



OPTI-NEWS

June 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, 2nd & 4th Thursdays
Franklin Park (unless noted otherwise)

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...

"To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile."

This particular section of the Optimist Creed is the hardest for me to say when reciting it, maybe it is because many times it is the hardest part to live each day. Life gives us many twists and turns both personally, professionally, and within our own club. The good news is that the alternative to looking at the positive and working towards the future is not a feasible option for anyone who wants to be successful – so the choice is easy! Be positive, pass on your Optimism, look toward and be a part of making a better future, and most of all enjoy your summer!

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

June Birthdays:

June 08 – Randy Drake
June 09 – Bob Castetter
June 28 – Ed Gaddie
June 29 – Kent Adams
June 29 – Bill Verhonik
June 30 – Mark Layton



Tentative Summer Schedule of Meetings....

Our summer meeting days are the 2nd and 4th Thursday. Normally we will be cooking out at the pavilion at Franklin Park (near the tennis courts). Here is the list of dates for the summer:

June 9th – Take me out to the ballpark. Come on down to the sports complex for the **Soccer and Baseball Coaches Appreciation night**. Have a burger and a look around at how nice the facilities are! 6:30 PM at the **Al and Jan Barker Sports Complex**.

June 30th – We will recognize individuals in our Plainfield Fire Department with our **Firemen's Appreciation Dinner** at the **Fire Station #1**. Come on out for a steak with the Firemen – guaranteed not to be burned! Contact **Wes Bennett** for more details.

July 14th – Participants from the **Distinguished Young Woman Program** (formerly Junior Miss) will be our guests. Awards will be presented to all of the Award winners from the Program. Note: **The Distinguished Young Woman Program** will be held on Saturday afternoon, June 25th at Cascade High School. Contact **Dawn Wickham** or **Tina Weigel** (our newest Club member!) for more details.

July 28th – Respect for Law (Tentative date). Each summer we recognize the outstanding efforts of the Plainfield Police Department and the Hendricks County Sheriff's office by treating the officers to a steak dinner. Come out and visit with our law enforcement community.

The other cookouts are open at this time:

August 11th – open.

August 25th – open.

Stay tuned for more information on summer cookouts and speakers.

News from the Boardroom

The Fall Soccer and Football programs were reviewed at the May Board of Directors meeting. Both programs were well received and approved for running this fall. The next Board meeting is Sunday June 19th at 6:30 at the Plainfield Chamber of Commerce building.

Odds-n-Endings

Fore! Get ready for the 2011 Indiana South District Junior Golf Tournament. This year's tournament is again open to girls and boys ages 10 – 18. Winners will qualify for The International Tournament in Florida. The District Tournament is held at Deer Creek Golf Club in Clayton. Talk to co-chairs **Mike Woodward** and **John Reel** for details. They also need volunteers and sponsors to help. The Indiana South District Golf Tournament is Thursday and Friday June 16 – 17, 2011. See this web site for more details:

<http://www.optimistindiana.org/projects/jrgolf/>.

Looking for a different summer getaway? How about a weekend in Evansville to learn more about Optimists and the Indiana South District? The **2011 Indiana South District Convention** takes place at the Clarion Inn Convention Center in Evansville, Indiana from August 5th – August 7th. There are opportunities to see fellow Optimists from the Indiana South District as well as past Optimist International President, Mark Shriver. Rumor has it there is also a casino nearby for those so inclined. Check the INDS website for details <http://www.optimistindiana.org/>.

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).