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SERVICE WITH A SMILE

The **Carolina Cardinals Optimist Club** has really been busy these past few months. Here is a recap of some of the projects we have undertaken. If you are not currently a member and feel inclined to be a part of this great group, contact a member and join us.

Back-to-School Giveaway: We prepared and distributed 500 pairs of shoes and backpacks to families while inspiring them and talking to them about their goals and dreams.

Tennis Camp & Celebration: We touched the lives of over 50 youth and their families.

Chair Capping: Tennis balls were cut in half and placed on the feet of chairs in the kindergarten classes at Briarwood Academy.

Open House: We distributed almost 1,000 books to children who attended Open House night at Briarwood Academy so they could start a library at home.

Officer Volunteers: We did work in the office at Garinger High School and acted as chaperones to take students to CPCC to register for college.

Donations: We donated t-shirts to students at Briarwood Academy. We also helped with the Book Fair at the school.

Keep in mind that we have only been in existence since February.

.Pretty good for a new Club, huh?

Keep up the great work, TEAM!

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Bobbi with Manny - Founder of Samaritan's Feet (organization from which we purchase the shoes that we give away



Installation of Brenda Thompson and Mary Dingle (below) at last meeting

November Birthdays

30 - Ebec Ratcliff

May all of your Optimism come true!



DISTRICT CONFERENCE

1st Quarterly meeting: Friday and Saturday November 11th - 12th - Hawthorne Inn, Winston Salem - \$99+Tax - toll free: 800-972-3774 - mention Optimist International for convention rate - Full Breakfast included

2nd Quarterly meeting: Friday and Saturday February 3rd and 4th - Crowne Plaza, Hickory - \$94+Tax lowered price

3rd Quarterly meeting: Friday and Saturday May 5th and 6th - Green Park Inn, Blowing Rock - \$109+Tax - Full breakfast included

District Convention: Thursday, Friday, Saturday August 24th - 26th - Marriott Meadowview, Kingsport Tennessee \$119+Tax

Tentative District Meeting Format:

Saturday:

8AM	Registration
9AM	General Session
10:30	Break
10:45-12:30	General Session
12:30-1:30	Lunch
1:45-3PM	General Session

Please plan to attend at least one of these quarterly conferences. The convention in **Kingsport, TN** should be interesting.

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FUNDRAISERS - We Need You!

Our attempt to sell peanuts at the Charlotte Motor Speedway was a washout. Because of the rain, the races scheduled for Friday and Saturday were both run on Sunday. The day was sunny, but very windy. Our tent was blown over and damaged and we did not sell many bags of peanuts.

A lot of the people had left to get an early start to go back home.

We will need to think of some other event/fundraiser we can do between now and the races in May. The owner has told us we can come back during the May races and set up a concession stand again.

Some ideas have been tossed around about what we could sell at the races and we can discuss those further at the next meeting.

HELP WANTED

We are still looking for someone to volunteer to be our webmaster. We need a dynamic website to let people know who we are and what we are doing. We also need a place to pay dues and receive donations online. The website address is www.ccoc2016.org. Contact Bobbi or Betty if interested.

Monthly Meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, November 7th at 8:30pm** as a conference call. Please mark your calendars! The dial-in number is **641-715-3272** and the access code is **178414**. Hope to hear you on the call.

OPPORTUNITY

We have been selected to work a concession booth at the Bank of America Stadium. We need a minimum of 10 **committed** persons to work each of the remaining games. Remember that we have to be there 2 hours prior to the gates opening which means around 9am for a 1pm game. Contact Betty or Bobbi for more info. We can use teenagers (15-17) as helpers as long as they do not handle any alcoholic beverages.

We need everyone to pitch in to help. The remaining games are:

Nov. 13th - 1pm; Nov. 17th - 8:25pm; Dec. 11th - 1pm; Dec. 24th - 1pm; and Dec. 29th - 5pm

If you or friends/family members will be able to assist, please get in touch with us immediately. Our biggest concern is the Nov. 17th game because it is a Thursday night at 8:25. Persons would need to be able to be there by 4:30pm.

GO PANTHERS!

Congratulations on a win on Sunday!

NEW MEMBERS CONTEST

There is a new contest. The person who brings in at least three (3) new members between now and our February meeting will win a **“Sweetheart Package”**. More details will be made available at our November meeting.

Think about that family member, neighbor or friend who would benefit from being a part of this organization. Also consider asking businesses to become a Friend of Optimist (FOO). For \$100 per year, we will recognize them on our website in addition to the award they get from Optimist International. **LET'S GET BUSY!!**

SCHOLARSHIPS

There are opportunities for youth to earn scholarship money by entering the OI contests.

Here are the scholarship topics for the 2016-17 year:

- **Oratorical and CCDHH:** “What the World Gains From Optimism” - See Bobbi Hague
- **Essay:** “Chasing Optimism in the Face of Challenges” - See Mary Dingle



Carolina Cardinals Optimist Club



TOGETHER, WE'VE RAISED

\$4.18

YOU HAVE RAISED

\$4.17

2016 Earnings

2016

Month	Goodsearch	Goodshop	Other	Total
2016 Total	\$1.68	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$4.18
May	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
June	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
July	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
August	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50
September	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
October	\$0.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.68

To register: Go to Goodsearch.com - establish a user name (can be your email address) and a password. When it ask you to select a cause, type in **Carolina Cardinals Optimist Club** - When you see our name, click on it Now when you need to do a search, use Goodsearch instead of Google or Bing and we get a penny each time. If you shop using Goodshop, we get a percentage of the money you spend. In August, I made a purchase and we got \$2.50 from it. Always remember to use this search engine or we won't get credit for your searches or purchases.

Pass this information on to your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to have them help us especially now since it is getting close to the holidays and people will be shopping online. Thanks everyone

Goodshop Sundays! Now All Month Long!

It's time for our 3rd Annual Goodshop Sunday. We're offering amazing savings and up to **DOUBLE** the donations on the Sunday after Black Friday. But this year, Goodshop Sundays will happen **EVERY** week, from 10/23 through 11/27! Shop on these days and up to **TWO TIMES** the cash will go to **Carolina Cardinals Optimist Club**.

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