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Hidden Valley Optimist Club News

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**"By providing hope and positive vision Optimist bring out the best in kids".**

**Ron Hare, Editor**



## August 2015



The Providence Optimist Club Chapter wants to hold a joint meeting with Hidden Valley Optimist Club on **Monday September 14th** to engage in discussions aimed at bringing the community closer together. They have invited us to their place, and dinner will be provided free of charge. This meeting would replace our 3rd Thursday meeting scheduled for September 17th. The following Op-Ed piece written by Dianne English will be the focus of the conversation.



DIANNE ENGLISH

*The funerals of the Charleston 9 are over. The Confederate flag is down. The trial of Officer Randall "Wes" Kerrick is over in Charlotte. And it seems that every day there is more to confront. How do we keep from being overwhelmed and exhausted? How do we move forward together amidst circumstances filled with the potential to divide?*

*The non-profit Community Building Initiative (CBI) wants to help you take the first step. We have developed two free discussion guides, available at [www.cbicharlotte.org](http://www.cbicharlotte.org), about two momentous events that have and are impacting our region.*

*The first – Can We Talk about The Ferrell/Kerrick Story?– is designed to encourage real conversations around the trial.*

*The guide offers tips on how to have a meaningful dialogue, gain greater understanding, and consider ways to respond. The guide is intended for use by intact groups – your runners' group, your moms' morning out club, your congregation, your workplace. **(Copies of the guide will be available at our meeting on Sept. 3, 2015)***

The Providence Optimist Club meets at 6:30 pm at Providence United Methodist Church, 2810 Providence Rd. Charlotte, NC 28211

**We Have:**

**A Date: November 13, 2015**

**A Location: Greenville Memorial AME Zion  
6116 Monteith Dr. Clt. 20213**

**A Cook: Optimist "Tony" Sandle**

**A decision will be an agenda item at our next meeting on Sept. 3, 2015**

