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Upcoming Events

- Jan 5 - Program Meeting at Stoneybrook Church 6 PM - Speaker Mr. Ryan Simmons - Wilson Chamber of Commerce
- January 6 - Birthday Cupcakes DOI
- January 19 - Business and Fellowship Meeting at Stoneybrook Church - 6 PM
- February 3 - Program Meeting at Stoneybrook Church - 6 PM - Speaker from Wilson Parks & Recreation Dept.
- February 11 - Valentine's Day Party at Middlesex Children's Home
- February 17 - Business & Fellowship Meeting - Stoneybrook Church 6 PM

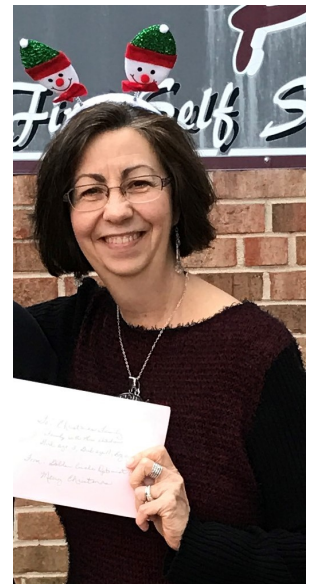
GOLDEN CIRCLE CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS



The Golden Circle held its annual Christmas Party on December 15th in the home of club member, Janice Lamm. Twenty-six members enjoyed a wonderful meal (prepared by Janice) and the exchange of "Christmas Socks".

Our club donated \$300 to help a needy family at Christmas. The family we helped has 3 children and one of these children has cancer. We also plan to donate a gas card to help this family with the expenses for the child's cancer treatment.

The Golden Circle also hosted a Christmas party for the residents of Longleaf Neuro-Medical Center on December 21st. Approximately 45 residents enjoyed the party along with several staff members and 5 of our club members. Our club provided refreshments and a goody bag for each resident. (More pictures on page 3)



Becky Stottlemyre, of Wilson County Social Services accepting \$300 donation.

Golden Circle Busy With Fundraisers



Barbara Hester & Diane Johnson at Food Lion



Kathy Sandifer & Jean Ann Gilfus at Belks



Linda Shepherd & Diane Johnson at Food Lion



Celia Wise, Norma Duell & Joy Belle Finch at Food Lion

"Helping raise money for kids - there's nothing better than that."

Tim Tebow

1st Quarter Fundraising:

- \$1,117.25 - Yard Sale Profits
- \$1,008.27 - Childhood Cancer (Kisses)
- \$ 489.00 - Belk Charity Coupons
- \$1,061.00 - Auto Bell Fundraiser (Ongoing)
- \$ 155.50 - Rada Cutlery Sales
- \$ 184.40 - Proceeds from 50/50 Sales
- \$4,015.42 - Total Funds Raised 1st Qtr**

Fun Pictures from Christmas Activities



Linda Shepherd, Diane Johnson, Kathy Sandifer, Angela Iwaniuk and Carol Collier at Longleaf.



Cute Vests ladies! You look like Sisters! Jeanette Ferrell, Brenda Carter, Diane Johnson, and Linda Mizelle.

“People rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing.”
Dale Carnegie

To celebrate Christmas our members attended an awesome Christmas party at the home of Janice Lamm. We thank Janice so much for her continued hospitality and good cooking. Our members had fun playing Family Feud (thanks to Norma Duell) and we loved our Christmas Sock gift exchange.



Brenda Carter and Janice Lamm - Party Hosts



Christmas Cards sent to our club by clients of Diversified Opportunities - they appreciate our cupcakes!



Goody Bags for Longleaf which were decorated by students at Wilson Preparatory Academy.

GOLDEN CIRCLE WORKING TO BUILD A JUNIOR OPTIMIST CLUB

Our club will build a new JOI club at Fike High School within the second quarter. Many thanks to Sara Robbins and Linda Shepherd for the work they did last year to try to get it started. Unfortunately, we were not able to make it happen last year.

Sara Robbins has continued to work with the school this year and has successfully held the informational meeting and has received enough applications from students to charter the new club.

We are looking forward to working with these Junior Optimist members in the coming year. Thank you, Sara for not giving up on the club and for taking on the Advisor role for the club.



*"I opened two gifts
this morning.
They were my eyes."
Unknown*

CAN YOU SPARE A DIME? DIME-A-DAY CAMPAIGN

Please consider becoming a Dime-A-Day contributor to the Optimist International Foundation. The following members have already joined the DAD club.

Brenda Carter, Norma Duell, Brenda Farmer, Joy Belle Finch, Angela Iwaniuk, Linda Hawley Isbell, Kathy Sandifer, Linda Shepherd, Linda Watson, Betsy Winborne, and Celia Wise.



Dime-A-Day

Eleven of our members have already taken the challenge - Will you join us to help Optimist International continue to fund cancer research, junior golf, and scholarships for our Oratorical and Essay Contests?

AUTOBELL FUNDRAISER IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Don't forget to purchase your full-service Autobell coupons and ask your friends and family also. This is the fifth year we have had the Autobell fundraiser, and our club does very well in raising money to fund our service projects during the year. We

currently have about 25 coupons left to sell out of the 200 coupons we purchased. The coupons are \$16.99 each for a Full-Service car wash. This is the same price that would be paid at the dealer. Please see Celia Wise for more information.

WILSON COUNTY HEALTH FAIR 2016



Club Members volunteered to work at the Health Fair. Pictured are Jean McLamb, Barbara Hester and Celia Wise.



This is one of several buses that were set up to do many types of health screenings. These screenings are very important for those who cannot afford health care.



Volunteers Barbara Hester and Frances Buck working at the Health Fair



The Dental Van stays busy with screenings, and local dentists are on hand to man the van.



This is the sign that was used for the Lions Vision Van. They also give hearing tests as well as vision.



This year's Health Fair was held at The Spot in Wilson, NC.

GOLDEN CIRCLE QUARTERLY MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Patsy Nobles

Patsy Leonard was born in Franklin County where she grew up and attended school at Edward Best High School. She lived only about 8 miles outside of Louisburg. Upon graduating, Patsy headed to East Carolina University where she graduated with a degree in Primary Education.



It was at East Carolina that Patsy met a handsome young man named Tom Nobles. Tom was attending college at East Carolina where he was pursuing a Business degree. They both graduated in 1958. In June of 1959, the teacher and the business man were married and they initially lived in Raleigh and later moved to Wilson.

Patsy had a very long and productive career as a teacher. She taught for 12 years in Wake County and another 22 years in Wayne County. Tom was an appliance salesman for the first part of his career, and later went to work with the NC State Highway Commission. They were blessed with 2 daughters, Sheree (Pierce) who now lives in Greenville and Charlene (Melton) who now lives in Rocky Mount. They were also blessed with 4 grandchildren.

Patsy was invited to help form the Golden Circle Optimist Club in 1987, and she is one of our charter members. Tom also joined the men's Optimist club and was very active in his club. Together, they enjoyed attending the Optimist International Conventions. They were able to attend four conventions. The first one they attended was in 1990, held in Seattle, Washington. Next it was California (where they experienced an earthquake), and then it was on to Louisville, Kentucky. The last one they attended in 1994 was in Montreal, Canada.

As most of us know, Patsy lost her husband Tom in 2014, and for the past year, she has been battling cancer. Thankfully, her melanoma has been responding to treatment, but some of the drugs used in the treatment have caused Patsy some health issues. Through it all, she still has a smile on her face and a kind word for all who drop by to see her.

When asked, "what is the best thing about being a member of the Golden Circle?" Patsy responded, "I enjoyed attending the conventions, I enjoyed attending functions at the men's club with Tom, but most important I enjoyed making new friends." Patsy says that after she retired, she appreciated even more the friendships she made within the Golden Circle.

Patsy is one of the nicest people you could ever hope to know. She is such a good sport! Patsy has helped with many of our club's projects. She was in charge of our outreach to Longleaf Neuro-Medical Center (formerly NC Special Care) for many years. We are looking forward to the day when she will be able to come back to our meetings more regularly. We miss her!

OPINION POLL - WHAT IS YOUR RESOLUTION OR WISH FOR OUR CLUB IN THE NEW YEAR?

Linda Shepherd - Bring out the best in many more children in 2017!

Barbara Hester - Growth of new members so our club can serve many more agencies and youth in our community. Share our Optimism!

Betsy Winborne - less member/ committee activities and more invited guests or programs from members. If we are going to have so many money making projects, we need to be doing projects to be giving back to the community that people can see. People don't mind donating when they know and can see where the money they give is going. Like the ball team, Oratorical Contest, and scholarships. We need to get our name out there.

Angela Iwaniuk - To continue to thrive in the New Year by bringing in new members and retaining our existing members by creating an environment of teamwork, fairness, and fun! Perhaps to find a special community project that we have never done before.



ACROSS

1. She tends her sheep
6. Her name means knowledgeable "sage"
8. She is an artist
10. A pot cover
11. Combines into a single entity
12. Her name means great happiness
13. Entire
14. A long narrow mark or band
15. To shear in order to neat
16. Her name is also the name of a cooking spray
18. Her name sounds kind of "sandy"
22. Her name could be Levi's or denim pants
23. A creative activity such as painting
24. Her name means a Christmas song
28. Meat from a cow
31. Belch
32. A feline
33. Her name means challenging someone to fight for honor
34. A printing measure
35. The person who will receive property when another one dies
40. Her name sounds like a baby sheep
41. When things go wrong –you may say they have run

44. We have 4 beautiful ladies in our club with this same name
47. One of our fundraisers
48. Her name means a fragrant herb (roots are used for cooking)
51. The opposite of "out"
52. Abbreviation for Running Back
54. This member's name is Carter
56. Abbreviation for Alcoholics Anonymous
57. Abbreviation for Environmental Protection Agency
59. A preposition
- 60.. A price label or sticker
61. A container for storage
63. A preposition
64. A wager
66. Her name means a distinguished and high-ranking person.
68. Fresh ___ a daisy
69. Her name means a "defender of the people"
70. A honey making insect
71. Equipped with oars

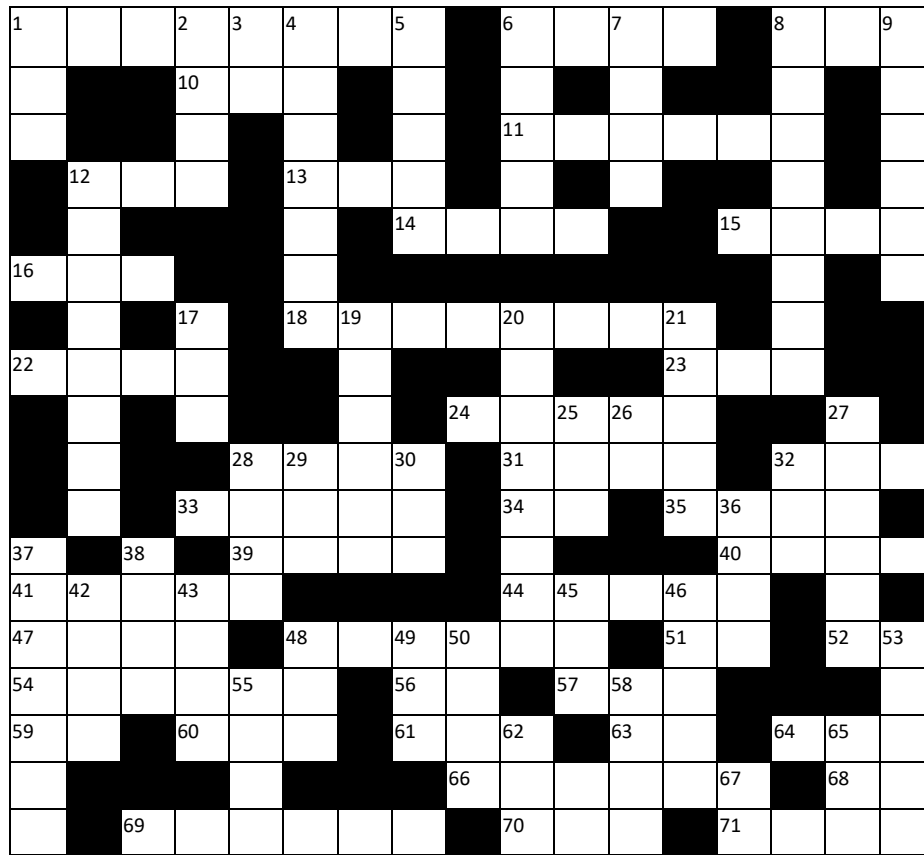
DOWN

1. Number of Board Members
2. All work and no _____ makes Jack a dull boy
3. Hello
4. She was our club's charter president
5. Careful not to challenge her to a _____ when playing games
6. Our club is all _____
7. A biblical name –Abraham's wife (without the "h")
8. NC East _____
9. Her name is in a movie title "_____ & Louise"
12. Her name means "God is gracious"
17. Her last name is Cook
19. Her name means "Messenger of God" or angel
20. Her last name means a herd of animals
21. The name of Barbara's spouse
25. An alcoholic beverage preferred by pirates
26. Either ___ (a conjunction)
27. She is good at raising crops
28. Her name means male deer
29. A snakelike fish
30. Soar through the air
32. Abbreviation for Central Intelligence Agency
36. This word means energy, style and enthusiasm
37. Her last name is "Hester"
38. Naked
42. Another word for market
43. The opposite of "can"
45. Anger
46. Her name means "divine"
48. To choke or retch
49. To grab
50. Profit
53. Her last name is Winborne
55. To mend or sew
58. Santa lives at the North _____
62. A hill
67. __ _ what? (a 2 letter conjunction)

This month's puzzle contains the names of most of our members - see if you can find your name and the others as well. This puzzle is a little harder than most, so if you can solve it, the prize will be a little better than usual. Go for it!

PRIZE FOR FIRST PERSON TO SUBMIT CORRECT ANSWERS TO ANGELA IWANIUK

GOLDEN CIRCLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE - The Name Game

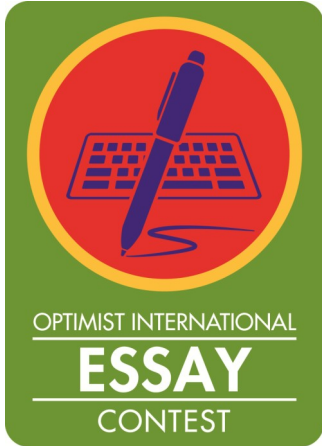


Guess Who?



ESSAY AND ORATORICAL CONTESTS

The Essay and Oratorical Contests are right around the corner. Let's all get the word out to the youth in our community so that we will have lots of participants!



The 2016-2017 Essay Topic is:
"Chasing Optimism in the Face of Challenges"
The deadline to enter will be early February.

The 2016-2017 Oratorical Topic is "
"What the World Gains from Optimism."
The oratorical applications are available
and our club will hold its oratorical contest
in April.



Purpose

Since its start in 1928, the Optimist Oratorical Contest has become the longest-running program sponsored by Optimist International. The contest is designed for youth to gain experience in public speaking and provide them with the opportunity to compete for a college scholarship.

1st Quarter Donations

Optimist International Foundation	- \$ 365.00
Childhood Cancer (OI)	- \$ 200.00
Boys & Girls Home	- \$ 500.00
New Christian Food Pantry	- \$ 100.00
Christmas Family Gift	- \$ 300.00
First Responders Function	- \$ 200.00

*"Do the right thing.
It will gratify
some people and
astonish the rest."
Mark Twain*

President's Reflection

Golden Circle Friends, Happy New Year!

As 2017 opens, it is a treasure to participate with our Golden Circle Optimists, a club that believes and practices dedicated service, kindness and caring, fun fellowship, and benevolent projects that evoke the best of our youth, communities, and ourselves. Let us reflect with humble joy on a fall quarter 2016 filled with many of these practices of appreciation and support for: the Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw, Optimist International Foundation, a district-wide silent auction, DSS Community Health Fair, childhood cancer elimination, law and safety countywide honor lunch (in conjunction with other organizations), little league baseball, the organization of a high school JOI club, Oncology Centers with personally donated snacks and participation with a family Christmas party sponsored by *Pennies from Angels*, DSS personal Thanksgiving Family donation and Christmas Family sponsorship, Longleaf Neuro-Center fellowship with personally donated Halloween gifts along with club sponsored Christmas party treats and Christmas gifts in bags decorated by third graders and including Christmas cards created by fifth graders and Diversified Opportunity clients, a NOW poetry evening of sharing, Getting-to-know Ourselves activity, a presale event of fellowship and fun photos, a club directory, a monthly bulletin, a Christmas fellowship dinner with a fun game and sock exchange, a Christmas outing to the *Rudy*, etc. We are also thankful for meeting the challenges of various fundraisers this fall including: "Kisses for Cancer," a yard sale, meeting-time raffle tickets, Belk Charity Days sale, RADA sales, AutoBell sales, Dime a Day campaign, etc. We all jubilantly celebrate together all accomplishments not with boasting but rather with thankful elation.

We look forward to a new quarter of optimistic dreams and achievements as we work together inviting students to participate in the Essay Contest, plan to charter the new JOI club in February, continue the search for a permanent clubhouse structure, learn about volunteering for the Children's Miracle Network, learn about community happenings from the Chamber of Commerce, learn from Parks and Recreation how to have a greater impact on girls' golf and little league, prepare for the Middlesex Children's Home Valentine Party, support the beginnings of a local women's shelter, explore starting a college and/ or elementary club, apply the "pass it forward" concept, advocate for the poor, uplift our elderly, and recognize our veterans, for example. Likewise, we welcome the challenge of new fundraisers such as partnering with Chick-Fil-A and other restaurants, our annual golf tournament preparations at Wedgewood, a super-sized community raffle, etc. Our optional monthly charitable contributions go to *Hope Station* in January, *Wesley Shelter* in February, and *Ronald McDonald House* in March.

Opportunities abound. Let us remember that although different members help organize, participate, and donate in various ways and activities, the results are from us all united as one team club of optimism and hope, seeking the good in the world and within ourselves. I wish for each of you a New Year's resolution of particular care for yourself and for one another so the bonds of our club broaden and strengthen first within and among ourselves so as better then to serve and impact our youth and communities.

Blessings for 2017, Kathy

PROMISE YOURSELF . . .

*To think well of yourself and to proclaim this fact to the
World, not in loud words but great deeds.*

*To live in faith that the whole world is on your side
So long as you are true to the best that is in you. –Christian Larson*

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A FRIEND OF YOUTH

Our club was formed in 1987 and is an “all ladies” club. We strive to live by the tenets of the Optimist Creed and promote optimism as a way of life, inspire a respect for law, inspire an interest in good government, and aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one’s self in service to others will advance the well-being of man, our community and even the world.

While performing community service projects and raising funds, we also manage to have a good time and enjoy the fellowship of other like-minded women. We invite other women to come join us!

We're on Facebook!

The Wilson Golden Circle Optimist

PICTURES FROM FIRST RESPONDERS EVENT

