



# Optimist



OF INDIANAPOLIS DOWNTOWN OPTIMIST CLUB  
 INDIANA SOUTH DISTRICT – ZONE 1  
 CHARTER NO. 1 – MAY 15, 1916  
 SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL – FRIDAYS, 12 NOON

		PROGRAMS/EVENTS	
<b>OFFICERS 2008-2009</b> BARB MILTON President  KEN LOUDENBACK Immediate Past President  AMBER BUCHANAN VP – Administration  PAT FRANCE VP – Youth  RICK FRANCE Secretary  KEN KOLMERTEN Treasurer  CHARLIE SMITH Sergeant-at-Arms  KIM LOUDENBACK Chaplain	<b>DIRECTORS 2009-2009</b> “Term Expires 9/30/09” <b>JERRY KORN</b> <b>KIM LOUDENBACK</b> <b>CHARLIE SMITH</b> <b>KEITH WEBER</b>  “Term Expires 9/30/10” <b>LEROY BASHLEY</b> <b>CHERYL CURRY</b> <b>JOHN GOWER</b> <b>DOUG BROWN</b>	<b>Volume VIII</b> <b>Issue 01</b>  <b>Oct 13 2008</b>	<b>Scottish Rite @ Noon</b>  Oct 10 – “Legacy Defends our Future,” Barb Milton, DOC President  Oct 17 – “Super Citizens from Harshman Middle School,” Ken Kolmerten, Program Chair  Oct 24 – “Planting Seeds for the Future,” N. Jones, Superintendent, Pike School Corporation  Oct 31 – “Halloween – OI Education on Options,” Presenters: Local and District Leadership  Nov 07 – Jim with 'Cars of Clay' Ministry  <b>Nov 12 – DOC Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Sisters Restaurant</b>  Nov 07 – Monica with 'RSVP' Volunteer Services

**Member Concerns**



**Kenny & Kim – in the passing of Kenny’s sister.**

**Renny Gaines re-cooperating from a fall.**

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**Optimist International's Mission** is to foster an optimistic way of life, through a network of Optimists, dedicated to the full development of their potential in order to provide ever-expanding service to youth, the community and the world.

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**Amber Buchanan**  
**Pat France**

**(2 inserts this week)**

**“Stepping Up,” by Barb Milton**

Happy OI New Year! I'm excited to serve as the Downtown Optimist Club President 2008 into 2009. With such an experienced executive team and Board the transition should be relatively seamless for the club.

Goals for our term are simply: Serve Children-Grow Our Club-Learn and Share.

So I'll lead off by sharing. Here are some basic facts you may not be aware of concerning our club. Currently 31% of our memberships are “Lifetime members.” Not only does this reflect tenure and commitment to the club but it also reflects years of leadership. Currently 17% of our memberships are active in the PGI program (Personal Growth and Involvement Program). Approximately 21% take direct committee and event chair responsibility. Many of our core members consistently interact on the Regional and District OI levels. Finally, 18% of the current Optimist International membership is under the age of 24. These are young people preparing to be an interactive part of tomorrow's future. What an example for us match locally through the development of a JOOI club.

How can you help? Continue to live the Creed and share our message every day. Make a personal commitment to bring one new member to the club this year and carry an application in your wallet or purse. (As a club, we will formalize our efforts once a quarter in a NOW event which will provide reinforcement of the clubs commitment to the youth and community of Indianapolis.) You can also embrace and volunteer for one of more projects throughout the year. That contribution can come as physical or financial support. Maybe both! Don't forget to have fun along the way and get to know your fellow club members.

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**By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in children.**

**P**ast President Ken Loudenback not only filled in for new president Barb Milton running the meeting, but also brought two speakers to cover the program.



He introduced his first guest, Don Apple, his former football coach who shared stories of working with youth, and a young Kenny Loudenback.

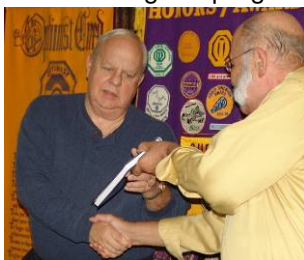


Then he introduced Big John Gillis formerly the traffic guy at WIBC. Big John spoke about his time at WIBC as a 'Professional Noticer'. He told us how it was that he decided to pursue a career on the radio. After some good advice, to "Be Your

Best" and "Trust Yourself and Your Friends", he told of a heart warming radio piece he did about IU Basketball player, Landon Turner.

Big John is now about to embark on a new career. He is to become the 'Charles Kuralt' of Internet radio. As a 'Professional Noticer' we know he will succeed.

Thanks to Kenny Loudenback we had a good program to begin our new year and President Barb Milton's reign.



(Right Photo)  
Big John presents Coach Don with "Hallie's Comet," written by Hallie Bryant.

I additionally promise to stay accessible. All of my current contact information is below

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Thanks to Charlie and his team for helping the "Great Pumpkin" make his rounds this year. Just like the pumpkins vines in the field, Optimist help little blooms get where their going to reach their full potential. Plant some seeds and watch them grow! Thanks you for everything you have done to make Optimist International strong.

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**Articles for the next newsletter are due: October 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

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**W**e have heard a lot about change in recent months and, frankly, no one knows what that means. This is not the case with our new president, Barb Milton. She started by changing the seating arrangement in our room and ended with a presentation that spotlighted the new programs DOC will handle this year.

Next October 2009, we will work with the Future Farmers of America to help them with their planting program. We will also have an infant Clothe-A-Child in addition to the normal Clothe-a-Child program in March. We also, will work with a Childhood Cancer Program with a "Buck for a Duck" theme.

Other new directions include an E-Mail program designed to attract new members, an emphasis on personal development programs promoted by Optimist International, another JOOI (Junior Optimist) optimist club and work on building a new adult Optimist club in Franklin. Hold on to your hats, folks! It's gonna be a fun ride!!

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### Club Visitation

The Breakfast Club of Indianapolis extended a visitation to our club on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Big John is a member of their club. Other visitors included this year's club President Dave Best and Charter Member George Haerle. Thank you for taking time to visit!!!



(Left  
George)



(Right: Dave and Kim sharing ideas)

### Congratulations! November Birthday Babes



- Steve Arisman – November 05**
- Bob Bailey – November 27**
- Jay Chunderlik – November 02**
- Ann Kolmerten – November 01**
- Adam Thompson – November 19**
- Bill E. Todd – November 16**