

Central City Optimist Newsletter

Happy New Year!

January 2013

Mission

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



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President's Message

Greetings Optimist Family!

Last month was a very busy and fruitful time for our club. **“THANK YOU”** so much to everyone who played a part in the visitation to the Adult Day Care Centers on Christmas Eve. And, of course Santa Claus' visit to the Boyd family was the highlight of the morning. To witness the joy and excitement in the eyes of that mother and her 4 children made Christmas come alive in the hearts of the club members who were there. Our club will be serving this family all year. For more details, check with Lynette Bell.

Entering into the **NEW YEAR (2013)** and the **WINTER SEASON**, it is very noticeable the Optimist members who have stepped up to the challenge of increase participation in the club events and activities. If you are not one of these members, let your new year's resolution reflect the change you want to make. Jim Collins explored in his book entitled **GOOD TO GREAT** the question why some companies make the leap... and others don't. We're not a company, but we are an organization of individual striving to move from a **GOOD Performance** to a **GREAT Performance** in our Central City Optimist Club. Therefore, I encourage you to examine how you might change your performance from **GOOD TO GREAT!** This month I have asked Charles Z. Robinson to review with us at club meetings the **PERSONAL GROWTH AND INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM**. We will be given the **PASSPORT** booklet which accompanies the **PGI** program and it shows how we individually can advance in levels in the club. Coming soon is the Essay Contest; please contact Linda Mobley or Karen Owens for more information. In closing, please talk with Lillian Gilmore, if you have someone who would be interested in becoming a member of Rock Hill Central City Optimist Club.

**Blessings in optimism,
Susie B.**



Optimist Breakfast Club Meeting

Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013 9:00 A.M.
St. Mary's/St. Martin Center

Guest Speaker: Ivan Lowe
Business Admin. Department Chair
York Tech College

Topic: African American Male
Mentoring Initiative

“It is essential that we enable young people to see themselves as participants in one of the most exciting eras in history, and to have a sense of purpose in relation to it.” ~ Nelson Rockefeller



Africa Connections

Volunteers are needed for February 2013 at York County Museum, date and time TBA. Contact Trina Ricks 803-980-1219.



Mark Your Calendar

Queen's Feast: Charlotte Restaurant Week
Jan. 18-27, 2013

<http://www.charlotterestaurantweek.com/restaurants.php>

Dine like royalty at more than 100 of the finest restaurants for one delicious price.

SC Optimist District Conference: Rock Hill, SC
2nd Quarter Conference at Ramada Inn
Feb. 1-3, 2013 (Make plans to attend!!!)



Sandy Hook Elementary School

Newtown, Connecticut

Let us not forget the families who lost love ones, the students, and the staff of Sandy Hook Elem.

Please continue to keep Sandy Hook Elem. School and families as well as our local schools in your thoughts and prayers. Also, Optimist let us work even harder **2013** to keep our **Mission:** “By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids.”

A Message from Secretary/Treasurer

Optimist 1st and 2nd 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. Thank you in advance for your support! See you on Saturday!!!

Happy Birthday!



Clarence Anderson Jan. 20th
Roy Collins Jan. 9th
Thomas Colter Jan. 4th
Lillian Gilmore Jan. 15th
Arthur Green Jan. 6th
William Roddey Jan. 25th
James White Jan. 12th

Happy Anniversaries!



Eddie and Marie Boulware
January 19th

Thank You!

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

Optimists In Action for December 2012



Student of The Month



Induction of New Members



Chinese Christmas Gift Exchange



Senior Citizen Christmas Banquet



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Optimists In Action for December 2012



Adult Day Care Center Visits



Adopted A Family Project



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 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

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.

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.



Club Meeting: Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013

Let's welcome our new club members: Tiffany Adams and Patricia Jablonski.

