie Harvey at 803-366-9224.



## CCOC Scholarship Info

Please contact Rachel Cuff (803-548-7174) for more details.



**Africa Alive volunteers are needed.** Contact Trina Ricks 803-980-1219.

## A Message from Secretary/Treasurer

We will begin our 2<sup>nd</sup> Optimist quarter in January. Please submit your 1<sup>st</sup> and/or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Also, if you still owe for Gold Tournament Ad, please submit payment. If you have any questions about 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!

## Happy Birthday!

Roy Collins Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Thomas Colter Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Lillian Gilmore Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Arthur Green Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>  
 William Roddey Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>  
 James White Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>



## Happy Anniversary!

Eddie & Marie Boulware  
 Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>



## Thank You!

We would like to thank all of the club members for their participation in our Christmas Activities:  
**Senior Citizen Banquet**  
**Adopt-A-Family**  
**Adult Day Care Project.**  
 Thanks for making the holiday a special time for so many people.  
 Larry and Lynette



## Optimist In Action



Flint Hill Adult Day Care Christmas Visit w/ Santa



Annual Senior Citizen Banquet



Dec. Club Meeting Chinese Gift Exchange

First Calvary Christmas Program

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

January 7, 2012	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
February 4, 2012	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
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

January 26, 2012	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall
February 3, 2012	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall
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](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.

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