

FEBRUARY 2019

BREAKFAST

WITH SANTA

A Fun Family Event

We started our Breakfast with Santa as another way to provide our community with a family day in December to help bring the Spirit of Christmas to our town. What joy in our hearts we have found as Optimist member's that we have started a sweet tradition in Weddington. We have found that our simple breakfast is looked forward to by families here. Young parents head out early with their children for a day together early in December and make a day out of it filled with the Spirit of Christmas. Mom or Dad looks forward to not having to cook one morning and can bring their children out to sit in Santa's Lap. Sometimes grandparents bring the children and allow the parents a day of shopping. The children eat a good breakfast and tell Santa what they want for Christmas. (There is a small charge for the breakfast.) The children can join in more fun by making Christmas crafts FREE. All of the money goes back into the Weddington Optimist Club and helps with all the events we do as "Friends of Youth" in Weddington and Union County.



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OPTIMIST CLUB**

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February 2019

WEB SITE AND FACEBOOK UPGRADES

Working with WCWAA the Weddington Optimist Club significantly changed and upgraded our WEB site. In addition, a new Facebook page was created that links to the WEB site. With our 2019 plan of GROWTH and ENGAGEMENT these tools will help us to achieve these goals. Our WEB address is

<https://weddington-optimist.org>



CHRISTMAS BANQUET

On December 13, 2018 Optimist Club members and their spouses gathered together for a social dinner to celebrate the Christmas season and also to celebrate the good works and activities that were accomplished throughout the year.



NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

As part of the 2019 Optimist focus on GROWTH and ENGAGEMENT twenty-one new members were inducted into the club on January 27th of this year. The guest speaker was Union county district attorney Trey Robinson who talked about the opioid crisis among the young people in our area.

Our newest members are young men and women already engaged with young people as soccer coaches at the WCWAA. Their current activities parallel the activities of the Optimist Club, ***Bringing out the best in youth.*** Our shared vision will allow us to accomplish so much more in our community.



ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Later this month local area students will be submitting 700 word essays in the hope of winning a \$2,500 college scholarship. Local winners will receive \$100, \$75 and \$50 awards. This year's topic is:

When all of the world's problems are solved, will optimism still be necessary?

We expect to receive many interesting and well written papers. A big thank you to Bruce Sterrett for your leadership with this event.

2019 DISTRICT MEETING

On the weekend of February 22nd and 23rd our Optimist Club president, Mary Ann Maxson, will be attending the district meeting in Winston Salem, North Carolina. At this event she will share opportunities and concerns with other Optimist clubs in the northeast district. She will be learning best practices that we can apply to our local club.

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