

AUGUST 2019

WEDDINGTON

COUNCIL DECLARES

OPTIMIST DAY

Town of Weddington NC

The Weddington town council at their June meeting declared June 19, 2019 to be Optimist International Day. Optimist members Mike Maxson, Chris Killion and Greg Babineau accepted the award from Weddington mayor Liz Callis. The proclamation said:



TOWN OF WEDDINGTON PROCLAMATION P-2019-03

WHEREAS, Optimist International is a worldwide volunteer organization formed on June 19, 1919 and is made up of more than 3,000 local clubs and over 80,000 members in more than 20 countries; and

WHEREAS, By providing hope and positive vision, Optimist International works to be recognized worldwide as the premier volunteer organization that values all children and helps them develop to their full potential by bringing out their best; and

WHEREAS, The Weddington Optimist Club was formed in October 1980 to serve the needs of the community and has grown with the transition of the town from a rural to suburban community; and

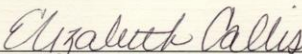
WHEREAS, the citizens of Weddington recognize and appreciate the contributions made by the Weddington Optimist Club including Optimist Park, scholarships, Adopt-a Highway, Essay and Oratorical Contests, and an Improved Students Party.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elizabeth Callis, Mayor of the Town of Weddington, North Carolina, call upon all citizens of Weddington to observe June 19, 2019 as

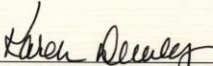
OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL DAY

In honor of the Centennial of Optimist Clubs International and the impact they have to truly make a difference in others' lives.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Weddington to be affixed this the 10th day of June 2019.


Elizabeth Callis, Mayor

Attest:


Karen Dewey, Town Clerk



Optimist Day
Proclamation

Baseball Outing

New Members

Social Media

UPCOMING EVENTS

Golf Classic

Adopt-a-Highway

WEDDINGTON OPTIMIST CLUB

5205 Weddington Rd.
Weddington Optimist Park

[www.weddington-
optimist.org](http://www.weddington-optimist.org)

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Mike Maxson

Mayor Callis

Chris Killion

Greg Babineau

BASEBALL OUTING

CHARLOTTE KNIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

Neither rain, sleet or snow could prevent 50 people from attending the Weddington Optimist baseball outing in June. This annual event showcased the Charlotte Knights and the Louisville Bats. In addition to great fellowship everyone enjoyed the postgame fireworks.



NEW MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP IS INCREASING

In July the Weddington Optimist club inducted three new members. They are Ron Espinosa, Troy Slice and Brad Guerin.

RON ESPINOSA has been married for 20 years and is the father of two boys and two girls. He currently serves as secretary for the WCWAA. In addition, he also serves on the baseball board of directors. Ron is the football player safety coach, coaches' football, little league and challenge baseball.

TROY SLICE and his wife Kayla have seven children; Axel, Blakelie, Able, Khloe, Kylie, Ella and Emma. He serves on the baseball board of directors of the WCWAA. Tracy is a NCHSAA football official. He and his family moved to the area in 2017.

BRAD GUERIN was a charter member of the Weddington Optimist club in 1980. He and his wife Ann have been married for 49 years. Their son and two grandchildren live in Pennsylvania. Brad has coached all ages of children at Optimist Park for soccer and baseball. Since retiring Brad again wants to give back to the community by supporting young people thru the optimist club.

Welcome Ron, Troy & Brad!



Brad Guerin

Troy Slice

Ron Espinosa

SOCIAL MEDIA

GROWTH AND ENGAGEMENT

This year's theme for the Wedding Optimist club is *Growth and Engagement*. The focus is to not only increase membership but to more actively engage with our members and the community. As part of this effort the club created a new WEB site, a new Facebook page and an Instagram account to make people aware of the clubs activities. Early measurements are bearing fruit. The club has gained approximately 39 new members and 150+ followers on the Facebook page. While the Instagram account is very new, the club is starting to engage followers.



GOLF CLASSIC

OPTIMIST CLUB FUNDRAISING

On September 30th thru the joint efforts of the Weddington, Charlotte & Providence Optimist clubs the 27th Annual Golf Classic will be held at Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation. Join us for good food, good golf and good fellowship.

27th ANNUAL OPTIMIST GOLF CLASSIC

September 2019

Sponsored by the:
Weddington Optimist Club
Charlotte Optimist Club
Providence Optimist Club



Friend of Youth

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

A BIG CLEAN UP

On Saturday, September 21st Weddington Optimist Club members will be holding their semi-annual litter sweep along two miles of highway 84 near Optimist Park. This will be the 30th year that the Optimist club has partnered with the NC Department of Transportation to keep our neighborhoods clean and free of trash and litter



Celebrating 100 years of service to local communities
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