

ATLANTIC CENTRAL DISTRICT  
OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL  
CONVENTION & FOURTH QUARTER BOARD MEETING  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2009  
HOLIDAY INN, GRANTVILLE, PA

The following members of the Executive Committee were in attendance: Governor Maxcine Collier, Governor Elect & Candidate Qualifications Scott Pinheiro, Secretary Marion Dourte, Treasurer Guy Templin, POIBd, Past Governors Les McMackin & Lt Governors: Zone 1 Peter Eschmann PDG, Zone 7 Gene Riordan, Zone 8 & Chaplain Bob Collier PG, Zone 10 Robert Shingleton.

Also in attendance: CPA chair Tana Pratt, District Foundation Representative Leo Chernev, PG; Leadership Development Sue Creswell, POIVP; Meetings & Convention Thad Smith PG, Membership Chair Jack Creswell, POIVP; O.I. Ambassador Henry Scheck, PG; Oratorical George Lenkner, PGI James Thompson; Policy Wil Dourte POIVP; Scrapbook Watonah Epps; Sergeant at Arms Bill Drummond.

Special Guests: OIVP GIL & ELVIRA ORTIZ

[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.]

Call To Order 8:11 by Dee Cerwood from Meetings committee. She welcomed everyone to our Second Annual Atlantic Central District Convention. Dee then turned the meeting over to the Governor.

Governor Maxcine Collier welcomed everyone.

Invocation, Flag Salute, & Toast were led by Chaplain Bob Collier, P.G.

Governor Maxcine introduced and welcomed our O.I. Representative VP Gil & Elvaria Ortiz VP Gil shared special greetings from O.I. President Don Seivers, and expressed his pleasure at spending the weekend with us.

District Secretary Marion Dourte PG asked for approval of minutes from last year's convention.

**MOTION:** LMcMackin/SCreswell to approve last year's convention minutes as mailed.

Treasurer Guy Templin, POIBd reported that the following clubs owe dues before they can vote: Wildwoods, South Toms River, Brick, Westfield, Lower Delco, Albright College, Elizabethtown, & Harrisburg. Guy also reported that the balance as of August 20<sup>th</sup> in checking is \$27,414.75 and the convention account had \$2,797.73 for total assets of \$30,212.48.

**MOTION:** PEschmann/LKenyon to recess convention for Fourth Quarter Board Meeting

Secretary Marion requested approval of the Minutes from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Board.

**MOTION:** L.McMackin/TPratt to approve the Minutes from our Third Quarter meeting.

POIVP Wil Dourte gave the Credentials report that there were 23 clubs in the room with 102 votes. He then requested the privilege to amend the report later if needed.

**MOTION:** LKenyon/P.Eschmann to accept the Credentials report as given with the right to amend it later.

### **Old Business:**

Governor Maxcine reminded attendees to get a “High Five Member” for their club. This is good this year and next.

### **New Business:**

**New Club Building** Tom McGlynn, PDG sent his report requesting every club try to build a pilot club.

**Membership** Jack Creswell, POIVP said we only need 255 members, ask people if they want to make a difference in the life of a child. Promise yourself to bring in one new member to make the difference in the life of a child before September 30.

**OI Foundation Report** Leo Chernev, PG gave the following Dime-A-Day Members: Daniel Boone – John & Sue Creswell; Kutztown – Benjamin Hass; Freehold – Raymond Bizzigotti; and Lancaster – Joe Greiner, Grace Ott, Jane Barber, Allen Morehead, Marion Dourte, Mantana Pratt, Harliene Martin, & Margaret Sampson. Also Stroudsburg – Kathleen Manchec received a collectors plate and \$1,000.00 Benefactor; Kutztown Optimists received a print and the Silver Benefactor for \$25,000.00.

Governor-Elect Scott Pinheiro reported on the Community Service Project – 55 kids – lunch area poured as they went in, and stopped as they came out and scattered...showed DVD “I’m an Optimist” for 10 chaperons...gave shirts and backpacks to Maxcine & Bob.

### **Highlights For 2009 – 2010:**

**Meeting Dates:** First Quarter, October 16-17, 2009

Second Quarter Regional Service Project Meeting [Feb. 19-20, 2010]

Third Quarter, May 21-22, 2010 – Centra State Medical Center, Freehold, NJ

**Possible Convention Sites:** At present there are three (3) possible convention sites. As all the information wasn’t available in time for a decision at this meeting, it is recommended that a decision be made at First Quarter Board. The sites being considered & dates are: Inn at Reading, Wyomissing – September 17-19; Tropicana Hotel & Convention Center, Atlantic City – September 10-13; and Radison Hotel & Convention Center in Corning, NY – August 20-22. [The last site is a joint convention with the Atlantic North East District.

Regions & leaders:

<u>#1 – Larry Iserson</u>	<u>#2 Joe Bionci</u>	<u>#3 Eugene Riordan</u>	<u>#4 Watonah Epps</u>
Freehold Sunrise	Allentown	Marple Newtown	East Montco
Freehold Noon	Hillsborough	Rosemont	Lower Providence
Freehold	Emmaus	Rose Tree Media	Lower Montco
Howell	Stroudsburg	Havertown	Philadelphia
Township of Lower	Monroe S. Brunswick	South Chester	Valley Forge
Wildwood	Apples Church	Lower Delco	World Peace +
Jackson	Belleville	West Chester	Kinship Care
Brick	Bergenfield	West Chester Goshen	Cheyney University
S. Toms River	Clifton	Ridley Interboro	
Barnegat	Kearny		
	Kinnelon Butler		
	N. Plainfield		
	Passaic		
	Watchung		
	Westfield		
	West Hudson/S. Bergen		

<u>#5 Greg DeLong</u>	<u>#6 Tom McGlynn</u>	<u>#7 Christine Schaffer</u>
Fleetwood	East York	Allegheny Valley
Boyertown	Elizabethtown	Indiana
Daniel Boone	Gettysburg	Mercer
Spring Lawn	Harrisburg	Pittsburgh North
Kutztown	Hummelstown	California
Pottstown	Lancaster	
Berkshire	Dallastown Red Lion	
Albright College	West York	
Keep the Ball Rolling	First Capital	
Oley Valley	York	
	Penn State York	

OI has announced two (2) new programs that he hopes all will participate in:

YES – Youth Empowerment Service – it is a great dropout prevention program and it is free. More information was given at training.

Internet Safety program has been expanded from the Elementary Program with Fau Paw the cat to now include a program for parents. Clubs may get kit from OI.

Internet Safety Program Introduction and DVD presentation by Lt. Governor Gene Riordan.

Yes program introduction by Watonah Epps.

**MOTION:** LChernev/LKenyon to close the Fourth Quarter Meeting and re-open convention.

**Credentials:** no change.

MOTION: GTemplin/TPratt to authorize the District Board of Directors to make a decision for 2009-10 convention at First Quarter.

**Convention** Chairperson Thaddeus Smith, PG reported on activities for the weekend at this time there are 41 Optimists registered. He gave his thanks to those who helped, especially his committee.

**MOTION:** MDeNuptiis/BDrummond to accept Thad's report.

Card was passed around for the Past President of Bergenfield who lost a leg.

Governor Maxcine reminded us of 8 a.m. service tomorrow and announced that training will start after a 15 minute break.

Closing Prayer & the Optimist Creed led by Chaplain Bob Collier, PG.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

*Marion C. Dourte*

Marion C. Dourte, P.G.  
Secretary, Atlantic Central District

THE FIRST QUARTER BOARD MEETING FOR 2009-2010 HAS BEEN CHANGED TO  
OCTOBER 9 & 10 AT THE QUALITY INN IN POTTSTOWN PA.