

The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself...To be so strong that nothing can disturb your piece of mind. To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet. To make all your friends feel that there is something in them. To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true. To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best. To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own. 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. To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others. To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 7 – Regular Meeting at The Chateau at 6 p.m.
- June 21 – Regular Meeting at The Chateau at 6 p.m.
- August 2 – Regular Meeting at The Chateau at 6 p.m.
- August 16 -- Regular Meeting at The Chateau at 6 p.m.
- September 6 – Labor Day – no meeting
- September 20 -- Regular Meeting at The Chateau at 6 p.m.

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Board Approves JA Class

In March the Board of Directors voted to sponsor a Junior Achievement class at Nancy Hanks Elementary. At the May 3rd club meeting **Mike Schriefer**, President of the Spencer County Advisory Board for Junior Achievement presented to our club a picture of the class that we sponsored. Junior Achievement is a program of economic education designed to educate students about personal finance and how businesses operate.



The Optimist Club of Santa Claus
Meetings at The Chateau,
1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 PM



MEETINGS

May 3 – **Ferman Yearby and Marva Statler** from the Souh Spencer County Alternative Education

May 17 – **Melissa Wilkinson**, Executive Director of the Spencer County Visitors Bureau

MENUS

June 7 – Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, corn & green beans, tossed salad, rolls, assorted cake

June 21 – Baked Ham, potato salad, peas, baked beans, creamy Cole Slaw, rolls, & assorted pies

ANNIVERSARIES

Donna & Dan Flamion, 6/4

Jan & Ron Kroeger, 6/7

Sue & Ron Fuhrman, 6/14

Nancy & Pete Maher, 6/16

Beth & Jerry Schue, 6/19

Mary & Mike Schriefer, 6/24

Sue & Bill Cherolis, June 7

Tammy & Mike Spurlock, 6/9

Dee & Ken Mulzer, 6/15

Martha & Al Hemmer, 6/18

Vicki & Frank Fowler, 6/23

BIRTHDAYS

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!

Club Recognizes Karen Claise

At the May 3rd meeting **Karen Claise** received a gift for her work as secretary. **Karen** filled out the A&A report on line and provided the information that permitted our club to be recognized for providing service to 585 children from January through March. The gift was given to us by the OI District team. The gift is an Optimist fold up chair. Thank You to **Karen** for all her hard work!

**May Meeting Summary**

At the May 3rd meeting we had two groups of speakers. The first speakers were **Ferman Yearby** and **Marva Statler** speaking about the educational program at the Spencer County Jail. The program is run through the Alternative Education system here in Spencer County. **Marva** is the GED coordinator for the corrections program. **Marva** helped start the program in 2002 and to date 72 students have received GED degrees.

Several students have continued on to college and a few have received Associates degrees from IVY Tech. Congratulations to **Marva** and all of her students for their hard work.

Our second pair of speakers were club members **Roger Corley** and **Stuart Curtis**. They spoke about the building program going on at the YMCA in Ferdinand. The YMCA is working to build a multipurpose building in



Ferdinand. This building will have a wellness center, child watch area and a large room to permit ball games of all types to be played. YMCA staff have collected \$2.8 million dollars toward this building program. They are currently working for community support and hope to raise \$250,000 dollars by selling paving bricks for the facility. Since its inception in 2004 the YMCA has provided programs to 71,000 children



and families in the Dubois and Spencer county area. This is a worthwhile building program worthy of our individual support.

In the picture **Roger** and **Stuart** receive pens for bringing this important information to our club.

At the May 17th meeting North Spencer School Superintendent-elect **Dan Sherry** spoke on his view about educating our children. **Dan** said he believes in educating the “whole” child and spoke against budget cuts that eliminate the arts and other non-core curricula classes. He believes that America's leadership in developing new products is related to our ability to think outside the box. He stated that relying too heavily on standardized tests and statistics can prevent a school from maintaining high standards overall as they are forced to focus on improving on last year's statistics.



Avenue of Flags Begins

Support local children's programs and promote patriotism by taking advantage of the Optimist's Avenue of Flags program. For \$30 flags will be placed in front of your house over the following five holidays; Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veteran's Day. Contact **Jim Gartley** at 544-3164 for more information.

**The Optimist Club of Santa Claus
Notice of Special Membership Meeting**

June 1, 2010

Date of Meeting: June 21, 2010

Location: The Chateau, Mariah Hill, Indiana

Purpose of Meeting:

1. To amend Article V Section 2 of the By-Laws of The Optimist Club of Santa Claus (Club) to conform with the By-Laws of Optimist International relating to “Termination of Membership”.
2. To amend Article XIII, “Not For Profit Organization“, and Article XV, “Dissolution“, of the By-Laws of the Club to conform with the appropriate Internal Revenue Service Code sections relating to not for profit organizations. Since the Club engages in some Fund Raising activities, according to Optimist International, reference to Internal Revenue of 1986 Section 501(c)(3) should be amended to the more appropriate Section 501(c)(4).

Proposal 1: Amend Article V Section 2, Termination of Membership of the Club By-Laws as follows:

- Any member who is two (2) or more months in arrears in the payment of dues or fees to the Club may be suspended from membership. He or she will be provided written notice by the Secretary. Upon payment of arrears within thirty (30) days of said notice, the member's suspension shall end automatically. If such member has not paid said dues within said thirty (30) days, his or her membership shall automatically be terminated.

Proposal 2: Amend Article XIII - Not-Profit-Organization of the Club By-Laws as follows:

- Delete the reference to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and substitute Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Proposal 3: Amend Article XV - Dissolution of the Club By-Laws as follows:

- Delete the reference to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and substitute Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Board of Directors of The Optimist Club of Santa Claus has approved these amendments to the By-Laws in order to conform more closely with those suggested by Optimist International.

By Order of the Board of Directors

(signed Karen Claise)

Karen Claise, Secretary

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