



OPTI-NEWS

August 2011



OPTIMIST CLUB OF PLAINFIELD, INDIANA

Serving the Plainfield Community and its youth since 1954

Affiliated with Optimist International and the Indiana South District

Club Meetings

6:30pm, 2nd & 4th Thursdays
Franklin Park (unless noted otherwise)

Mailing Address:

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Club Web Site:

[www.optimistindiana.org/
Clubs/Plainfield](http://www.optimistindiana.org/Clubs/Plainfield)

Officers & Directors:

President: Pat Spray
Pres.-Elect: Dawn Wickham
Vice-Pres.: Bill Verhonik
Past-Pres.: John Reel
Secretary: Rick Shaw
Treasurer: Mike Woodward
Director: Dennis Middleton
Director: Andy Tice
Director: Rusty Diemer
Director: Rick Parker
Director: Ken Mikeworth
Director: Gayle Kline

Administrative Positions:

Fund Raising Administrator:
John Reel
Sports Programs Administrator:
Mike Woodward

2010-11 Major Programs:

Baseball Directors:
Dale Copeland
Soccer Co-Director's
Ken Mikeworth & Sue Elhabrush
Football Director:
Damon Slaton
Cheerleading Director:
Shelly Vernengo
Plainfield Junior Miss Program:
Dawn Wickham

President's Message...

Fellow Optimist:

Hot, Hot Hot! This weather has been brutal but I am sure we will look back on it in January and wish we had the warmth. These very hot and dry days did not do the grass much good at Barker Sports Complex this past month as we wrapped up a wildly successful month of tournament play at the baseball complex. The spirit of cooperation and teamwork was evident as so many of our members chipped in to be sure that the kids had a terrific experience.

This time of year is always exciting with our new fall sports season and school just right around the corner. There is a line in the Optimist Creed that reads, "To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others." This line is very timely as we begin to work with new children and families in our programs, as well as new members to our Club. Our Club could be recognized as a Distinguished Club this year if we recruit a few more members before September 30, so "just ask" someone you know to join our ranks. When we take the time to reflect on ourselves and work to help others it makes all of our endeavors more enjoyable and successful.

Optimistically Yours,
Patrick Spray

News from the Sports Complex

Our first summer at the new park has gone well. Fundraising in the concession stand is progressing on target and we have hosted our first state championship tournament for Little League baseball. The fall Football (269 kids), Cheerleading (108 kids), and Soccer (535 kids) programs have started practicing and the fields look good. Opening day for football and cheerleading will be Saturday, August 13 beginning at 8:30 AM. The Westside United Invitational Soccer Tournament (expected attendance of 2,500) is also being held at the Sports Complex on Saturday and Sunday. **John Reel** could use some help in the Concession stand both days. Optimist Soccer games will begin on Thursday, August 18.

"To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true."

2010-11 Committee Chairs:

Tri-Star Soccer:	Sandy Layton
Tri-Star Football:	Mark Hagee
Tri-Star Basketball:	Rob Tejchma
Junior Golf:	John Reel
Youth Appreciation Week:	Rusty Diemer
Respect For Law Week:	Jim Spencer
Respect For Law Camp:	Jerry Fishel
Firemen's Appreciation:	Wes Bennett
Partners In Education:	Bill Verhonik
Oratorical Contest:	Mike Underwood
Essay Contest:	Mike Woodward
Senior Scholarships:	Susan Cloe
Needy Family Christmas:	TBA
Youth Clubs:	
Jr. Optimist Club (PCMS):	Dawn Wickham Joan Effinger
Octagon Club (HS):	Mike Woodward Carrie Farris
Publicity	Travis Lansberry
Finance	Mike Daugherty

August Birthdays:

August 03 – Jim Fuson
August 03 – Mike McFarling
August 05 – Dale Copeland
August 07 – Jim Hummel
August 10 – Mike Dalton
August 11 – Ted Coyle
August 17 – Bobby Smith
August 19 – Robin White
August 21 – Rick Church
August 22 – Ed Cottongim
August 29 – Ron Cloe

We are back....

Our August cookouts are Thursday August 11th and August 25th at the shelter at Franklin Park (near the tennis courts). These are the last two cookouts for the summer. Hope to see you out at the Park.

August 11th

Stop out for a cheeseburger or hamburger for Thursday's cookout. We have invited our two OIJGC District winners (**Kayla Bengel** and **Rylan Porter**) from Plainfield to tell us about their experiences at the International Championships in Florida. In addition, we will also have a recap of the 25th Indiana South District Convention in Evansville. The weather has cooled down a little, so this is the time to come out and catch up with your fellow Optimists!

August 25th

Respect for Law. On this night we will recognize our Plainfield and Hendricks County law enforcement agencies. We will have a steak dinner for the Police and **Jim Spencer** will chair the program. Let's have a good turnout to help recognize our law enforcement community.

Election of Officers for 2010-11 ...

We will start back with weekly meetings at the Elk's club beginning September 1st with the election of Officers for 2011-12. The Nominations Committee chaired by President-Elect **Dawn Wickham** has proposed the following slate of officers to be elected for the 2011-12 Optimist year:

President-Elect – **Rusty Diemer**.

Vice-President – **Bill Verhonik**

Directors (2 Years) – **Andy Tice, Brian Perry, and Mark Hagee**.

President-Elect **Dawn Wickham** will automatically become President October 1, 2011. 2010-11 President **Pat Spray** will serve an additional year on the Board as Past President. Directors **Gayle Kline, Rick Parker, and Ken Mikeworth** will serve the second year of their 2-year term. Club Secretary **Rick Shaw** and Treasurer **Mike Woodward** (re-appointed) must be approved by the new Board. Director **Dennis Middleton** and Past President **John Reel** are completing their terms, and will go off the Board September 30. A warm and hearty THANK YOU and congratulations to Dennis and John for their years of service on the Board!

If you have ideas or items for the newsletter please contact Andy Tice or Rick Shaw. See you at the cookouts!

