

Optimist Mission/Vision – By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids.



Roy Collins
CCOC President

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings Fellow Optimist:

On March 10 we launched the YES (Youth Empowerment Service) program to help changed the current increase in the dropout rate and graduation rate that is having a negative impact upon our children. We still are in need of volunteers to be facilitators. We meet with the students on Mondays from 8:30am-9:20am for eight weeks. You might ask the question, why is this important?

I would like to share the information that was presented at the meeting held on March 1, 2011 at the District office concerning the dropout and graduation rate for Rock Hill School District Three. The dropout percentage more than double from 2.14% to 5%, the graduation rate fell to 70.7%, the state rate is 72.6%. Everyone knows that if this trend continues, the future for these kids is bleak! I'm not saying we can save all of them but if we help just one than we can count it a success!

Remember the African proverb "it takes a village to raise a child" let us become that village.

Yours in optimism,
Roy



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PHOTOS FROM FEBRUARY/MARCH CLUB MEETING

PLEASE MAKE THE TIME TO ATTEND THE CCOC MONTHLY MEETINGS.

THESE MEETINGS INCLUDE INFORMATIVE PRESENTATIONS FROM GUEST SPEAKERS, RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING STUDENTS/EDUCATORS, A GREAT BREAKFAST AND SOCIALIZING WITH FELLOW OPTIMISTS... SO, MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE UPCOMING MEETING.

"YOU WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."

Here are a few snap shots from previous monthly meetings.

Enjoy!



Photos are courtesy of Bob Parker



GUEST SPEAKER - APRIL

Mr. Andri Massey, Owner of E Z day-ta Recovery, will be the speaker for the April CCOC Meeting. Please take time to visit his website, <http://www.ezdaytarecovery.com/index.html>, prior to the meeting.

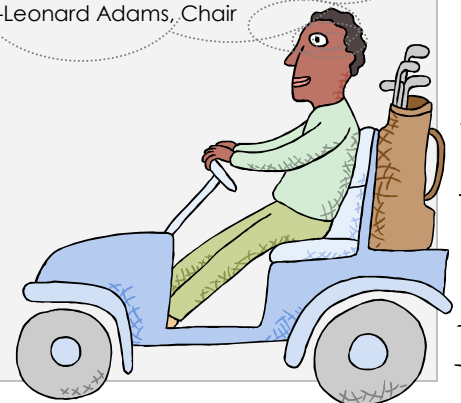


- IF YOU ARE HAVING COMPUTER ISSUES, THIS WOULD BE THE PERFECT MEETING TO ATTEND!

"Team Leaders", thanks for committing your time and support in the efforts to make the upcoming Golf Tournament a success. **YOU ARE TRULY APPRECIATED!**

Golf Meeting Dates:
 May 25, Jun 22, Jul 20, Aug 3, Aug 17,
 Aug 24, Aug 31 and Sep 7; 6pm in the
 Dalton Room, Chamber Office

-Leonard Adams, Chair



Upcoming Projects/Events



Special Olympics is April 8, Cherry Park
Chair: Thomas Barr



Zone Oratorical Contest is April 16, Clover, SC



Relay for Life is scheduled for June
Chair: Joseph Evans



Membership recruitment and retention. All members are encouraged to share our mission with others, in hopes that we will continue to build a strong organization for the youth in our community. (please see Charles Z. Robinson for more details)



New Optimist Member

Jason Freeman is our newest member. He is a Financial Advisor at Edward Jones Investment, located in Rock Hill.

We extend a warm Optimist welcome to you and look forward to your involvement with our mission of "bringing out the best in kids".

Friend of Optimists

Billy Hammett of Rock Hill, SC is our newest Friend of Optimists.
Sponsor: Roy Collins

Happy Birthday!

April 5th
Charles Mobley

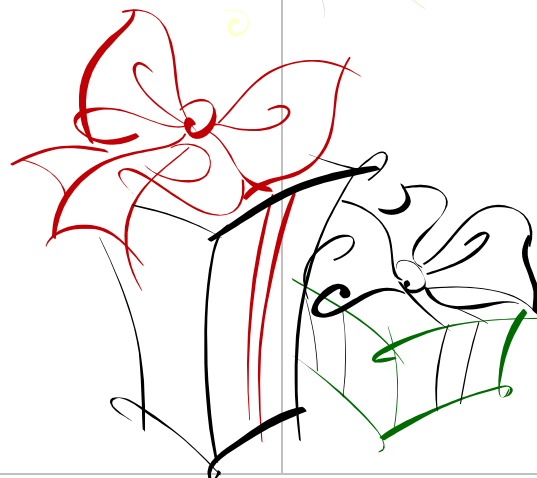
April 21st
Charles Z. Robinson

April 23rd
Joyce Argo

Happy Anniversary!

April 1st
John & Elaine Coleman

April 19th
Jerry & Valerie Sims



Charlie Robinson's Information Corner

Please bring to the monthly club meeting or mail your current/outstanding club dues along with any golf ads money from last Optimist year to:

CCOC
P.O. Box 446
Rock Hill, SC 29731

Thank you in advance for your support.

MEETING DATES

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.*



MONTHLY MEETINGS

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
4-2-11	9:00am	St Mary's
5-7-11	9:00am	St Mary's
6-4-11	9:00am	St Mary's
7-2-11	9:00am	St Mary's
8-6-11	9:00am	St Mary's
9-3-11	9:00am	St Mary's
10-1-11	12:00pm (noon)	Club Luncheon (St Mary's)



BOARD MEETINGS

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
4-28-11	7:00pm	Bannon Hall
5-26-11	7:00pm	Bannon Hall
6-23-11	7:00pm	Bannon Hall
7-8-11	7:00pm	Bannon Hall
8-25-11	7:00pm	Bannon Hall
9-22-11	7:00pm	Bannon Hall

St. Mary Catholic Church: 911 Crawford Road, Rock Hill, SC

Bannon Hall: 902 Crawford Road, Rock Hill, SC

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