



## CHAPEL HILL NEWS

### NEW OPTIMIST WELCOME OUR NOW MEETING

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**Members Present**  
 Beth Anderson  
 Jim Casey  
 Marge Clemons  
 Ann Drake  
 Max Drake  
 Madeline Jefferson  
 Phil Stephens  
 Phyllis Stout  
 Bob Verne  
 Trish Verne

**Program**  
 NOW Meeting

**Visitor(s)**  
 Jon Hart - Jon submitted his application for membership  
 Jane Stout

The Life Membership Game fund is at **\$71**. The game was played this evening, but no winner this week.

Last week we welcomed our guest, Jon Hart, and began an overview of the Optimist Club and our activities. Since we ran short on time, this week we continued the NOW meeting telling Jon about various member involvement. As an icebreaker, Beth had each of us introduce someone else and then draw a question out of a 'hat' for that person to answer. Even for those of us who have been involved for years, it was a chance to get better acquainted. Here are some of the responses.

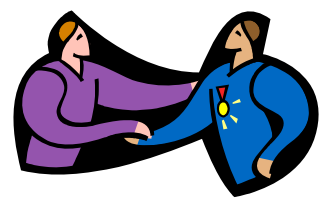
- Ann:** Where in the world do you want to go? The mountains of North Carolina  
**Jim:** What new language would you like to learn? Spanish  
**Trish:** Name one of your favorite things about your Mom or Dad. Walking to round up cows with her father on the farm  
**Phyllis:** What was your first car? Baby blue Nash Rambler



- Jane:** What is your favorite animal? Dogs  
**Madeline:** What is one thing you should throw away? Henry's old medical magazines that are out of date  
**Bob:** What is your favorite thing to do in the summer? Year round he loves wood-working with his lathe.  
**Marge:** Who was your most influential high school teacher?

Getting to know one another ...

Her political science teacher had an uplifting attitude and motivated her to learn  
**Beth:** What superpower would you like to have? Clairvoyance  
**Phil:** What is your favorite holiday? Christmas with lots of family around  
**Max:** What is your favorite dance? NONE!  
**Jon:** What was your 1st undergraduate major? Geology with Science Education as 2nd. He is currently a counselor and is learning to fly, about to begin the 'up in the air' part.



More information about our club is available on our web site:  
[www.ch-optimists.org](http://www.ch-optimists.org)

### PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Our **RETREAT** is scheduled for Saturday, March 13th from 9:30 am until 2 pm at the Seymour Center. We will order our lunch in advance from Fosters and then have a working lunch to maximize our time..

- Planned topics include:
- Membership
  - East Durham JOOI Club
  - New Club Sponsorship
  - Fundraising
- Let Beth know if your attendance plans change.

A big **THANK YOU** to the volunteers who helped with the CCC collection at Wal-Mart. Our first collection weekend this year was a big success.

The **UNC Annual Report** mentioned our club as a contributor. That's good advertising for us.

**HomeStart** has sent us a letter of thanks for our contributions to help mothers and children in their program.

The **Chapel Hill Chamber of Commerce** send us a letter thanking us for our continued membership, support, and participation. This is a great opportunity to promote our club. Watch for emails notifying us of their activities.

Thanks to Jon and Phyllis for sharing humor this evening.

We have been asked for financial support to help with **Project Graduation** this year to provide a safe place for students. Bob noted that participating in Project Graduation was one of the first club activities.

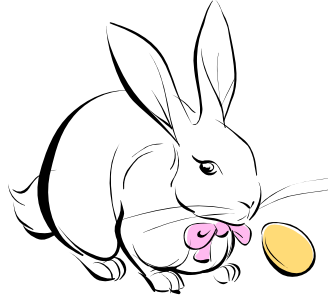
**Editorial Note:**

A very special thanks to Beth for providing the 'ice breaker' game for us this evening of fun and learning.

# EASTER EGG HUNT

March 27th 9:30-NOON Hank Anderson Park, Hwy 54

Thanks to Bob, Trish, Carolyn and Phyllis for volunteering to help with the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Hillsborough Recreation departments. We look forward to once again being part of the fun for the children of our community.



## CCC Collections

Contact Jim or Beth

[farmerjc@aol.com](mailto:farmerjc@aol.com)

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to volunteer for:

**March 6th & 7th**

**\$555.18** raised!

**March 27th & 28th**

Harris Teeter

Chapel Hill North

**Need help HERE**

**April 10th & 11th**

Wal-Mart Hillsborough

**April 24th & 25th**

Harris Teeter

University Mall

**June 5th & 6th**

Harris Teeter

Chapel Hill North



**Zone Meeting**  
**May 4**  
**Raleigh**



**3rd QUARTER DISTRICT MEETING**  
**May 21-22**



**at RTP Sheraton**



## UNC-TV FUNDRAISING

Optimist volunteers (5 from our club, 30 from the zone, and 8 from Octagon club) assisted with the UNC-TV "Festival" on-air on Sunday, **March 7th**. Results were wonderful, both in providing funding for UNC-TV and in showing the community how Optimists contribute their time and talent to the community.



## THERAPY DOLLS & CCC

Our Octagon Club continues making therapy dolls for children with cancer at UNC and Duke. We applaud their efforts as we know how valuable these dolls are for the patients. As the patients use the dolls to model potential treatments, they better adapt to the treatments they may have.

Some Octagon Club members assisted with our CCC collection at Wal-Mart last weekend as part of their service to the community. This also helps us get to know these wonderful young people.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 13 Retreat—Seymour Center
- March 17 Board Meeting **date change**
- March 24 Joe Thompson & Band (**NOTE DATE MOVED**)
- March 27 Easter Egg Hunt at Hank Anderson Park, Carrboro
- March 27-28 CCC at Harris Teeter Chapel Hill North (sign up SOON)
- March 31 program to be determined
- April 7 program to be determined
- April 10-11 CCC at Wal-Mart Hillsborough
- April 14 program to be determined
- April 21 Board Meeting
- April 24-25 CCC at Harris Teeter University Mall
- April 28 program to be determined
- May 4 3rd Quarter Zone Meeting - Raleigh
- May 21-22 District 3rd Quarter Meeting - RTP Sheraton

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