

The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself...To be so strong that nothing can disturb your piece of mind. To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet. To make all your friends feel that there is something in them. To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true. To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best. To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own. To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future. To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile. To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others. To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

February 4 – Regular Meeting at Santa’s Lodge

February 18 – Essay Contest at Santa’s Lodge

March 3 – Oratorical Contest in Celebration Room

March 17 – Regular meeting at Santa’s Lodge

April 5 – Jasper Optimist Club Bear Project Celebration

**April 25-26 - Indiana South District Quarterly Conference,
Bloomington**

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Junior Optimist Club

The Charter Application for the Junior Optimist Club of Heritage Hills Middle School has been submitted and approved by Optimist International. Thirty-two members were listed on the charter roster. Charter officers of the new club are: **Nathan McKee**, President, **Brittney Percey**, Vice president, **Paige Beckman**, Secretary, and **Morgan Lee**, Treasurer. Directors are **Olivia Hurst** and **Wendy Yearby** from the seventh grade and **Taylor Hoffman** and **Dakota Lee** from the eighth grade. The teacher sponsor is **Dawn Mix**. We welcome these new Optimists who exude enthusiasm and reflect the true spirit of optimism. They are currently planning fundraisers and service projects. Stay tuned for the celebration of their new charter.

**The Optimist Club of Santa Claus
Meetings at Santa’s Lodge,
1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 PM**



MEETINGS

February 4: **Kay Bertl**, Co-chairperson of the Spencer County Lincoln Bi-centennial Committee will bring us up to date on the activities planned for the next year leading up to the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth on February 12, 2009.

February 18: The three Essay contest winners will read their winning essays on the theme "Today's Choices Shape My Future". Come hear these outstanding young people that will represent our club at the district level as they compete for the \$650 scholarship, and hopefully, one will advance to compete for the \$6,000 scholarship as first prize at the international contest.

February Menus

February 4 – Smoked Pork Chops, corn, peas, rolls, tossed salad and cobbles

February 18 – Baked Fish, AuGratin potatoes, carrots, green beans, cole slaw, and brownies and cookies

February Anniversaries

Erin Vaal

Feb 29

February Birthdays

**Jay Burch
Lee Ringeman
Wallace Schaaf**

**Ray Stranc
Marvin Leiberling
Steve O'Brien
Rick Harpenau**

**Dan Bertke
Jack Kroeger
David Blystone**

Happy Birthday to all!



Thanks to **Russ Winkler** for discussing the history of Christmas Lake Golf Course and updating members on the future of the course at the January 21 meeting.

Jasper Optimist Club Bear Project

You all probably saw the newspaper article about the Jasper Optimist Bear Project to provide the children of Southern Indiana soldiers being deployed to the Middle East with a stuffed bear containing a recorded message from their fathers. This project has attracted attention from across the country and is growing at a rapid rate. Jasper is planning a celebration event on April 5th to present the bears. Volunteers are needed to carry out this very exciting and worthwhile project. If you are interested in becoming involved, call **Don Carrell** at 544-2801, or be at the next club meeting to get more information. Let's really get behind this effort.

Indiana South District Quarterly Conference

The Indiana South District Conference was held on January 26-27 at the Jasper Inn. Governor **Jerry Schue's** modified agenda provides more for training and individual interaction that makes these meetings more valuable for the participants. Nineteen members of the Santa Claus club attended all or part of the meeting.

We should all be proud of the level of participation and leadership demonstrated by our club at the District level. It was reported that Santa Claus has accumulated the most A&A points in our district for the first quarter. All members should try to attend at least one district conference each year,

The next quarterly conference is scheduled for April 25-26 in Bloomington. Mark your calendar.



Welcome to new member **Rhonda Hunter!** Rhonda is married and the mother of five children. She is also the owner of Santa's Photography Studio at 31 N. Kringle Place.

Indiana South District Tri-Star Basketball Contest

8-Year-Old Boys

- 1st **Jacob Masterson**
2nd **Sam Pinckert**
3rd **Lukus Rickleman**

9-Year-Old Boys

- 1st **Corey Teaford**
2nd **Grant Doyle**
3rd **Robert Jones**

10-Year-Old Boys

- 1st **Alec Meunier**
2nd **Isaac Scott**

11-Year-Old Boys

- 1st **Johnathon Davis**
2nd **Isaac B. Redman**



13-Year-Old Boys

- 1st **Matthew Jones**

8-Year Old Girls

- 1st **Kate Kaetzel**
2nd **Xiana Scott**

9-Year Old Girls

- 1st **Farrah Frakes**
2nd **Haley Begle**
3rd **Cassidy Stiles**



11-Year Old Girls

- 1st **Greer Neff**
2nd **Jamie Tempel**
3rd **Alexa Gengelbach**

12-Year Old Girls

- 1st **Hayli Scott**
2nd **Darby Vinson**
3rd **MaryEllen Laughlin**

13-Year Old Girls

- 1st **Kylee Kaetzel**