



# The Bird's I-View



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## BOOKWORMS GRADUATE

The first class of "Bookworms" from the after-school program at Briarwood academy has completed all of their sessions.

We are proud to announce that all of them have improved their reading by one grade level.

Parents and teachers came by the "Cottage" on last Wednesday to see the young people receive their certificates and gifts. We had the principal, **Ms. Beth Marshall**, stop by to give her well-wishes to the group. Each of the homeroom teachers of the students gave comments regarding the change they had seen in the young people since starting on this reading journey.

We wish to thank all of the volunteers for their dedication to the Bookworm Project. Our hats are off to the coordinator, **Coach Brenda Slade** and her assistant, **Mrs. Felicity Wray** for all of the hard work and time that went into this program. It was phenomenal! This program ran Monday thru Thursday from 3:30 - 5:30pm.

Refreshments of hot dogs, chips, coleslaw, mac & cheese and juice were served. We even had cupcakes and fruit cups.

The families, especially the siblings", seemed to enjoy the program that was prepared. More pictures will be posted in the Briarwood Academy newsletter so make sure you make arrangements to get a copy.

The next session will start after a two-week break for the volunteers and will run for 8 weeks.

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We are excited to see what challenges the next group of youth will bring to the Bookworm Program.

One thing this group reminded us is that they were the **FIRST** so we made sure we had a picture of them holding up a finger and a framed picture of them is in the Cottage.

Thank you, parents, for entrusting your children to us to help make them better readers.

## CONGRATULATIONS, BOOKWORMS!



## DISTRICT CONFERENCE

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

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

**District Convention:** Thursday, Friday, Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> - 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.

### HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY TO:

4 Tena Armstrong  
13 Mary Dingle  
14 William Lide  
21 Joe Blakeney

**May all of your Optimism come true!**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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### 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 December 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 recognition they get from Optimist International. Just remember our club gets to keep a portion of the \$100 that is sent to the Optimist Foundation.

**LET'S GET BUSY!!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Monthly Meeting

(Please note our new meeting location)

Our next meeting will be **on Tuesday, February 7th at 6:30pm** at the **IKEA Store Community Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor - turn right off elevator or escalator)**. See you there.

### Optimist Essay Contest is Underway!

Mrs. Mary Dingle (Essay Chair) has sent out information regarding the contest to several middle and high schools in the area. She is in the process of finalizing her search for qualified judges to review the entries. Deadline to submit an entry is February 17<sup>th</sup>. Winners will be awarded medallions and certificates for the top three and certificates for all participants.

If you know of a young person who would be interested in possibly winning a \$2,500 scholarship, have them contact Mary Dingle at [dmaryrt@bellsouth.net](mailto:dmaryrt@bellsouth.net) right away.

Here's the link to more information and the application online.  
<http://www.optimist.org/e/member/scholarships3.cfm>

## 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" - Contact Bobbi Hague at 980-202-1949 for more information.
- **Essay:** "Chasing Optimism in the Face of Challenges" - Contact Mary Dingle at [dmaryrt@bellsouth.net](mailto:dmaryrt@bellsouth.net)



## CAROLINA CARDINALS OPTIMIST CLUB GOODSEARCH SUPPORTERS



Bobbi  
\$9.68



Bobbi  
\$1.93



Betty  
\$0.27



Mary  
\$0.07



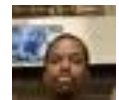
Mary  
\$0.01



Shanoah  
\$0.00



Coach  
\$0.00



Terry  
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2017 Total

\$1.04

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January

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As you can see, we have people registered but are not using the system. Please support us. It means more money!

## ***Come Travel With Us On An Educational Tour***

**April 11 - 15, 2017**

**Trip Originating in Charlotte from Concord Mills Mall near AMC Theater**

**Sponsored by:  
Carolina Cardinals Optimist Club**

### **~ SITES & ATTRACTIONS ~**

#### **Tuesday - Philadelphia, PA**

- \* Mother Bethel AME Church (final resting place of Richard and Sarah Allen)
- \* The Liberty Bell      \* The US Mint

#### **Wednesday - Baltimore, MD**

- \* Blacks in Wax Museum      \* Morgan State University
- \* Hampton Plantation
- \* Fort McHenry (home of the Star Spangled Banner-Nat'l Anthem)

#### **Thursday - Washington, DC**

- \* National Museum of African American History and Culture  
(Upon Availability of Tickets)

#### **Friday - Washington, DC**

- \* Martin Luther King Memorial      \* White House
- \* Capitol and Other Monuments in the Area

#### **Saturday Morning - We Depart for North Carolina**

Trip, Hotel & Admissions - **\$857.00** per person (Single)

All trip money must be paid by **April 1, 2017**.

Embassy Suites Rooms are **\$159.00** nightly plus tax

You will be charged a one-night deposit!

[www.embassysuitesbaltimore.com](http://www.embassysuitesbaltimore.com)

- \* Free Hot, Made to Order Breakfast
- Complimentary evening reception featuring snacks, beer, and wine
- \* Free Wi-Fi      \* 24-hour Fitness Center

#### **Room Type:**

- \* Double sleeps 4      \* Suite sleeps 6
- All rooms have a microwave and refrigerator

## APPLICATION FORM

<b>Name:</b>		
<b>Address:</b>		
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	

**\$50.00 non-refundable deposit is due by January 15<sup>th</sup> with no refunds after March 15<sup>th</sup>. Substitutions will be allowed.  
Please Indicate Your Room Selection by Circling It!**

### Payment Schedule

Deposit 1 <sup>st</sup> Payment	2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment	3 <sup>rd</sup> Payment	4 <sup>th</sup> Payment	
Jan. 15, 2017	Feb. 1, 2017	Mar. 1, 2017	Apr. 1, 2017	
	Payment 1	Payment 2	Payment 3	Payment 4
Single	\$50.00	\$269.00	\$269.00	\$269.00
2 in room	\$50.00	\$156.00	\$156.00	\$155.00
3 in room	\$50.00	\$118.00	\$118.00	\$118.00
4 in room	\$50.00	\$99.00	\$99.00	\$99.00
6 in room	\$50.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$81.00

**If multiple persons will be sharing a room, please list roommates on the back of the application!**

**Betty Parker: 704-491-7979**

**Bobbi Hague: 704-957-7583**