



OPTI-NEWS

May 2012



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

6:30 pm, Sugar Grove
Senior Living Center

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: Shelly Vernengo

Administrative Positions:

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

2010-11 Major Programs:

Baseball Co-Director's:
Dale Copeland & Brian Holsclaw
Soccer Co-Director's
Ken Mikeworth & Sue Elhabrush
Football Director:

Damon Slaton

Cheerleading Director:

Shelly Vernengo

Distinguished Young Women

Program: (formerly Junior Miss)

Tina Weigel

President's Message...

Well it's May and officially spring, maybe all that rain will bring you beautiful flowers and green, green grass. This month is going to be busy with soccer, baseball, graduations, Mother's day, and Memorial Day. Here's hoping we celebrate love, life, freedom, futures, and family. I found a poem for Memorial Day that I wanted to share with you. God Bless the men and women that serve our nation and the families that support them and remember them every day.

The American Hero

by Roger Robicheau

The American Hero always comes through
To capture our hearts with a spirit so true
Some proudly are soldiers who march in harm's way
Insuring our freedom, courageous they stay
While others come forth as civilians so brave
Determined in purpose, so steadfast to save
We should always keep clear a place in our heart
For each has a value beyond precious art
Their duty to country will not be surpassed
Please honor their courage, for some it's their last
We live in a world which can be hard to bear
Thank God for these people, how greatly they care
Do ponder new heroes and what they will face
And pray for their safety no matter their place
Our heritage brings out the best, we all know
Our great book of heroes is destined to grow

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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:	TBA
Tri-Star Football:	Mark Hagee
Tri-Star Basketball:	Pat Spray
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:	Joan Effinger
Needy Family Christmas:	Farah Ahmed & Sue Elhabrush
Youth Clubs:	Joan Effinger
Jr. Optimist Club (PCMS):	Denise Williams
Octagon Club (HS):	Mike Woodward
	Carrie Farris
Publicity	Travis Lansberry
Finance	Mike Daugherty

May Birthdays:

May 01 – Ann Tice
 May 02 – Ron Brothers
 May 08 – Michael Anderson
 May 14 – Larry Fancher
 May 14 – Jerry Fishel
 May 15 – Mike Underwood
 May 16 – Wes Bennett
 May 18 – David Deer

Upcoming Club Calendar:

May 17th – Soccer Coaches Appreciation night. Soccer Co-director's **Ken Mikeworth** and **Sue Elhabrush** are our hosts for the evening as we welcome and recognize the soccer coaches for all their hard work coaching the youth in our program. Please note there is a change in time and location. We will meet at 7:00 pm instead of 6:30 pm since there are games that night. Also we will be meeting at the soccer fields/concession area of the Barker Sports Complex rather than Franklin Park.

Jun. 7th – Baseball Coaches Appreciation night. In following with our sporting theme for our cook-outs, Baseball Co-director's **Dale Copeland** and **Brian Holsclaw** will host our cook-out to recognize the coaches of our 2012 baseball program. Since no games or practices will be scheduled that night, will gather for fellowship at 6:00 instead with the meal to begin by 6:30 pm. We will meet at the baseball diamond/concession area of the Barker Sports Complex.

Come early for both of these cook-outs and then stay and join us for a burger hot off the grill!

Fall Sports Sign-ups:

Soccer			Football			Cheerleading		
June 2	Library	10am - 2pm	June 16	Dick's	12-3 pm	May 10	Library	6-8 pm
June 9	Library	10am - 2pm	June 21	BSC *	6-8 pm	May 12	Rec Center	1-3 pm
June 13	Library	6-8 pm	June 23	Dick's	12-3 pm	May 19	Rec Center	1-3 pm
June 20	Library	6-8 pm	June 28	BSC *	6-8 pm	May 24	Library	6-8 pm
June 23	Library	10am - 2pm	July 7	Dick's	12-3 pm	June 2	Rec Center	9 am-Noon
June 30	Library	10am - 2pm	* BSC – Barker Sports Complex			June 9	Rec Center	9 am-Noon

Notes:

Did you hear the news? **Amanda Lechner** (right), a senior at Plainfield High School, won the Indiana South District Oratorical Contest!! Amanda won a \$2,500 scholarship and is now the second Girl sponsored by our Club to have won the District competition.



Also, **Kayleigh Brummett** (left), winner of our Club's Essay Contest placed second in the District competition. Congratulations Amanda and Kayleigh!!

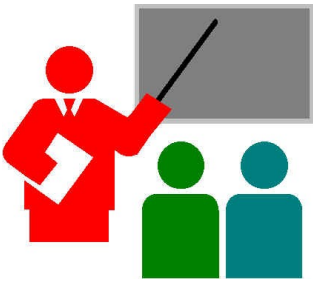


At the March Board of Director's meeting, **Shelly Vernengo** was approved by the Board to replace **Brian Perry**. Due to family commitments, Brian was no longer able to continue his duties as a Director. Shelly will fulfill the remainder of Brian's term which runs through September 2013. Welcome aboard Shelly and good luck Brian in your future endeavors. The next Board of Directors meeting is Sunday May 20th at 6:30pm in the Chamber of Commerce building. The fall Soccer program review will be on the agenda. As always the meeting is open to any club member.

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).



4/19/2012. Partners in Education Award Winners.



School	Outstanding Teacher	Outstanding Support Staff Person
St. Susanna Catholic School	Natalie Godsil	Amy Uberto
Brentwood Elementary School	Dayna Cade	Jackie Wagley
Central Elementary School	Jill Maple	Diana White
Van Buren Elementary School	Rachel Waltz	Ashley Mathis
Clarks Creek Elementary School	Brian Nelson	Vicki Westfall
Plainfield Community Middle School	Jennifer Scott	Brenda Bergesen
Plainfield High School	Carrie Farris (left)	Polly Landis

Soccer News:

The Plainfield Optimist Revolution U-12 Girls Travel team played in the White River Classic soccer tournament and advanced to the Championship game where they lost a close 2-1 game to Fishers.

