



OPTI-NEWS

December 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, location as noted in announcements

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 664,
Plainfield, IN 46168

Club Web Site:

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

Officers & Directors:

President: Dawn Wickham
Pres.-Elect: Rusty Diemer
Vice-Pres.: Bill Verhonik
Past-Pres.: Pat Spray
Secretary: Rick Shaw
Treasurer: Mike Woodward
Director: Rick Parker
Director: Ken Mikeworth
Director: Gayle Kline
Director: Andy Tice
Director: Mark Hagee
Director: Brian Perry

Administrative Positions:

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

2010-11 Major Programs:

Baseball Co-Directors:
Dale Copeland & Travis Nichols
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...

I REALLY can't believe its December. And although it's starting to look and feel like winter outside, I want you to know that we are preparing now for spring soccer and baseball. Spring will be here before you know it. This is such a busy month, but I hope you have a chance to visit us at least once during December at our weekly club meetings. We'll be collecting donations for the needy family Christmas fund where we'll be able to make some family in our community a little happier with a few extra gifts for Christmas. If you would like to donate to the family Christmas fund, drop a note by one of the weekly meetings, or drop a letter in the P.O. Box, or e-mail Mike Woodward. (mjwoodwardiu@sbcglobal.net).

Our meeting on December 15th will be our special holiday party. We'll have a pitch-in and white elephant gift exchange, and we'll be meeting that evening at my home (6030 Hunter's Ridge Dr., Plainfield) Please bring your spouses.

Most importantly, don't forget the reason for this holiday season. Count your blessings, give thanks to the Lord above, celebrate friends and family, and take some time to sing (or hummmm) a carol or two.

Thank you ALL for the work that you do with the YOUTH of this community.

Optimistically YOURS,
Dawn Wickham

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

2011-12 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:	Farah Ahmed & Sue Ihabrush
Youth Clubs:	
Jr. Optimist Club (PCMS):	Denise Williams Joan Effinger
Octagon Club (HS):	Mike Woodward Carrie Farris
Publicity	Travis Lansberry
Finance	Mike Daugherty

December Birthdays:

Dec. 12 – Tom Sutherlin
Dec. 16 – Susan Cloe
Dec. 16 – John Jennings
Dec. 18 – Joan Effinger
Dec. 30 – Sue Elhabrush

Club Meetings for the month of December

Dec. 1st – OI golf video and discussion. Mike W. and John R. will show a video about the Optimist International Golf tournament and talk about what's new for next years tournament. It is not too early to start thinking about golfing. These kids are booking their summer schedules now! Come out and see the latest on this great event.

Dec. 8th – Plainfield Junior Miss winner Justine Weatherman (Cascade High School) will be joining us to tell us about her experiences competing in the program and what she has been up to since then. Also Justine is preparing to go on to the state program in February. Justine is one fantastic young lady. You will enjoy meeting her again. By the way for those who don't remember, Justine also won the Indiana South District Oratorical Contest a couple years back representing our club at the District competition. Make your plans now to meet a very special young women.

Dec. 15th – Christmas party time is here! See the invitation below. Bring those white elephants and a dish to pass. Should be a fun evening at President Dawn's house!

Dec. 22nd and 29th – Christmas Holiday weeks. There will be no club meetings these two weeks. Have a great holiday season with your families and we will see you back at Sugar Grove on Thursday January 5th.

Reminders:

The next board of directors meeting is Sunday December 18th at 6:30pm in the Chamber of Commerce building downtown. As always the meeting is opening to any club member as well. We will be reviewing the 2012 club budget that night.

We would like to express our thanks to Youth Appreciation Night Chair Rusty Diemer, our keynote speaker, Mark Smith and all our presentors, as well as the highly deserving recipients. Once again the Youth Appreciation Night was a wonderful success! The extra special note this year was the addition of recognition of two winners from St. Susanna school to our list of honorees.

Hope you enjoy the Newsletter. If you have ideas or specific information you would like to see here, please contact Rick Shaw (rick.shaw@amfam.com) or Andy Tice (ticeandrew@yahoo.com).



Christmas Party

It is my pleasure to host a Christmas Party for the Plainfield Optimist Club. Spouses, significant others, and friends are cordially invited to attend! Beverages and some finger foods will be provided. Please bring a snack or dessert to share along with your most cherished White Elephant gift for the gift exchange.

(if you have a cactus like the one below – be careful when you wrap it!).



Thursday December 15th – 6:30 pm

Dawn Wickham's house.



6030 Hunters Ridge Drive

1st left off Hadley Road
(coming from IN267 – Quaker Boulevard)

Hunter's Ridge is right near the Plainfield High School

So stop on by, bring a friend and enjoy the holiday spirit!