

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

October 6 – Regular Meeting at 6 p.m. at Santa’s Lodge (Laura Barker, Communications Director for Lincoln Amphitheatre speaks on upcoming events)

October 11 – Tri-Star Football (Volunteers Needed!)

October 20 – Regular Meeting at 6 p.m. at Santa’s Lodge (Tan & Jennifer Mayhall speak on their summer adventures in India)

October 24 – Build the perfect Banana Split at Lincoln Trail at 1:30 p.m.

November 3 – Regular Meeting at 6 p.m. at Santa’s Lodge (Dave Grundhoefer & Pat Arnold provide a “History of Christmas Lake Village”)

November 7 – Avenue of Flags

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Lincoln Trail Banana Split

The Lincoln Trail Banana Split will be made on October 24 at 1:30 p.m. Each quarter students are selected for achieving certain life-skill awards and we reward them with a large, tasty banana split! Volunteers are needed. Please contact **Lee Ringeman** (544-3117) if interested in participating. This is a great way to serve a lot of kids in a short amount of time!

Avenue of Flags

Monday, November 10th will be the last time to put out flags for the 2008 Avenue of Flags. We will put out flags on Monday evening and pick up flags Tuesday night or Wednesday morning. Please contact chairman **Bill Cherolis** (544-2722) if you can help either put out or pick up. Thanks!

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



MEETINGS

October 6 – Laura Barker, Communications Director for Lincoln Amphitheatre

October 20 – Tan & Jennifer Mayhall speaking about living and working in India

MENUS

October 6 - Baked chicken, garlic and parsley potatoes, peas, honey glazed carrots, tossed salad and apple crumb cake

October 20 - Pork chop, baked potato, corn, green beans, cole slaw and peach cobbler

ANNIVERSARIES

Marvin & Betty Leiberling (October 2)

Tom & Shanthi Thake (October 21)

Mark & Tama Rickelman (October 31)

BIRTHDAYS

Tom Thake	Dan Keefe	Tina Plummer
Betty Leiberling	Pete Maher	Will Koch
Todd Schaus	Bob Seger	Marsha Hicks
Jim Davidson	Mark Rickelman	Russ Winkler
Stuart Curtis	Dan Williams	Tom Thompson
James Hannah		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!

Tri-Star Golf

The first Tri-Star Golf event was held on Saturday, September 20 at Christmas Lake Golf Course. Eleven young people, 10 boys and 1 girl, between the ages of 8 and 13 tested their driving, chipping and putting skills. Before the competition began, **Larry Markos**, former golf professional at CLGC and a charter member and past president of our club, provided a brief group instructional clinic including golf etiquette, the grip, the stance, and the swing. After the competition participation awards were presented to the players. Trophies will be presented to the top three boys and girls in each age group at halftime of an upcoming Heritage Hills football game in October. Winners were:

	<u>First Place</u>	<u>Second Place</u>	<u>Third Place</u>
Girls 8-9	Abigail Winkler		
Boys 8-9	Zach Gasaway	Hunter Laswell	Alex Richards
Boys 10-11	Jacob Winkler	Grant Doyle	
Boys 12-13	Tyler Gress	Christian Probus	

Thanks to **Tom Nelson** and the golf shop staff for their assistance and to **Russ Winkler** for the use of the CLGC facilities for this first time event. Also, thanks to **Larry Markos** and volunteers **Jim Martin**, **Lois Martin**, **Ed Rinehart**, **Don Carrell** and **Jim Gartley** for their efforts.

Pancake Breakfast

The Santa Claus Optimist Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held November 15, from 6 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Santa Claus Community Center. Pancakes, sausage, milk, juice and coffee will be served on an all you can eat basis. The event helps our club raise necessary funds for the kids in Spencer County and is the second largest fundraiser behind the golf outing for our optimist club. Volunteers are needed for setup, cooking, serving, and cleanup. **Jeff Lindsey** has again agreed to chair this year's event. Tickets have already been ordered and between 8 and 10 tickets will be mailed to each member to sell. Contact **Jeff Lindsey** (544-3215) to sign up.

Tri-Star Soccer 2008 Winners



The Santa Claus Optimist 2008 Tri-Star Soccer Skills Contest was held Saturday morning September 27 at Yellig Park. There were 124 boys and girls from 4-13 years of age who participated. The participants were scored on each of 3 skills; dribbling, shooting on goal, and throw-ins.

All received a certificate of participation. Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each of five age groups in both boys and girls divisions were given out this Thursday evening at the halftime of the HHHS Boys' Soccer Game. This is the 4th year that the Optimists have run this event with participation growing each year.

The Project was chaired by **Bill Cherolis**. Thanks for the following who helped the day of: **Bill Cherolis, Ron Fuhrman, Frank Fowler, Don Riggle, Sue Cherolis, Dan Williams Ed Rinehart, Lee Ringeman, Bob Seger, George Woodham and Tan & Jennifer Mayhall**

Age 4-5

1st	2 nd	3rd
Shane Zimmerman Madison Smith	Garrett Nix Abigail Quinn	Gabriel Staggs Caitlynn Schipp

Age 6-7

1st	2 nd	3rd
Chris Hassfurthur Sydney Richards	Christopher Peter Morgan Vaal	Derek Mitchell Mariah Zoglman

Age 8-9

1st	2 nd	3rd
Luke Beier Kayley Bauer	Alex Richards Angelica Morrison	Ethan Radigan Abigail Fisher

Age 10-11

1st	2 nd	3rd
Seth Bolin Breigh Haase	Griffin Tempel Adrianna Oxley	Noah Sweet Farrah Frakes

Age 12-13

1st	2 nd	3rd
Ryan Blake Maria Boehm	Nick Gogel Andrea Cross	Hayli Scott

Fall Frolic Special Recognition

At the annual Fall Frolic, several Optimist members were recognized for their tireless contributions over the past year. President **Don Carrell** announced all the awards for the evening. The "President's Appreciation" Award went to secretary, **Sue Cherolis**. **Rob Moore** received the "Educator of the Year" award for his work in Adult and Continuing Education in Spencer County. **Dave Grundhoefer** past Humanitarian of the Year" presented **Al Logsdon** with the "Humanitarian of the Year" Award. Governor of Indiana South District **Jerry Schue** presented **Al Logsdon** with the Indiana South District "Humanitarian of the Year" Award.

Bill Cherolis presented **Frank Fowler** with the "Optimist of the Year" Award for his outstanding work on the Board. Incoming President **Lee Ringeman** was presented the OI book, "Of Dreams and Deeds" by Ron Fuhrman. **Jerry Schue** was presented the Indiana South District "I Believe" centerpiece and the Indiana South District logo in Stained Glass as mementos of his year as Governor of Indiana South District.

Don Carrell was honored with a life membership to OI by **Ed Rinehart**. New President **Lee Ringeman** gave **Don Carrell** the President's Award for exceptional service to the Optimist Club.

Tri-Star Football

Tri Star Football is scheduled for October 11. Volunteers are needed in order to make this event a success. Please contact **Bill Cherolis** (544-2722) for more information.