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“CASINO TRIP IS A SUCCESS”

The Carolina Cardinals Optimist Club’s “Trip to Harrah’s Cherokee Casino” on Saturday, October 1st was great!

We had cooperation from the weather and the ride was smooth. Our bus driver, James McCallum, is excellent. He drove for us before and we will be requesting him for all of our trips.

The group stopped at the Golden Corral in Shelby for breakfast. There was so much to choose from that it was hard to know what to get to eat.

Everyone was excited to know that they were going to get \$25.00 in playing money instead of the \$20.00 that we had quoted on our flyers. That was thanks to **David Walter Travels**, who provided the bus and driver for us. He makes routine trips to the Casino and had the right connections for us. Thanks, David.

We look forward to doing this again real soon. Persons riding with us said they enjoyed the entertainment, refreshments and the raffles that were provided on the trip. We are even looking into visiting the new Harrah’s Casino that just opened in Murphy, North Carolina.

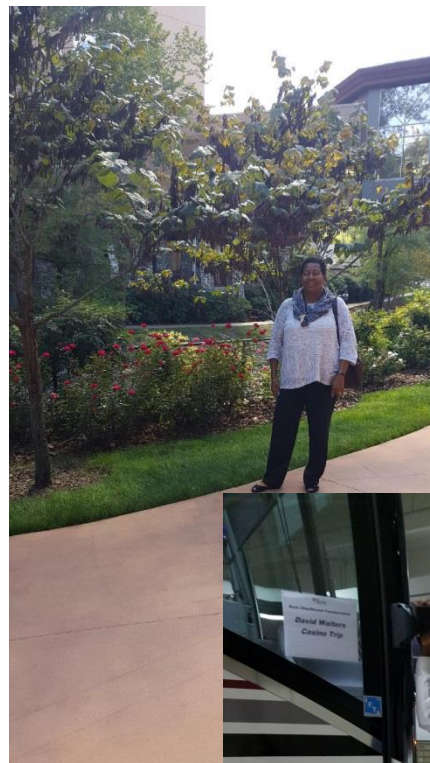
If you did not go this time, plan to join us on our next excursion.

Thanks to all who went with us.

No Birthdays
May all of your
Optimism come true!

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President, **Betty Parker**, soaking up some of the beautiful sunshine we had while in Cherokee. Below is our bus driver, **Mr. James McCallum**.



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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FUNDRAISER - We Need You!

The Charlotte Motor Speedway is open for business the weekend of October 6th-8th. We have been granted free space on the grounds across the street where all the vendors are located. We wish to thank **Ver-El Mobile Village** for providing us with the space to sell peanuts.

We have elected to sell peanuts on Friday and Saturday. We need volunteers to work shifts to help with the sales.

On Friday we will be there from 2 - 6pm and on Saturday, we will be there from 11am - 6pm. If you can help with any time, please contact Bobbi as soon as possible for details.

We would like to thank Leanne Beck and the staff at **Texas Roadhouse** for bagging the peanuts for us.

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, October 10th** at **6:30pm** at the **Golden Corral** Restaurant at 7701 N. Tryon Street. Please mark your calendars! We will install new members. This is our first meeting of the new fiscal year. We would like to see as many people as possible in attendance.

OPPORTUNITY

We have the opportunity to raise quite a bit of money working a concession booth at the Panther's Stadium. We need 10 committed persons to step up and help with this fundraiser. More details will be available at the meeting on Monday, but we need you to seriously think about this. The minimum you would make is \$550, but could be more depending upon the booth sales. We get \$55 per person working or the percentage of the booth sales, whichever is higher. There are also incentives for getting there on time per event and total at end of the season, no violations and the secret shopper. We also get to keep whatever is put in the donation buckets at the end of each event.

We will be required to be available for all events at the stadium and not just Panther games. The next event is the game against the Arizona Cardinals on the **30th of this month**. Remember that we have to be there prior to the gates opening which means around 9am for a 1pm game. Contact Betty or Bobbi for more info.

NEW MEMBERS CONTEST

We have a winner for our "**Enroll New Members**" contest. She is Mrs. Mary Dingle, who brought in three (3) new members. She will be awarded her prize at the next meeting.



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



North Carolina West and East Districts
Boys and Girls Home of North Carolina Celebration
of 48 years of service to our Youth.

Saturday October 29, 2016

Luxury Motor Coach, which will accommodate 60 Optimists.....

Depart Charlotte at 9AM on Saturday and return by 6 PM

Cost....\$20 per person

**We need confirmed commitments of attendees by October 1st CONFIRM ATTENDANCE
TO DISTRICT SECRETARY GARDNER**

**BRIDGES...gardner.bridges@bcsemail.org...AND COPY
johnlaurents@carolina.rr.com START RESERVING NOW!**

Noon to 1:30 Cookout provided by Boys and Girls Home

1:30 to 2:30 Magic Show: “Rockstar Magicians” Chris and Neal

The magic show will be for all Optimists, residents and staff.

2:30 to 3:30 open house.



This will be a great day for North Carolina West Optimists

DRESS: OPTIMIST SHIRTS AND ATTIRE.....SHOW YOUR OPTIMIST PRIDE!