



OPTI-NEWS

November 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

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Club Web Site:

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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
Soccer Co-Director's
Ken Mikeworth & Sue Elhabrush
Football Director:
Damon Slaton
Cheerleading Director:
Shelly Vernengo
Plainfield Junior Miss Program:
Tina Weigel

President's Message...

As our fall sports come to a close, I would like to thank our MANY coaches, assistant coaches, and program directors for making the fall season such a special one for hundreds of young kids. I was at the final games of the regular football season, and I heard some amazing words from the coaches and parents.

This is the month that we should take a moment and reflect on what we are most grateful for. For me; it is my family, my health, my Optimist Board and for this great Optimist organization. I hope that you all will take some time this month to *make all your friends feel that there is something in them.*

To do that...I have a challenge for you.

I'm asking each of you to mentor **just one** already active member of this Plainfield Optimist Club. I would like all of those who currently receive this newsletter to reach out to another member and ask them if they are receiving it also. I would like to know that **100% of our club** is getting the information we are sending out. We have some great weekly meetings coming up in November and December and I would also like to challenge ALL MEMBERS to join us at least once a month.

As we wrap-up this year, and prepare for 2012, I am grateful for the all of the active members in the Plainfield Optimist Club. You have touched the lives of so many children and their families. May we continue to support one another and build up one of the strongest clubs in the state of Indiana.

Optimistically YOURS,
Dawn Wickham

"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:	Farah Ahmed
Youth Clubs:	Joan Effinger
Jr. Optimist Club (PCMS):	Deneise Williams
Octagon Club (HS):	Mike Woodward Carrie Farris
Publicity	Andy Tice
Finance	Mike Daugherty

November Birthdays:

Nov. 01 – Mark Hagee
Nov. 12 – Andy Clayton
Nov. 15 – Randy Reel
Nov. 24 – Jon Jeffries
Nov. 25 – Larry Hesson



Club Meetings for the month of November

The eagle has landed – I repeat the eagle has landed. In this case we are referring to the Plainfield Optimist Club and our club meetings. A consensus has been reached and we will now be meeting regularly at Sugar Grove Retirement Home. The food is very good and we have plenty of room for meetings and guest speakers. Come out and see the new location and join us for a meal!

November meeting schedule

Nov 3rd – Fall sports coaches appreciation night. We will be recognizing our fall sport coaches this evening. Come on out and say thank you to our soccer, football, and cheerleading coaches for all they do in making these sports programs a success.

Nov 10th – On this evening we will hold our Youth Appreciation Night at the Elk's Club. This is one of our finest nights as we recognize youth from the 6th through 12th grades (this year we will also recognize a boy and a girl from St. Susanna school). Come out and see the fine youth and our future. You won't be disappointed. We start at 6:30.

Nov 17th – Carrie Farris and members of the Octagon Club will join us this evening at Sugar Grove Retirement Home. They will share information about their goals and programs that they are planning for this school year.

Nov 24th – Thanksgiving. There is no club meeting this night. Happy Thanksgiving, enjoy your family and get ready for the holiday season. We will pick up with meetings the following week in December.

Newest Members

The Board of Directors have approved the membership applications of **Larry Hesson** and **Andy Clayton**. Welcome aboard Larry and Andy! All Club members are encouraged to invite a friend, neighbor, relative, or co-worker to be our guest (one free meal to each potential member guest) at a meeting, and then invite them to join.

Reminders:

The board of directors will meet Sunday November 20 at 6:30pm in the Chamber of Commerce building downtown. As always the meeting is opening to any club member as well.

Dues Notice: Club dues statements for the period October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012 have been mailed. Please return your payment ASAP. The Club must pay dues in advance to Optimist International and the Indiana South District for all members on the Club roster as of September 30.

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).

In case you missed it, look below for a picture from a recent meeting!!!

Seen and Heard...

On Thursday October 20th we had our Punt-Pass-Kick Awards ceremony. Club member Mark Hagee was the host for the evening. The following winners were recognized.

Age Group	Place	Name
6/7 Year Old Boys	First	Blake Woodard
	Second	Collin Anderson
8/9 Year Old Boys	First	Henry Hesson
	Second	Damien Eller
10/11 Year Old Boys	First	Bri Brown
	Second	Ben Slaton
12/13 Year Old Boys	First	Daylan Flick
	Second	Jon Hagee
14/15 Year Old Boys	First	Morgan Hagee
	Second	Anthony Bolen
10/11 Year Old Girls	First	Jesse Hauger
12/13 Year Old Girls	First	Emma Schultz
	Second	Delaney Slaton
14/15 Year Old Girls	First	Londyn Feasel

Some of the winners present at the pizza party!

