



OPTI-NEWS



OPTIMIST CLUB OF PLAINFIELD, INDIANA

Serving the Plainfield Community and its youth since 1954

Affiliated with Optimist International and the Indiana South District

Indiana South District Theme: Give of Yourself For The Kids " January 2010

Club Meetings

6:30pm, Thursdays

Plainfield Elks Lodge "

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Club Web Site:

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Officers & Directors:

President: John Reel

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Director: Rusty Diemer

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Director: Rob Mongell

Director: Brian Dilger

January Programs:

(All Club meetings at Plainfield Elks Lodge)

Jan. 14 FAA control tower operations manager **Mark Crittenton**, will be speaker.

Jan. 16 Tri-Star BB competition at Middle School from 1PM till 3PM.

Jan. 21 -Super Thursday " **Brad Long** from Fellowship of Christian Athletes will be our special guest.

Jan. 28 Tri-Star BB Awards with PHS boys basketball coach **Clay Bolser** as guest speaker and presenter.

President's Message ...

Hopefully this weather is going to let up soon (probably in April) so we can get back on our regular meeting schedule.

Our first quarter had a lot of positive signs as attendance has almost doubled on Thursday evening and we are looking at about 25 per meeting so with a 140 member club, we still have a long way to go.

Signup's for Spring Soccer began this past Saturday morning so our 2010 year will be off to a fast start. Past "stat's" indicate that we will have over 600 youngsters involved with spring soccer. Baseball signup's will begin the first week in February.

As you know by now, the Club meeting on January 7 was cancelled because of weather. This Thursday's guest speaker will be Mark Crittenton, FAA control tower operations manager, who will tell us about the traffic and security that is on every major news station...Mark is going to arrange for another tower tour when it gets a "bit" warmer and we will be taking reservations for this fantastic trip to the 344 foot control tower and radar operation...a state of art facility in the Indianapolis ATC system. January 21 is super Thursday....see special item on our guest speaker, Brad Long....(this guy is great.) To wrap up January, Rob Tejchma, chairman of tri-star basketball...(pass, shoot, dribble,) has arranged for PHS boys basketball coach Clay Bolser to speak to our contestants (and Club members) on the 28th.

Looking ahead to February, we will have a speaker from the State Police Academy, Derek Carlson, Head Pro at Deer Creek Golf Club (rescheduled from December) and for Super Thursday, we hope to have long time Indiana Pacer trainer, David Craig as our speaker ...

There it is.....how could you not attend any or all of these meetings??

Mike Woodward is working on a club directory for all....we still need information and a picture for the book.....I believe he is addressing that item in this issue as well.

See you next Thursday....Plainfield Elks....6:30 pm....family type program....bring spouses and kids...food is priced right.....and.....it's pretty darn good.

JR

"To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best. "

2009-10 Committee Chairs:

Baseball Co-Directors:

Dale Copeland & Travis Nichols

Spring Soccer Director:

Brian Dilger & Paul Hrbek

Fall Soccer Director:

Brian Dilger & Paul Hrbek

Football Director:

Dennis Middleton

Cheerleading Director:

Shelly Vernengo

Tri-Star Soccer:

Sandi Layton

Tri-Star Football:

Mark Hagee

Tri-Star Basketball:

Rob Tejchma

Junior Golf:

Mike Woodward

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:

Andy Tice

Essay Contest:

Mike Woodward

Senior Scholarships:

Susan Cloe

Needy Family Christmas:

Greg & Jill Baker

Boys State Sponsorship:

Carl Smith

Youth Clubs:

Jr. Optimist Club (PCMS):

Dawn Wickham

Joan Effinger

Octagon Club (HS):

Mike Woodward

Carrie Farris

Plainfield Junior Miss Program:

Dawn Wickham

Publicity

Travis Lansberry

Finance

Mike Daugherty

January Meetings ...

Jan. 14 FAA control tower operations manager **Mark Crittenton**, will tell us about the air traffic and security that is on every major news station and operations at the tower.

Jan. 21 –Super Thursday ” Brad Long, Central Indiana Area Coordinator for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, will be our special guest speaker. Brad has led chapel services for numerous professional and collegiate teams covering a multitude of sports including the Indianapolis Colts, Houston Texans, University of Notre Dame, Boston College and Indiana University. He traveled to Wimbledon for an outreach ministry opportunity with tennis players on the Pro Tour. Brad also has spoken at numerous churches, conferences and youth events. He assisted in planting the Bible Church of Brownsburg and currently serves as the chaplain for the Franklin College football team. Let s have a great member turnout for this program!

Jan. 28 Winners from our annual Tri-Star Basketball skills competition will be recognized at this Club meeting. PHS boys basketball coach **Clay Bolser** will be on hand to speak to the kids, (and our members) and will assist Tri-Star Basketball Chair **Rob Tejchma** with the presentation of awards.

Tri-Star Basketball ...

Our annual Tri-Star Basketball skills competition will be held at the Plainfield Community Middle School on Saturday, January 16 from 1 PM until 3 PM. Boys and girls ages 8 through 13 can participate anytime (the contest takes about 15 minutes per participant). Awards will be determined for each age group and gender, and will be presented at our Club meeting on January 28. Chair **Rob Tejchma** has been called out of the country on business so Club President John Reel will coordinate the event. Any member who is willing and available to help this Saturday afternoon (setup at 12:30 PM) is asked to contact John to volunteer your time. If we have eight to ten members help, the event will run smoothly. Rumor has it that the volunteers have as much fun as the kids, so give John a call (this will help us plan) or just show up to help!

Club Membership Directory ...

Included as an attachment to e-mailed editions of this newsletter to Club members is a first draft of a Club Directory which we hope to have printed soon, and distributed to all Club members. This is your opportunity to review your individual information (and anything else that you might notice) for any incorrect or missing data before we print the directory. We would also like to include as many head shot photos of members as possible. Check page 2 for the page number of your individual data. Note that the attached PDF file is laid out to be printed front to back on letter size paper in landscape mode. When assembled, member listings are alphabetical by page number except for members of the Club Board of Directors, which are printed before the alphabetical listing. Please e-mail any additions, corrections, or photos (jpeg format preferred) to Mike Woodward at mjwoodwardiu@yahoo.com.

Junior Miss Report & Volunteer Opportunities ...

Casey Thomas will be attending the State Junior Miss Program on Feb. 25, 26 & 27th in Frankfort, Indiana. Plans are currently underway to schedule the next Plainfield program to be held in June 2010. The Club s Junior Miss Chairperson, **Dawn Wickham**, is looking for help for this year s program for Publicity, Production, Talent, Fitness, Judges, Hostess / Refreshments, Collecting Scholarship Donations, and Program Book Advertisements.

If interested, please contact her at dawn@jwickhamconsulting.com.

January Birthdays:

Jan. 01 Todd Justus
Jan. 06 Paul Hrbek
Jan. 11 Manuel Gentry
Jan. 17 Walt Lemke
Jan. 17 Aneita Lemke
Jan. 17 David Fowler
Jan. 29 Henry Nichols