



# OPTI-NEWS

## February 2011



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### OPTIMIST CLUB OF PLAINFIELD, INDIANA

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*Serving the Plainfield Community and its youth since 1954*

Affiliated with Optimist International and the Indiana South District

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#### Club Meetings

6:30pm, Thursdays  
"Plainfield Elks Lodge"

#### 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:** 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 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...

Within the Optimist International organization we celebrate diversity amongst our membership. This past month our county observed and celebrated the birth date of an American hero, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who fought for the recognition of civil rights and liberties for all people no matter their backgrounds, education, or heritage. One line in the Optimist Creed speaks to this by having us celebrate others by making others feel that there is something special in them to offer our community.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them

Through our many programs we have opportunities to provide guidance and inspiration to youth so that they may become more than they ever expected. We can model and speak with our youth so they understand the importance of lifting up others around them and that this practice and action is to the greater benefit of our community. When you are working with young and not-so-young alike remember the following that was shared with me when I first began my career in education.

As teachers, mentors and friends we need to remind ourselves that people remember:

10% of what they read  
20% of what they hear  
30% of what they see  
50% of what they see and hear  
70% of what they discuss with others  
80 % of what they experience by doing  
95% of what they teach to others

Sincerely,  
Patrick Spray

*"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:	TBA
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

## **February Birthdays:**

Feb. 01-	Mark Todisco
Feb. 02-	Andy Garriott, Rich Philip & Jed Wickham
Feb. 03-	Bill Cherry & Dave Boesch
Feb. 07-	Carl Smith
Feb. 09-	Ricky Parker
Feb. 10-	Mike Daugherty
Feb. 11-	Andy Tice
Feb. 14-	Pat Spray
Feb. 17-	Linda Fuson
Feb. 19-	Jim Chapman & Dennis Middleton
Feb. 21-	Shelly Vernengo
Feb. 22	John Gordon
Feb. 25	Rusty Diemer
Feb. 28	Brett Hesson & Brian Holsclaw

## **February Meetings....**

**We're back at the Elk's Club!** It may be cold outside, but the meals are hot and the fellowship and programs hotter still. Come join us.

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> – **Principal Kellie Jacobs** from Plainfield High School will join us to provide a State of the High School update!

Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – **Mary Beth Carmichael** from the Westside YMCA will be joining us to tell us about their new facility set to open later this year.

Feb 17<sup>th</sup> – TriStar basketball awards night.

Feb 24<sup>th</sup> – Third time is the charm... Rescheduled twice now due to snow, **BethAnn Leach**, the Executive Director of Hendricks County Senior Services, Inc. will join us to talk about the organization, their facilities, and some of the services they provide for seniors in our county. Let's get a good turn-out for a good cause, and interesting speaker! ([www.hendricksseniors.org](http://www.hendricksseniors.org)).

## **District News**

The second quarter district meeting was held Jan 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> in Bloomington. International Trainer Craig Kelley joined us from Iowa with a lively presentation on baking a cake and NOW (New Optimist Welcome) meetings. It is always interesting to hear about the activities of other clubs in the district. That evening our own **John Reel** received recognition for the Plainfield Club being a Distinguished club in the Indiana South District (one of only two this year!).

The third quarter meeting will be April 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> at the Airport Crowne Plaza in Indianapolis. OI President Danny Rodgers will be at the conference. It will be a joint conference with Indiana North District. **Governor Kathy Underwood** would love to see a large contingent from the Plainfield club at this event. Set aside the date now and plan to attend!

## **From the Boardroom, by Secretary Shaw (ghost written...this month)**

TriStar basketball was run on Saturday Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> with a big assist from the National Honor Society. ...Our club hosted the Zone 3 zone meeting on Jan 13<sup>th</sup> with representatives of 4 clubs present. ...On Monday January 24<sup>th</sup> **President Spray** and representatives from the board presented \$120,000 to the Town of Plainfield for use towards development of the PYAC town park where our sports programs will be full time starting this spring. ...Baseball Director **Dale Copeland** presented the spring 2011 baseball program to the Board of Directors. After some discussion, the program was approved. ...The board received a request for support from the Plainfield High School Post Prom and after some consideration a motion was approved to donate \$100. ...Finally an invitation was received from the Plainfield Chamber of Commerce for their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner and Auction. The theme this year is "All About Sports". Details on the event can be found at the chambers website, [www.plainfield-in.com](http://www.plainfield-in.com).



## Odds-n-Endings

Here is a snowbird report from **Travis Lansberry**. *"I had to get my sun shovel out to clear the drive the other day. It was really hard. No matter how hard I shoveled, the sun just filled in right behind me. I couldn't make a dent in it. It was really frustrating. Ha Ha.*

*Seriously, the weather here has been cool on occasion but not nearly as cold as Plainfield. I have been playing golf about once a week and shuffleboard two or three times a week.*

*I have also been working on a landscaped area at the back of our property that had been neglected for the last fifteen years. It is a real mess, but I am making progress. The neighbors have commented that they appreciate my cleaning it up. Luckily, the county picks up yard waste once a week and I have been putting out the maximun every week. Hopefully, I will get that job finished just about the time we head home.*

*There isn't an Optimist Club here although there seems to be most of the other service clubs. Then again, our club motto isn't "**Friend of Old Fogies.**" Let everyone know that I miss them and should be back in Plainfield about the 21<sup>st</sup> of April."*



Many thanks to Chef Mike Daugherty for supplying delicious chili at the Jan 13<sup>th</sup> club meeting at the InterUrban building. Compliments were the word of the evening and they came in from all angles.

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](mailto:rick.shaw@amfam.com)) or Andy Tice ([ticeandrew@yahoo.com](mailto:ticeandrew@yahoo.com)).