



Optimist



**Indianapolis Downtown Optimist Club
Indiana South District – Zone 1
CHARTER NO. 1 – May 15, 1916**

Scottish Rite Cathedral – Fridays, 12 noon

| | | PROGRAMS & EVENTS | |
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| <p>OFFICERS 2010-11</p> <p>CHERYL CURRY President</p> <p>BILL C. MYERS Immediate Past President</p> <p>PAT FRANCE VP – Administration</p> <p>BARB MILTON VP – Youth Projects</p> <p>KEN KOLMERTEN Secretary/Treasurer</p> <p>BEN BARE Sergeant-at-Arms</p> <p>KIM LOUDENBACK Chaplain</p> | <p>BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2010-2011</p> <p>Term Expires 9/30/2011</p> <p>VALLY ALLEN</p> <p>CHUCK CURRY</p> <p>CHARLEY KOEHLER</p> <p>MARSHA OLIVER</p> <p>Term Expires 9/30/2012</p> <p>RICK FRANCE</p> <p>JERRY KORN</p> <p>REGGIE LEE</p> <p>ANN MORRIS</p> <p><i>By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in children</i></p> | <p>Volume X Issue 3</p> <p>December 2010</p> <p><i>Bulletin Editor: Rick France</i></p> <p><i>Send your news and announcements.</i></p> | <p>Nov 19 - Thelma Bray, the Masonic Learning Center for Children. The 32nd Degree Masonic Learning Center provides quality, remedial education to children with disabilities diagnosed as dyslexic.</p> <p>Nov 26 - No DOC meeting - "Happy Thanksgiving"</p> <p>Dec. 3 - Phil Davis, Principal Mt. Comfort Elementary School, State of our schools today</p> <p>Dec. 10- Jamie Shurig, Indiana Blood Center</p> <p>Dec. 11 – "Breakfast with Santa" DOC fund raiser; Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church; 8a-10a</p> <p>Dec. 15 – Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army, Circle Center Mall; Charlie Smith, chairman</p> <p>Dec. 17- Todd Clark, President, Lincoln College of Technology, Indianapolis Campus</p> <p>Dec. 24 – No DOC meeting – Merry Christmas</p> <p>Dec. 21 – Visitation to Breakfast Opti Club - 7:30 a.m.; Just Judy's, just west of 54th and Keystone Ave.</p> <p>Dec. 31 – No DOC meeting – Have A safe New Year's</p> <p>Program chair for December: Chuck Curry</p> |

Keep our brave and proud military personnel, police officers, and firefighters in your thoughts & prayers as they serve to keep us safe.

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.

President's Message, Cheryl Curry, DOC President

As the holidays approach, please remember those who are less fortunate. Our club is doing well, but as always we can do better. Who do you know that can help us serve another 35 children? **We need to grow our club with members** to help us serve more of the community.

Thank you to **Vally Allen, Ken and Ann Kolmerten, Ben Bare, Barb Milton and Chuck Curry** for helping bake around 350 cookies for the Ronald McDonald House. Also thank you to **Rick and Pat France and Ben Bare** for donating new cookie sheets to the Ronald McDonald House.

"Breakfast with Santa" is fast approaching. Mark your calendars for December 11. We NEED helpers. Who can you sell a ticket to? We also welcome those that do not have children but would like a good breakfast and support a great cause. Tickets are \$5; kids age 2 and under are FREE! Proceeds will help us do more club projects to serve more kids. Let Cheryl know if you can help. Helpers need to arrive by 7:00 a.m. as the breakfast begins at 8:00 am and runs until 10:00 am. We also need help to leave the church as clean or cleaner than we find it. - *Yours in Optimism, Cheryl*

MEMBER NEWS - In Memoriam - DOC received news about **Chuck Hoberty's** death on Oct. 23rd; he had been living in Southfield, Michigan...**Illness: Charley Koehler** returned to club Nov. 5th after suffering a stroke; he was as dapper & chipper as usual but is restricted from driving for now...**Charley K.** was also the winner of the Secret Handshake \$1 coin...**Mark Maxey** continues to make progress in his recovery...**John F. "Jack" Sullivan** sent his resignation...

December Birthdays: **Howard Catt** (13th), **Theresa Wynns** (13th), **Chuck Curry** (27th) and **Bob Brafford** (29th). Remember, DOC welcomes birthday contributions to the youth projects fund whether it's your birthday or not.

About Our Collections Items: Beverage pull tabs & good used books for the Ronald McDonald House; toiletry and hygiene items for the Julian Center, serving domestic violence victims; Campbell Soup labels (the entire label) & Betty Crocker Box Tops for Education for schools.

Looming projects -Thanksgiving care packages, Super Citizens, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Breakfast with Santa, on-going Items Collections, Essay Contest, Oratorical Contest, Ronald McDonald House meal preparation, Respect for Law recognition, Clothe-A-Child, Earth Day, Rick France's birthday, N.O.W. meetings (2), Zumba-thon, Easter Egg Hunt in collaboration with Northside Opti Club, Image Tea, Symphony on the Prairie outing, Indianapolis Indians baseball outing, Youth Appreciation event, Blind School Fishing Derby, and more. New ideas welcome. Details to follow; participate in any/all as you are able.

Program chairpersons – these folks have signed up to be responsible for programs for a month. That means they arrange a program, ask someone else to arrange, or give a program (and perhaps chair the meeting). This helps spread the load and provides a variety of meeting speakers and activities.

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| October – Cheryl Curry (done) | February – Rick France | June – Ken Loudenback |
| November - Vally Allen (done) | March – Ben Bare | July – Jerry Korn |
| December – Chuck Curry (set) | April – Jim Stockman | August – Reggie Lee |
| January – Barb Milton | May – Ann Morris | September – Charley Koehler |

Program chairs: please forward your program lineup to Rick the Editor two months in advance if possible.

Everyone: If you would like to arrange for a speaker during any month, work it out with the chair for that month. No doubt, he/she will appreciate your assistance.

Speaker Appreciation: DOC honors each meeting's speaker by donating a new children's book to a library in the speaker's name, instead of a coffee mug or certificate. Anyone who speaks often collects lots of mugs that go unused or become pencil cups. A donated book will benefit many kids during its useful life. A bookplate with the speaker's and DOC's name will be placed in each book.

Program Speaker - November 5 -Jason Farris, Fairbanks Hospital, Experts on addictions, Focused on recovery. Information about Fairbanks' programs & the Hope Academy (charter recovery high school at Fairbanks)

Program Speaker – November 19 - Thelma Bray from the Learning Center, now located in the lower level of the Scottish Rite building. The Learning Center is an afternoon program for children with a learning disability (mainly dyslexia). Currently, there are 20 students and 12 teachers. Funding comes from the Masonic Lodge and from fund raising events. All of the teachers are paid and all are trained to work with these students, almost a one-on-one relationship. Our DOC Optimist Foundation contributes to the Scottish Rite Foundation which, in turn, helps fund this excellent program.

Thanks to **Bob Bailey** for program notes . **Vally Allen** was the October program chair.

Secret Handshake – Prez Cheryl designates someone each week to be the secret hand-shaker, and whoever shakes his/her hand at the predetermined number wins \$1 US legal tender coin. Also, there may be fines for not wearing your club name badge. Be forewarned.



Hi folks!
Join me for breakfast.



When – Saturday, December 11, 2010; 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.



Where – Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church

**CR 300N - 1/2 mile north of I-70 (Exit 96) on Mt. Comfort Road (CR 600W)
[CR 300N is 38th Street if you want the scenic route]**



Cost – \$5.00 per person (age 2 and under free)

**For Tickets Contact: Cheryl Curry: 317-326-8656
(Tickets at the Door Available for \$6.00 per person)**

HEY

No one asked about last month's vocabulary builder - consopiation. Well, actually Pat France did - at home, and she was lavishly rewarded. I guess everyone else knew what it meant or didn't care - or no one read the newsletter?? (Can you imagine that?)

The recent General Election caused a lot of psephony.

Rick, your Opti-DOC bulletin editor

[after a thorough reading printed copies are suitable for wrapping meat trimmings]