

27TH ANNUAL OPTIMIST GOLF CLASSIC

The Weddington Optimist Club fielded 10 teams for this fundraising event. The largest in our club's history. The event was held at Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation under a *best ball* format. In addition to great golf and great fellowship, \$2,300 was raised for the Weddington Optimists . . . another record.



Adopt-a-Highway

Trash, trash, trash. September saw the Optimist Club participating in the North Carolina Litter Sweep to keep our roads and highways clean. This is the 30th year of the club's participation. Volunteers picked up litter along a two mile stretch of Hwy 84 in front of Optimist Park.



Golf Outing

Adopt-a-Highway

New Officers

New Members

Monroe Middle School

100Yr Celebration

Christmas Trees & Operation Warm

Breakfast with Santa

UPCOMING EVENTS

Essay Contest

Oratorical Contest

WEDDINGTON OPTIMIST CLUB

5205 Weddington Rd.
Weddington Optimist Park

www.weddington-optimist.org

Q4 2019 Newsletter

NEW PRESIDENT AND BOARD

Bill Deter replaced Mary Ann Maxson as president of the Optimist Club. A new Board of Directors was also elected. The new Board consists of Bill Deter as president, Mary Ann Maxson as president emeritus, Joan Beaulieu as treasurer, Mike Maxson as Secretary and Milton Sheffield & Chris Killion as vice presidents. The membership also approved updated Bylaws.



Mary Ann Maxson Bill Deter

NEW MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP IS INCREASING

In September the Weddington Optimist club inducted three new members. They are Ryan Morris, Keith Oberg and Ryan Rullo.

RYAN MORRIS is a North Carolina native and attended South Mech high school. He signed a letter of intent to play baseball for Clemson University before being drafted by the Cleveland Indians. After six years in the majors he returned to North Carolina. He coaches youth baseball at WCWAA

KEITH OBERG is a seven year resident of Weddington. In addition to coaching youth baseball he has served on the WCWAA Board of Directors. He says, "I believe in providing the best environment for youth to grow as athletes and as good community citizens."

RYAN RULLO has lived in the Charlotte area for 22 years. He attended college on a baseball scholarship. He is active in WCWAA where he coaches youth baseball, basketball and football. He has said, "I believe in helping children and giving back to the community in a positive way."

Welcome Ryan, Keith and Ryan!



Ryan Morris Ryan Rullo Keith Oberg

SWEATSHIRTS FOR MONROE MIDDLE

STAYING WARM IN THE WINTER

As Fall turned into Winter Monroe Middle School nurse Kathie Fenner saw many students coming to school who were not adequately dressed for the colder weather. She reached out to the Weddington Optimist Club seeking donations of sweatshirts. Within 10 days the Optimists put together a plan, reached out to their contacts and were able to provide 132 sweatshirts in assorted sizes and colors for the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. As Optimists we are a service organization serving our community and living our motto "Friend of Youth".



Ms. Frierson
8th grade counselor

Rick Beaulieu
Optimist member

Ms. Giddins
Principal

Bill Deter
Optimist President

100 YEAR CELEBRATION

OPTIMIST CLUB FUNDRAISING

As part of Optimist International's 100Yr Celebration the Weddington Optimists participated in two new fundraising events. In conjunction with WCWAA, Optimists were able to raise \$1,200 dollars by selling hot dogs, chips, drinks and raffle tickets to win a computer. The club also handed out almost 1,800 cards that promoted the club and its activities in the community.



CHRISTMAS TREES & WARM COATS

In addition to its annual fundraising event of selling Christmas trees the Weddington Optimist club partnered with the Charlotte Optimist club to support Operation Warm. The goal of Operation Warm was to provide 900 NEW winter coats to underprivileged children. In addition to a cash donation by the Weddington Optimists, Operation Warm was promoted at the tree lot. Both tree sales and new coat donations were a success.



THE CHRISTMAS TREE CREW



NEW COAT CONTRIBUTIONS

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

FUN CRAFTS, GOOD FOOD AND PICTURES WITH SANTA

Almost 400 people came by to have Breakfast with Santa. This annual event for the last 15 years has become one of the most anticipated events in the community. In addition to the all you can eat breakfast, there was a very large craft room for the children and an opportunity to talk with Santa. Lasting memories are created for the whole family. Breakfast with Santa is another way to provide our community with a family day in December to bring the spirit of Christmas to our town. What joy in our hearts we have found as Optimists that we have started a sweet tradition in Weddington.



PICTURES WITH SANTA



SANTA'S CRAFT ROOM HELPERS



THE WEDDINGTON OPTIMIST CLUB TEAM

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