

# Central City Optimist Newsletter

March 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!

Can you believe it's March and several days ago we had 2/4 inches of SNOW? For me, March is the month that announces that SPRING is on its way. Already, I see robins dancing across my lawn and daffodils popping out in clustered areas around the City. This is also the Lenten Season for many: a time for prayer, almsgiving and fasting. In the spirit of Lent, I challenge you to raise the bar of your involvement.

As we await the coming of EASTER, be still for moment to ponder these questions: 1. What have I done "differently" this year for YOUTH? 2. What extra activity do I want to commit to before the year is ended? 3. Have I approached someone to join the Optimist Club this year?

**WE ARE OPTIMISTS, SHARE YOUR STORY!**

At the "District meeting" last month, the State Governor and others stressed the need to grow membership and to evaluate how we are personally growing in the organization. Much attention was given to what each Club was doing differently this year. The Rock Hill Central City Club is known for being out front in our service to the community. Let's show ourselves that we can surpass past efforts.

Again, be reminded to bring your **PASSPORT BOOKLET** to the March meeting.

**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to everyone for the success of February's meeting!

Easter Gratitude,  
Susie Belle



**Optimist Breakfast Club Meeting**  
 Saturday, March 2, 2013 9:00 A.M.  
 St. Mary's/St. Martin Center

**Guest Speaker: TBA**

**"An optimist is the human personification of spring."** Susan J. Bissonette



**Mark Your Calendar**

**Daylight Saving Time:** March 10  
**CCOC Scholarship Deadline:** March 15  
**St. Patrick's Day:** March 17  
**Good Friday:** March 29  
**Easter:** March 31

**Optimist Oratorical Contest**



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 13, 2013. For more information please contact Lonnie Harvey at 803-366-9224.



**Optimist Scholarship**

Let's encourage area high school seniors at NHS, SPHS and RHHS to apply for the Optimist scholarship. We will award two \$1,000, two \$500 and two \$250 scholarships. The application is attached to the newsletter, so let's give it to all the seniors we know. If you have any questions, please contact me at 803-325-2238 or [bnix86@yahoo.com](mailto:bnix86@yahoo.com). Thanks for your support of this program. Belinda Nix, Scholarship Chair.

**A Message from Secretary/Treasurer**

Optimist 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</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!!!

**Congratulations and Best Wishes on your new job and engagement! We will truly miss you.**



**Happy Birthday!**



Marc Swygert Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>

**Happy Anniversary!**



John & Edna Ramseur  
 Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>



**Charlie**

**Hope you are feeling better. Get Well Soon!**

# Optimists In Action for January 2013



Optimist Essay Winner

Jordan Hemphill (NHS senior) was the winner of our Central City essay contest. Jordan's winning essay: *"How Can I help My Friends Realize Their Value."* The essay had to be between 700 and 800 words. Jordan's essay has been submitted to the SC Optimist District Essay Competition. District winners are awarded plaques and scholarships.



Educator of the Quarter



New Member Induction



Guest Speaker



# 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

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

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, March 2, 2013**  
9:00 A.M. St. Martin Center @ St. Mary's

**Celebrate Easter: Sunday, March 31, 2013**

