

Central City Optimist Newsletter

May 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!

With the rebirth of the Spring Season surrounding us at every corner, let's lift our voices in joyful praise of Thanksgiving! This is one of my favorite times of the year. Walking the parks (Glencarin Garden, Cherry, and Manchester Meadows) provide a very special experience of peace and relaxation. If you haven't tried it, I recommend it to you. Another opportunity to bring in this season was the COME –SEE-ME activities. There was family fun for everyone.

Unfortunately, we missed the chance to participate in the Special Olympics this year. This activity was cancelled due to expected bad weather. However, our Oratorical Contests and Relay for Life Cancer Walk went off as scheduled. Both Lonnie Harvey and Bennie Evans provided great leadership for these club activities. Also, I want to thank the other members who gave of their time to be participatory in these events. OPTIMISTS, you are not only talking the talk, but you are walking the walk. THANKS!

I am told that if we can get 7/8 more members to join our Club in the next few months we will be designated as a DISTINGUISH CLUB. So far, we have made disbelievers, believe that it's possible. The RACE is close to the finish line. Have you talked YET, to that person you want to join our OPTIMIST RACE? We only have a few more months. Once again the SC Optimist District meeting is falling on the same date as our Club meeting; therefore, I will be at this meeting in Columbia, SC. Lynette Bell, Internal Services Vice President will cover in my place.

**May Blessings,
Susie Belle**



Optimist Breakfast Club Meeting
 Saturday, May 4, 2013 9:00 A.M.
 St. Mary's/St. Martin Center

Guest Speakers

Optimist Club Chairpersons

Come out and learn about the club activities and how you can become involved.



Mark Your Calendar

Teacher Appreciation

May 7- 10

S. C. PASS Testing

May 7-10

Memorial Day

Monday, May 27, 2013

Last Day of School

June 6

R. H. School District Graduation Day

Saturday, June 8 at

Winthrop Coliseum

Youth Source is losing the Winthrop students after April 22. WU students will be preparing for exams and summer break. Rock Hill School's summer break doesn't start until June 6. I will need volunteers each Monday until then. The after school program is every **Monday from 4-6pm**.

We help with homework, go over it twice to make sure it's right and then we have a snack. Afterwards we play board games.

Please send me an e-mail if you are available to help. Thank you.

Trina



The 2013 scholarships were awarded to the following students. Thanks to the members that have already donated or pledged to the scholarship fund. If you have not pledged, please call Belinda Nix at 325-2238 to do so. You will be invoiced for your pledge in July.

| STUDENT | HIGH SCHOOL | AMOUNT |
|--------------------|--------------|-----------|
| 1. Olivia Smith | South Pointe | \$1000.00 |
| 2. Alexis Watson | South Pointe | \$1000.00 |
| 3. Armon Lindsay | South Pointe | \$500.00 |
| 4. Hannah C. Hart | South Pointe | \$500.00 |
| 5. Richard Norwood | Northwestern | \$250.00 |
| 6. Jordan Hemphill | Northwestern | \$250.00 |

A Message from Secretary/Treasurer

Optimist 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 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!

- Lonnie Harvey May 5th
- V. Keith Wilkes May 13th
- Leonard Bodrick
May 17th
- Jerry Sims May 18th
- Tracy McCullough
May 31st



Happy Anniversary!

- Lonnie & Michelle Harvey
May 9th
- Leonard & Sharon Bodrick
May 24th
- Lyman and Dawn Johnson
May 27th



I would like to **"thank"** everyone for your participation in our Relay for Life Walk. **"Together we can make a difference."**
 Joseph Evans

Optimists in Action for 2013

Committee

- Youth of the Month/Year.....
- Educator Of The Quarter/Year.....
- Essay Contest.....
- Oratorical Contest.....
- Sr. Citizens Banquet.....
- Adult Daycare Projects.....
- Toys/Clothes For Christmas.....
- Relay For Life Cancer Walk.....
- New Optimist Club Building.....
- Special Olympics.....
- Respect For Law.....
- Rolling In Rock Hill.....
- HIV/AIDS Project.....
- Flower Fund Raffle.....
- Scholarship Program.....
- Newsletter.....
- Membership/Now Program.....
- Awards Luncheon/Annual Meeting.....
- Golf Tournament.....

Presenter

Karen Owens
Karen Owens
Linda Mobley
Lonnie Harvey
Larry Burnside
Larry Burnside
Lynette Bell & Karen Owens
Joseph "Bennie" Evans
Charles Z. Robinson
Michael Moore
Robert Floyd
Ernest "Lynn" Watson
Joyce Argo
Joyce Argo
Belinda Nix
Gloria Burnside
Lillian Gilmore
Belinda Nix
Lonnie Harvey

Congratulations to Raven Mobley!!!



*Claffin University
Commencement Convocation
Saturday, May 11, 2013
@ 11:00 a.m.
Seventh Day Adventist
Worship & Convention Center
513 Neeses Highway
Orangeburg, S.C.*

*Please join us as we "celebrate" this momentous occasion on
Saturday, May 11, 2013
6:00-8:00 p.m.
739 Goudlock Rd.
Charles and Linda Mobley*

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

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|--------------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 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

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|--------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 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, May 4, 2013
9:00 A.M.
St. Martin Center @ St. Mary's Church.

Please make contact w/Lynette!!!

Dear Optimist,

This message is to extend an opportunity for your support of our adopted family. Three of the four children of the family attend Ebenezer Avenue Elementary School where Field Day has been planned for **May 31, 2013**. Field Day begins at 7:45 a.m. If you would like to volunteer to work at an activity station (snack, water fun, obstacle, limbo, etc.) or walk with the class of one of the children, please contact Lynette Bell by **Friday, April 26, 2013**. This is a great opportunity to be able to spend time with our adopted family and to spread Optimist cheer.

Thanks,
Lynette