



ATLANTIC CENTRAL DISTRICT

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

THIRD QUARTER DISTRICT BUSINESS MEETING

The Inn at Reading Hotel

May 7, 2016

PRESENT: Governor Delores Wright, Governor Elect LaVera Seymour, Secretary Maxcine Collier, Treasurer Guy Templin, Assistant Governor Marion Dourte, Zone 4 Lt. Governor Ted Cerwood, Zone 5 Lt Governor Ken Seymour, Zone 6 Lt. Governor Robert DuVall, Zone 7 Lt. Governor Dallas Smith, Zone 8 Lt. Governor Bob Collier, POIP Jack Creswell, OIB/NCB/Oratorical Sue Creswell, PG/OIF/Newsletter Scott Pinheiro, PG Bill Woodard, PG Pete Eschmann, CCDH Chairperson Ruth Morehead, Childhood Cancer Chairperson Mary Ann Univary and Photo Contest Chair Todd Culbreath.

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Drummond, Lue Drummond, Shawn Fleming, Marti Martin and Tana Pratt .

Governor Delores Wright called the meeting to order at 9:05AM. **PG/Chaplain Bob Collier** gave the invocation followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance by those in attendance.

MOTION: To approve the minutes as sent out via email by Secretary Maxcine Collier. Bob Collier/LaVera Seymour Carried.

- ❖ **FINANCE REPORT: POIBD/District Treasurer Guy Templin** reported that there was a bank balance of \$28,385.21. There were cash receipts of \$4,648.64 and cash disbursements of \$1,436.88. The report was filed for audit. Treasurer Guy Templin also reviewed the Aging Report and noted that Township of Lower, NJ was in the arrears for dues for 120+ days. Governor Delores Wright mentioned that Township of Lower, NJ will be paying everything in full. Treasurer Guy also reported that OI collecting the District dues with the international dues is going well. He shared a letter from the Finance Committee stating that they had examined the records, and they (the records) were in good order. Also, the 990 has been filed.

MOTION: To accept the audit report from the Finance Committee. Bob Collier/Kenneth Seymour Carried.

- ❖ **A&A: Guy Templin** gave the report on behalf of Chairperson John Breidenbach. It is not too late to send in YAC reports for the First and Second Quarters. Copies of the most recent A&A report compiled by the chairperson were distributed.
- ❖ **NEW CLUB BUILDING: Chairperson Sue Creswell** reported that there were no leads. **Governor Delores** reported that on May 9th there will be a follow up for the new club, First State, that was built on October 19, 2016. At the follow-up the club will receive their banner, among other things.

- ❖ **MEMBERSHIP: Assistant Governor Marion Dourte** reviewed the T-Shot. Zones 2, 3 and 4 have a plus in membership. She mentioned that we have two FOOs at the District Level. New members 30 and under can still join for \$30.00 in OI dues for one year.
 - ✓ There is an OI Membership incentive for honoring our heroes that runs from March 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016. One hero such as a teacher, educator, law enforcement person, public safety person, veteran and/or active duty military personnel can be added to a club roster paying full OI membership dues, with a second hero being added to the club roster and receiving free OI membership for a year.
 - ✓ There are three membership incentives for the 2nd half of the year from April 1st to September 30th 2016. The top three members to bring in the most new members will receive gift cards in the following amounts: 1st Place=\$150; 2nd Place=\$100.00, and 3rd Place=\$50.00. Secondly, all Builders of Excellence will be placed in a drawing to win a \$100.00 donation in his/her name to OIF or CCOF. Last, a \$100.00 gift will be given to a club that has a successful Now program by placing all of the eligible club names in a drawing to select one winner.
- ❖ **ORATORICAL CONTEST: Marion Dourte** reported that there are 13 contestants. The contests will begin at 10:30 AM. Room A will have 6 contestants, and Room B will have 7 contestants. Five (5) Contestants will go to the finals.
- ❖ **PHOTO CONTEST: Todd Culbreath** reported that 8 clubs participated in the Photo Contest. Voting will take place by ballot and ends at 12PM.
- ❖ **CCDHH: Chairperson Ruth Morehead** stated that there was one contestant, Lauren Kirkpatrick from Upper Merion High School. She will give her speech during lunch and will be speaking without signing. She will receive \$250.00 from the AC District, since District did not have the required minimum of three contestants to offer the scholarship of \$2500.00. Chairperson Ruth stated that there is a possibility that the Lancaster Club may be offering a monetary award to the contestant, as well.
- ❖ **MEETINGS/CONVENTION: Chairperson Dee Cerwood** reported that there were a total of 17 Optimist Clubs represented, thus far. She passed out the flyer with information pertaining to the Combined District Convention in August 2016 with Maryland/Lower Delaware. District Convention/Ad Book: *Dee Cerwood* passed out a flyer containing information about the joint District Convention with Maryland/South Delaware which will be held from August 26-28, 2016 at the Eisenhower Inn and Conference Center located at 2634 Emmitsburg, Rd in Gettysburg, PA 17325. (Telephone: 717-334-2755) The deadline for room reservations is July 26, 2016, and those registering should remember to mention *ACD Optimist* for the special rate. All rooms are \$132 plus \$14.53 tax, totaling \$146.52 per room. The completed registration form for the Convention should be sent to Dee Cerwood (345 Brookline Blvd. Havertown, PA 19083 610-853-1295) with checks made payable to *Atlantic Central District*. The deadline is August 13,

2016 to do so. *The Friday Theme Italian Buffet is \$28.50 per person; the Old Timer's Breakfast is \$14.00 per person, and the Installation Dinner is \$27.00 per person.*

Governor Delores Wright added that Kathleen Manchec will be in charge of the joint ad book for both Districts.

- ❖ **GOVERNOR ELECT REPORT: Governor Elect LaVera Seymour** reported that a Governor Elect for 2016 – 2017 is still needed. She stated that *Marion Dourte* will serve as the Mentor; *Maxcine Collier* will serve as the secretary; *Guy Templin* will serve as Treasurer with a request be made for an exception for him to do so. *Delores Wright* will be the Immediate Past Governor and Certified Club/District Trainer. *Gene Riordan* will be the Leadership and Development Chairperson. Meetings and Convention Chairperson will be *Lue Drummond* with *Shawn Fleming* and *Kenneth Seymour* on the committee. District Foundation Representative will be *Sue Creswell*. PGI Chairperson will be *Faith Seymour* and *Bob Collier* will serve as OI Ambassador. The Lt. Governors will be *Darren Laws*, Zone 4; *Thomas Hough*, Zone 5; *Robert DuVall*, Zone 6; *Dallas Smith*, Zone 7 and *Robert Collier*, Zone 8.

MOTION: To accept **Maxcine Collier** as District Secretary for 2016-2017 and **Guy Templin** by exception as Treasurer for 2016-2017. Bob Collier/Dallas Smith Carried.

- ✓ First Quarter Board Meeting is being proposed to be held on October 21 -22, 2016 at CentraState Healthcare System (901 West Main St. Freehold, NJ 07728). The lodging for Friday night will be at Hampton Inn East Windsor located on 384 Monmouth Street. Rooms are \$119 plus taxes/fees. Reservations must be made by September 21, 2016. Telephone: 609-426-1600.
 - ✓ Second Quarter Board Meeting is being proposed to be held on March 3-4 2017 at Hilton Garden Inn, Ft. Washington, PA 19034. Rooms are \$109 plus taxes/fees. Reservations must be made by February 1, 2017. Telephone: 215-646-4637.
 - ✓ Third Quarter Board Meeting is being proposed to be held on May 6-7, 2017 at the Inn at Reading Hotel 1040 N. Park Road in Reading, PA 19610. Rooms are \$99.00 plus taxes/fees. Reservations must be made by April 21, 2017.
 - ✓ Fourth Quarter Board Meeting and Convention August 2017 TBD *Option 1: August 11-13, 2017 at the Crowne Plaza located at 260 Mall Boulevard in King of Prussia, PA, Option 2: Golden Inn Hotel at the Ocean Front at 78th Street in Avalon, NJ. Option 3: TBD Hershey?*
- ❖ **DISTRICT FOUNDATION/NEWSLETTER: PG Scott Pinheiro** reported that more *Dime A Day* participants are needed. In addition, any news for the next newsletter should be sent to him. He also mentioned that Freehold Evening Optimist Club will be disbanding.
 - ❖ **HALL of FAME: Chairperson Guy Templin** distributed a flyer delineating the details of the Hall of Fame nomination process. Each club should submit the nominees for either Living Member and/or the Posthumous Award by June 15, 2016. PG Bill Woodard mentioned that new pins need to be made up for this award, and the cost added to the budget.

- ❖ **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:** *Gene Riordan* stated that he has been conducting Leadership Development Training via teleconference. The next series will address how to improve communications with members and with our communities with the intent of getting more interest in what our clubs do, increasing membership and increasing the involvement of existing members. The title of this series will be: “*Everyone Communicates; Few Connect ... What the Most Effective Leaders Do Differently*” from John Maxwell. The series will be on Tuesday evenings from 8:00PM - 9:00PM for 5 weeks beginning on May 24th. Connection can be by telephone or through the internet which will allow the slides to be viewed. Email or call Gene if you are interested or know someone who is interested. (Telephone: 610-745-0104 email: eriordan@aol.com.)
- ❖ **ESSAY CONTEST:** *Governor Delores* stated that the Essay contest winner is from the Valley Forge Optimist Club and will read her winning essay during lunch. She will receive a \$2500.00 scholarship.
- ❖ **OI CONVENTION:** *Governor Delores* has information on the Convention, and those interested can see her after the meeting.
- ❖ **GOVERNOR’S COMMENTS:** *Governor Delores* urged all clubs to pay their dues on time and to send in their YAC reports. She encouraged all clubs to have a NOW meeting and build a club.
- ❖ **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:10AM followed by the reciting of the Optimist Creed.

Respectfully Submitted,

PG Maxcine Collier, Secretary

ATLANTIC CENTRAL DISTRICT THIRD QUARTER ORATORICAL/PHOTO CONTESTS & 2015-2016 AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

Governor Delores Wright called the those assembled to order at 12:02PM. *PG Bob Collier* gave the invocation followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance by those in attendance.

- ❖ **ESSAY CONTEST WINNER:** Diana Wonback, \$2,500 Scholarship
- ❖ **CCDHH CONTESTANT:** Lauren Kirkpatrick, \$250.00
- ❖ **PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS:** 1st Place, \$300.00 = Leon House (Lancaster) 2nd Place, \$200.00 = Eric Lee (East Montco) 3rd Place, \$100.00 = Skylar Shissler (Lancaster)
- ❖ **ORATORICAL CONTEST WINNERS:** 1st Place, 2500 = Sean Hackett Thomas Domenoz who will advance to the Regional Competition; 2nd Place, \$1500 = Deborah Dadeboe; 3rd Place, \$1000.00 = Antonetre Giles
- ❖ **2014-2015 INDIVIDUAL & CLUB RECOGNITIONS (All awards were given out by Governor Delores Wright.)**
 - William Drummond Certificate for serving as AC District Foundation Representative.
 - Honor Club 27208 (Barnegat) President Richard Watson Secretary/ Treasurer Peter Eschmann

- Honor Club 02271 (South Chester) President Laurence Hamm Secretary/Treasurer Nurel Storey
- Honor Club 02125 (East Montco) President Robert Beasley Secretary Drummond/Treasurer Dandridge
- Honor Club 02144 (Lower Providence) President Christopher Stephano Jr. Secretary/Treasurer Susan Law
- Honor Club 02355 (World Peace) President Vicki Tate Secretary/Treasurer La'tina Wright
- Honor Club 02362 (Kinship Care) President Christine Boyd Secretary/Treasurer Christine Boyd
- Honor Club 02366 (Cheyney) President Tiphonie Harris Secretary/Treasurer Tiphonie Harris
- Honor Club 02030 (Boyertown) President Shawn O'Connor Secretary Haddad/Treasurer Nettles
- Honor Club 02068 (Daniel Boone) President Curtis Clifford Secretary Creswell/Treasurer Merz
- Honor Club 02168 (Kutztown) President Michael Collins Secretary Sechler/Treasurer Wanner
- Honor Club 02130 (Gettysburg) President Kristopher Accardi Secretary MacDowell/Treasurer Barako
- Honor Club 02247 (Pittsburgh) President Joe Deluca Secretary Leslie/Treasurer Obernauer
- Honor & Distinguished Club 02772 (Dream Builders) President Shawn O'Connor Secretary Haddad/Treasurer Nettles
- Bringing Out the Best Patch: Boyertown, Daniel Boone, East Montco, Gettysburg, Lower Providence, Kutztown, Lancaster, Pittsburgh, South Chester, World Peace, Kinship Care, Cheyney, Dream Builders and Barneget

❖ **2015-2016 MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION CERTIFICATE**

- Membership Award for 25 Members: Delores Wright
- Membership Award for 10 Members: Eugene Riordan III
- Membership Award for 10 Members: Kenneth E. Seymour

Adjournment at 2:25PM

Submitted by PG Maxcine Collier, Secretary