



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



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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings Fellow Optimist:

2011 is starting out on a very positive note for us. We are launching a new adventure the YES (Youth Empowerment Service) Program to help changed the current trend (dropout rate) that is having a negative impact upon our children. For now, our target groups are the students in middle schools with plans to expand into the junior and high schools. I encourage each of you to read the book we are using “The SUCCESS for Teens.” John Laurents who was a guest speaker at our monthly meeting last year shared the vision of this project. John expressed how it would take each of us along with the parents and teachers to improve the dropout rate in South Carolina. If we truly believe the youth is our future, then we as Optimists should be leading the way to ensure their success. I’m not saying we can save all of them but if we help just one, then I count it a success!

I encourage each of you to keep up with the propose changes that our local, state and federal politicians are trying to push forward. Become involved by attending the open sessions where you can ask questions. Attend the general session /planning meetings where you can hear the proposals that are being considered.

Leonard Adams the chairperson of our 2011 golf committee will be reaching out for our support to ensure this year’s golf tournament is just as successful as the 2010 campaign. February is Black History month and I want to share some information on an even that will be taking place during this celebration:

Jail No Bail SCETV Documentary on the FRIENDSHIP NINE, Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 8:00pm on SCETV Network

Yours in optimism,
Roy

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST MONTH'S CLUB MEETING



Educator of the Quarter
Joyce Cooper from Rawlinson
Road Middle School



Guest Speakers

Norris Williams, Principal, Dutchman Creek
Middle School (*center*)
Latoya Mayes, Director, Emmett Scott Center
and CRAVE, Inc. (*right*)
Dawn Johnson (*introduction of speakers, left*)



Community News.....

LaDonna Smith is co-hosting a Valentine's Day Ball, **Date with a Princess** on Friday, February 11, 2011. This event will allow our "girls" ages 1-18 to spend an evening with their father, step-dad, brother, grandfather or special male mentor. This event will be fit for a princess.

Ticket Prices are \$35.00 for Adult Male and 1 Princess, \$45.00 for Adult Male and 2 Princesses, and \$50.00 for an Adult Male and 3 Princesses

*The Magnolia Room @ Laurel Creek
4017 Laurel Creek Drive
Rock Hill, S.C. 29732
7 p.m.-10 p.m.*

Admission price includes a night of dancing, delicious dinner, fabulous door prizes, & a Princess Grab Bag for each princess. Please feel free to contact LaDonna at 803.448.5317 / 704.301.0625 or email: ladonnsmith@yahoo.com

100% of all proceeds will go towards a local scholarship fund for high school seniors



WELCOME!

Please join CCOC in welcoming our newest member, **Mr. Franklin Mingo (sponsor: Charles Z. Robinson)**. Mr. Mingo is a financial advisor for HF Financial, located in Charlotte, NC.

Wife: Marissa and two children: Alissa and Miles.

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

Upcoming Projects/Events



South Carolina Optimist District Second Quarter Conference will be held February 25-27, 2011. Location: Bay Watch Resort, North Myrtle Beach, SC (please see Charlie Robinson for more information).



Africa Alive will be held at the Museum of York County, 4621 Mt. Gallant Road, Rock Hill, SC on February 26, 2011 (more details to follow)



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)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ACTIVITY	DATE	LOCATION
Oratorical Contest	Mar	TBA
Special Olympics	Apr	Cherry Park
Scholarship Program	Apr	Club Meeting
Relay for Life	Jun	TBA
Respect for Law	Jun	Club Meeting
Rolling in Rock Hill	Sept	TBA
Golf Tournament	Sept	Carolina Crossing
Awards Luncheon	Oct	TBA
Youth of the Month/Year	Monthly	Club Meeting
Mentoring Program	Monthly	Sunset Park
Flower Fund Raffle	Monthly	Club Meeting
Educator of the Quarter/Year	Quarterly	Club Meeting
Membership/Now Program	Quarterly	TBA
HIV/AIDS Project	Yearly	TBA
Adult Daycare Projects	Ongoing	Flint Hill/First Calvary
Childhood Cancer	Ongoing	TBA

Happy Birthday!

February 7th
Osbey Roddey

February 11th
Edward Green

February 20th
Rachel Cuff

February 22nd
Sharon Floyd
John Ramseur
Ernest Watson



Happy Anniversary!

February 8th
Robert & Margaret Perry

February 18th
Robert & Lois Parker

February 24th
Donald & Shekisha Lea



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
2-5-11	9:00am	St Mary's
3-5-11	9:00am	St Mary's
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
2-24-11	7:00pm	Bannon Hall
3-24-11	7:00pm	Bannon Hall
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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