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Friend of Youth!

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CONCESSIONAIRES

The **Carolina Cardinals Optimist Club** was selected as a "Back-up Group" for the Panther Stadium concession area for this season.

So far we have worked on **Sunday, October 30th**, where they only needed 7 of our 10 people to work. We were assigned to help out the West Mecklenburg High School Athletic Department at their Bojangles stand. It was fast-paced work, but we got it done. We wish to thank the folks representing the Lasco Caner Fund for helping us with project.

On **Sunday, November 13th**, we were assigned to help in 3 different areas. Fortunately, we had 17 people from the Johnson C. Smith University Cheerleaders working with us. Our group was fortunate enough to work with a fantastic group of young people from Ashbrook High School in Gastonia. We sold hot dogs, brauts, unlimited sodas and popcorn, chips, candy and hot chocolate. Because it was cold and rainy, we sold a lot of hot chocolate. They even let us keep our tips.

On **Thursday, November 17th**, we managed to have 10 people to work that night. By it being a week night and the game not starting until 8:25, it was hard to get people who could get off early enough to be there by 4:30 or be able to stay late depending upon when the game ended. Since the 2nd stand belonging to West Meck H.S. was going to be available, we had our own stand to run. Most of the food was prepared by the staff from the Stadium so all we had to do was the hot dogs. We gave it our best, but had been told that stand never did much volume. We proved them wrong.

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We have 3 more events in December and still need people to volunteer to help.

We Still Need You!

The following dates are still available to help with the concession stand at the Panther Stadium. If you are willing to work, please let Betty Parker know as soon as possible. We have to have a minimum of 10 people for each event, but the more we have the more money we can possibly make. We have to arrive 4 hours before the game starts (gates open 2 hours before game). Generally allow 2 hours after the end of the game to allow for cleanup. **Sample:** 1pm game start, over about 3pm, should be ready to leave by about 5pm

Sunday, December 11th - arrive at **9am**

Saturday, December 24th - arrive at **9am**

Thursday, December 29th - arrive at **1pm**

Thanks for being willing to help out!

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

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.

An optimist sees an opportunity in every calamity. A pessimist sees a calamity in every opportunity.

Winston Churchill

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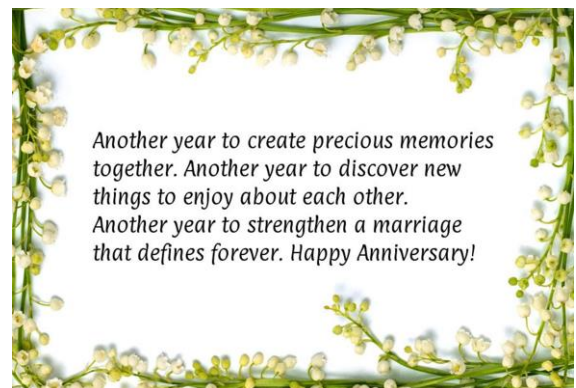
Website: www.ccoc2016.org

Happy
Anniversary

December 18th

Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan (Joe) Blakeney

40 years together!



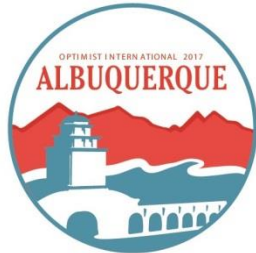
HELP WANTED

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, December 5th at 6:30pm** at the Texas Ranch Restaurant where we first started out when we were chartered. It is at **1310 West Sugar Creek Road**, Charlotte. Remember to bring an inexpensive gift for the exchange.

Optimist
Convention



International
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Start Making Your Plans Now to Attend the 2017 OI Convention!

DoubleTree by Hilton

201 Marquette Ave NW | Albuquerque, NM 87102

Located in downtown Albuquerque, the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Albuquerque offers complimentary WIFI in guest rooms and public areas, provides courtesy airport shuttle service to/from Albuquerque International Airport and is connected to the Albuquerque Convention Center, site for convention training, workshops, opening ceremony, business sessions, exhibit hall and group meals. To book your reservation, [click here](#) or call (800) 584-5058, provide your arrival and departure dates and mention the group name "Optimist International." Room rates start at \$129 US per night (plus taxes and fees) for up to four people in a room. Self-parking only available at \$12 (daily based on availability) - Pets allowed. Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. Check-out time is 12:00 pm. A \$50 fee will be applied for early departure or late check-out.

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.

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

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TOGETHER, WE'VE RAISED

\$8.88

YOU HAVE RAISED

\$8.83

2016 Earnings as of December 1st

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Month	Goodsearch	Goodshop	Other	Total
2016 Total	\$2.46	\$6.42	\$0.00	\$8.88
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	\$0.81	\$0.14	\$0.00	\$0.95
November	\$0.65	3.78	\$0.00	\$4.43

To register: Go to Goodsearch.com - establish a user name (can be your email address) and a password. When it asks you to select a cause, type in **Carolina Cardinals Optimist Club** - When you see our name, click on it. Mark this as a favorite so that you will remember to use it every time you do a search or decide to shop online.

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 and last month we got \$3.78 when I rented a car. 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 the holidays and people will be shopping online. Thanks everyone.

www.goodsearch.com/terms#donation_details