



# The Bird's I-View



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## BACK TO SCHOOL

The Back to School Event that was held on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Briarwood Academy located at 1001 Wilann Drive across from Greater Bethel AME Church was very successful.

We had plenty volunteers to help make it run smoothly. We wish to thank volunteers from Greater Bethel Missionaries, YPD and Lay organization; Johnson C Smith University Cheerleaders; Briarwood PTSA and Samaritan's Feet.

Since there were several events going on the same time, we had fewer people than we had expected, but those who came were pleased with their new shoes, t-shirts, backpacks filled with school supplies and FREE books. We have some items left to start us off for next year.

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We need a committer to help start the planning for next year's event.

The committee needs to start working on the timeline in January to make sure everything is in place and will run smoothly in August. Once a date is set, letters can be sent out to businesses and organizations to make sure we can get our donation requests in while they are still finalizing their budgets for the year.

Again, thanks everyone for a job well done!

**Next year will be bigger & better!**

## DISTRICT MEETING

The 1st Quarter District meeting was in Kingsport, TN on October 19-20. The location was the Marriott Meadowview Resort. Betty Parker and Bobbi Hague attended.

One of the interesting features of the event was the rock painting. It was explained that there is a new trend going around of finding rocks.

We painted the rocks various colors and then wrote messages on one side and #Optimist Rocks on the other side.

We are to place them around our communities in hopes that people will find them and look up information on the Optimist and maybe consider joining.

## Monthly Meeting

Our next meeting will be **on Tuesday, December 4th at 6:30pm** at IKEA. This will be our holiday party and it was voted that we have it catered by IKEA. Please try to arrive at **6pm** to get your meal and so we can start the meeting on time. See Bobbi for a meal ticket to go through the line to get your food.

Please bring your dues. We will also be installing the new officers.

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## STREET CLEAN-UP

We want to thank those persons who came out on Sunday afternoon, October 21<sup>st</sup>, to help clean up The Plaza from Greater Bethel AME Church up to Eastway Drive.

We had 8 people to participate and we could not have asked for a better day. The weather was ideal and we were able to complete everything in less than two (2) hours.

We will plan to make a schedule for next year at our next meeting in order to make the 4 clean-ups that we need to complete per year.

## ESSAY CONTEST

Once again it is time for the Optimist Essay Contest. Our local chairperson is **Mary Dingle**. The District Chairperson is **Betty Parker**. The theme is: **“When All the World’s Problems are Solved, is Optimism Still Necessary?”**

Please touch base with local schools to see if there are students who would be interested in participating. They cannot be over 18 years of age to compete. Locally, we give \$100 for 1<sup>st</sup> place; \$75 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place and \$50 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. If they should be the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner, they will move on to the District to vie for \$2,500.00. The deadline to turn in essays is February 28, 2019.

## ORATORICAL CONTEST

The theme for the 2019 Oratorical Competition is: **“Is There a Fine Line Between Optimism and Reality?”**

For the local contest, please contact Bobbi Hague if you know of anyone interested. The prize money is the same as for the Essay Contest. Applications will be ready in mid-January since the contest does not end until March.

For more information regarding both contests, use the link below:

[https://www.optimist.org/documents/programs/2019/Scholarship\\_Flyer\\_2018\\_2019.pdf](https://www.optimist.org/documents/programs/2019/Scholarship_Flyer_2018_2019.pdf)

## FUNDRAISERS

Persons are working the stadium booth and making great funds for our Club. For those who are not working the stadium, we have another fundraiser starting now. It is with Panera Bread. We are passing out flyers that persons are to take to the store on December 8<sup>th</sup> and turn in when they place their order. Our Club will get 20% of their total order before taxes. (See flyer attached on page 5.)

Please see Betty Parker or Bobbi Hague if you need a stack of flyers and are not able to print it off yourself. Some suggestions: give to your friends and relatives, church members, other clubs and organizations you belong to and places like apartment buildings near the Panera Bread in the University area. We plan to take some to the student union building at UNCC since it is right across the street and a lot of the students go there to use the free WiFi.

**Just remember that we cannot pass them out on the Panera Bread premises!**

Belated Happy October Birthday to:

**28 Kay Givens**



**Happy November Birthday to:  
30<sup>th</sup> - Ebec Ratcliffe**



### **NEW POSITION**

The October meeting was held at Johnson C. Smith since IKEA was not available.

During that meeting, Shanoah Parker was voted in as our Public Relations Chairperson.

If you have any announcements or communications that need to get out, please email them to her at:

[Parker\\_shanoah@yahoo.com](mailto:Parker_shanoah@yahoo.com)

Thank you, Shanoah, for taking on this task.



For those who did not know, **Coach Brenda Slade** had surgery on Tuesday. We want to include her in our prayers. She is recuperating at her brother's in Greensboro. Please give her a call or send her a card.



### **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT**

It is holiday time and there are many things we can do to help someone else. Here are a few suggestions and think of things to bring to the next meeting.

- 1. Take a meal to the Relatives
- 2. Visit a nursing home
- 3. Take a small gift to children in the hospital for the holidays.
- 4. Adopt a family from the Angel Tree
- 5. Volunteer at Food Pantry or MedAssist



Please pass out as many flyers as you can for our event on Saturday. We need everyone's support to make this a success. THANKS!



HELP SUPPORT

### CAROLINA CARDINALS OPTIMIST CLUB

WHERE 9321 J W Clay Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28262

WHEN Sat, Dec 8th

FROM 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Bring this flyer or show an electronic version to the cashier when you place your order and we'll donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase.\*

#### Ordering Online for Rapid Pick-Up or Delivery?\*

Enter "PRFUND" as your Promo Code to have a portion of your proceeds donated to your organization.

Learn more at [Fundraising.PaneraBread.com](http://Fundraising.PaneraBread.com)

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