

ATLANTIC CENTRAL DISTRICT  
THRD QUARTER DISTRICT MEETING  
Saturday, May 30, 2009  
Hilton Garden Inn  
Fort Washington, PA

The following members of the Executive Committee were in attendance: Governor Maxcine Collier, Governor Elect Scott Pinheiro, Secretary Marion Dourte PG; Treasurer Guy Templin POIBd; Lt. Zone 1 Peter Eschmann PDG; Zone 6 Carmina Taylor; Zone 7 Gene Riordan; Zone 8 Bob Collier, PG; Zone 10 Bob Shingleton; and Zone 11 Tim Grierson.

Also in attendance: New Club Tom McGlynn PDG; Membership Jack Creswell, POIVP, Community Projects Tana Pratt; Leadership Development Sue Creswell, POIVP, Meetings & Convention Thad Smith, PG; OI Ambassador Henry Sheck, PG; Oratorical Chairs George Lekner; Members Services Delores Wright; Photo Contest Carole Robinson; Essay Dick Ludwig; Policy Wil Dourte, POIVP; DFR Leo Chernev, PG and PGI Jim Thompson.

Others in attendance: 30 Optimist Clubs with Presidents or their representatives.

[Preceding the statement of each motion in these minutes appears in order those who made and seconded each motion. Unless otherwise indicated, the motion was adopted.]

Governor Maxcine welcomed everyone at 1:15p.m., as we were finishing eating.

Secretary Marion asked for approval of the minutes of Second Quarter Meeting.

MOTION: R.Collier/Astle to approve the minutes as published.

Treasurer Guy listed those who owed District and Optimist International dues.

Guy then reminded Optimists to check website and send pictures of special events.

Photo Contest chair Carole said there were 14 pictures and voting would be open for 20 more minutes and she would announce the winners at end.

Membership Chair Jack asked who is an Optimist. He then encouraged everyone to look at whose hands aren't up, ask them to join us.

New Club Building Tom said that the Hillsboro club will charter June 1, and Newark Area in Ohio hopes to charter before O.I. Convention. Please let him know of where you would like to build.

O.I. Convention Henry suggested that Optimist check out Expedia for combination flight and rooms in Florida.

Governor Elect Scott stated that if we can raise another \$500.00 we can fill the bus for the day at Hershey Park before convention.

District Convention Chair Thad gave thanks to staff & Maxcine for getting the forms in packet for hotel and District registration. Packets were handed out and it will be on the District web site.

Convention Journal Ads form have been given to all clubs, please consider an ad.

District Foundation Representative Leo recognized Sunrise Freehold \$1,000.00; Presidents club ; Dime a Day donors: Guy Templin, Grace Ott, Sally Ott, Allen Morehead, George Bazaz, Carole Robinson, Raymond Bizzigotti, Kathy Senna, Robert Oldknow.

Community Projects Awards Tana went over the new project form. It helps clubs when they repeat project. The form is on-line and help is available. They are required in the awards program this year.

ESSAY Chair Dick Ludwig reminded us of the topic: "The Power of Youth." The first place essay was read by winner Benjamin Chadwell representing the Hummelstown Optimist Club. The second place District winner was Paymaneh Parhami representing the East York Optimist Club. Third Place District honors went to Ashley Otis representing the Daniel Boone Club

The meeting recessed for the Oratorical Contest.

Governor-Elect Scott explained the revamping of the District. We are going from 13 Zones to 6 regions, each with New Club, Membership, and Leadership Development chairs to support to Regional Directors and do training.

Oratorical Chair George thanked the judges and gave them gifts. He said that over 27 youths participated in the District semi-finals in the morning. Five boys and five girls participated after lunch. Paymaneh Parhami who represented the West Chester-Goshen Optimist club emerged as the winner of the Girl's Contest, and Collin Gray was the Boy's contest winner from Pottstown.

Carole announced the Photography Contest winners; First place ~ "To be so strong nothing can disturb your peace of mind," Neha Arawai from Watchung; Second place from Oley Valley taken by Emily Cantor ~ "To think only of the best, work only for the best, and expect only the best;" and Third place Yaineth Saenz from Lincoln Middle School in Passaic used "To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others." The pictures will be displayed on the web-site.

Governor-Elect Scott went over the regions for the coming year and introduced his Secretary Marilina DeNuptiis and Guy Templin as Treasurer.

MOTION: M.Pratt/S.Cresswell to accept the concept of realignment and officers for 2009-2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m. with the Benediction & Creed.

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Secretary, Atlantic Central District