



# Optimist



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

**Scottish Rite Cathedral – Fridays, 12 noon**

		<b>PROGRAMS &amp; EVENTS</b>	
<p><b>OFFICERS 2010-11</b></p> <p><b>CHERYL CURRY</b> President</p> <p><b>BILL C. MYERS</b> Immediate Past President</p> <p><b>PAT FRANCE</b> VP – Administration</p> <p><b>BARB MILTON</b> VP – Youth Projects</p> <p><b>KEN KOLMERTEN</b> Secretary/Treasurer</p> <p><b>BEN BARE</b> Sergeant-at-Arms</p> <p><b>KIM LOUDENBACK</b> Chaplain</p>	<p><b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2010-2011</b></p> <p>Term Expires 9/30/2011</p> <p><b>VALLY ALLEN</b></p> <p><b>CHUCK CURRY</b></p> <p><b>CHARLEY KOEHLER</b></p> <p><b>MARSHA OLIVER</b></p> <p>Term Expires 9/30/2012</p> <p><b>RICK FRANCE</b></p> <p><b>JERRY KORN</b></p> <p><b>REGGIE LEE</b></p> <p><b>ANN MORRIS</b></p> <p><i>By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in children</i></p>	<p><b>Volume X Issue 4</b></p> <p><b>January 2011</b></p> <p><i>Bulletin Editor: Rick France</i></p> <p><i>Send your news and announcements.</i></p>	<p>Dec. 24 – No DOC meeting – Merry Christmas</p> <p>Dec. 31 – No DOC meeting – Have A safe New Year’s</p> <p>Jan. 7 – K-Ids BMV Executive Director Tamara Sandlin</p> <p>Jan 12 – DOC board meeting</p> <p>Jan. 14 – Wheeler Missions Chief Operating Officer Larry Wright</p> <p>Jan. 14 – DOC hosting dinner at Ronald McDonald House; 6 p.m. <b>Ben Bare</b>, project chair; volunteers needed to help serve (not cook)</p> <p>Jan. 21 - St. Vincent DePaul, Jeff Blackwell</p> <p>Jan 21-22 – Indiana South Optimist District Conference, Bloomington, IN</p> <p>Jan. 28 – Bottom Line Performance/ The Right Learning Solution, Sharon Boller (Kids rebuilding Haiti); and Harshman Super Citizen students</p> <p>Program chair for January: <b>Barb Milton</b></p> <p>Next regular meeting - January 7th</p> <p>Feb events: Essay Contest and Oratorical Contest.</p>

Keep our brave and proud military personnel, police officers, and firefighters in your thoughts & prayers as they serve to keep us safe.  
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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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**President’s Message, Cheryl Curry, DOC President 2010-2011**

As the year-end approaches and new year begins, please remember those who are less fortunate. Be safe and enjoy the time with family and friends, and take time to care for yourself. Pace yourself and don’t stress out or over do. The club is doing well, but we can do better, try harder. Think about who you know who join with us and help serve more kids? **We need to grow our club with members and build our rolls back up.**

Welcome to prospective new member **Ahmet Fer**, sponsored by **Jack Ruback**. Ahmet has been Jack’s guest several times and now submits his application.

Remember our collections of pull tabs, toiletries, coffee services, soup labels, and other items to help others.

**Breakfast with Santa update:** more than 150 people attended the recent Breakfast with Santa, enjoyed superbly pancakes, including 15 kids brought by **Rev. Reggie** and **Ken Loudenback**, and had a chance to talk with **Santa**. Thanks to members **Valley Allen, Frances Autry, Ben Bare, Cheryl & Chuck Curry, Rick & Pat France, Ken Kolmerten, Jerry Korn, Barb Milton, Charlie Smith**. We were augmented with several outside folks including Santa himself and one of the executive elves. *The Net return to the club youth projects fund is \$461.00.* Nicely done.

**Salvation Army Bell** ringing report: Project chair **Charlie Smith** recognizes these DOC bell ringers for a job well done: **Jack Anderson, Cecelia Acosta, Ben Bare, Bob Brafford, Chuck Curry, Dave & Fred Emhart, Jack Huter, Kathy Jordan, Ken Kolmerten, Charley & Nancy Koehler, Jerry Korn, Reggie Lee, Ken Loudenback, Barb Milton, Bill Myers (Sr.), Marsha Oliver, Charlie Smith himself, Jim Stockman, Tom Svenstrup and Jose Tord**. DOC manned 2 kettles from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Circle Center mall. Ring-a-ding.

**MEMBER NEWS** - **Charley Koehler & Ken Kolmerten** were Secret Handshake winners, each getting a \$1 coin ... **Mark Maxey** continues to make progress in his recovery ... **John F. "Jack" Sullivan & Jim Burleigh** sent resignations ... **Dave Emhart** won the 50-50 pot for December (IRS take note) ... general opinion voted **Cheryl Curry's** pancakes better looking than **Chuck's** – Chuck blamed it on the grill ... **Charlie Smith** wore a considerable amount of pancake batter while **Jerry Korn** was the coffee-making and general kitchen guru ... **Sgt-at-Arms Ben** fined those who sat in the same chair as last week ...

**January Birthdays:** **Francine Bond** (5th); **Linda Shinn** (10th); **Jack Ruback** (18th); **Charlie Smith** (18th); **Jim Caldwell** (19th); **Renny Gaines** (21st); **Hoot Gibson** (26th); **Ken Loudenback** (28th); **Marsha Oliver** (28th); **Robin Cassidy** (31st). 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** – Super Citizens, 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.

October – Cheryl Curry (done)	February – Rick France	June – Ken Loudenback
November - Vally Allen (done)	March – Ben Bare	July – Jerry Korn
December – Chuck Curry (done)	April – Jim Stockman	August – Reggie Lee
January – Barb Milton (set)	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. A bookplate with the speaker's and DOC's name will be placed in each book.

Program Speaker Dec. 3rd - Phil Davis, principal at Mt Comfort Elementary School, gave us an engaging but sobering assessment of education in the State of Indiana. It should be noted that no one could fall asleep when listening to this man of energy, self-confidence and love of life, education and children. He laments the lack of funding for many of the programs in his school forcing most Indiana schools to make cut back causing the loss of art, physical education and teachers. He cited a lawsuit that was filed by several schools to challenge the funding formula. He will be retiring from the school after this year and I suspect he will be leaving some large shoes to fill. The state is blessed with many good educators despite the media giving the schools a bad rap. Phil is one of those educators the state sorely needs. We wish him well in his future endeavors.

Program Speaker Dec. 10th – Jamie Shurig, Field Representative of the Indiana Blood Center, gave an overview of the organization. There are 11 Blood Centers in Indiana which supply 550 units of blood every day to medical facilities that need it. Jamie's job is to set up blood drives with various organizations such as the Indy Colts. Some interesting facts: \* Only 37% of the population is eligible to give; \* Only 10% of the eligible actually give; \* 30% of the blood donors are high school students; \* Blood has a shelf life of 56 days; \* It takes about 45 minutes to give blood. \* There is some confusion about the differences between the Blood Center and the Red Cross. The blood given at the Center goes to those who need it in Indiana. Red Cross blood can go anywhere it is needed. \* Finally, every pint of donated blood helps to save three lives. It is the best gift.

Program Speaker Dec. 17th: Todd Clark, president, Lincoln College of Technology, popularly known as Lincoln Tech. Started in Indianapolis in 1961, Lincoln has 1,500 students and educates them in automotive and diesel technology and electronic and audio systems. Ken Kolmerten subbed for Chuck to introduce the speaker. Chuck had to teach that day. **Special guests were Santa Claus and his elf chief assistant.** Santa expressed his appreciation for the great Breakfast event and told a little about some of the kid's requests.

Thanks to **Bob Bailey** for program notes . **Chuck Curry** was the December program chair.

More thank you notes for the Pumpkin Caper were received from Riley Children's Hospital, Methodist Hospital for Children, and the Hawthorne Center.

**About the Secret Handshake** – Prez Cheryl or Sgt-At-Arms Ben designates a member each week to be the secret handshake person, 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.

I previously commented on Pat France being lavishly rewarded. This generated some inquiries. I must say that rewards of that nature are not lavished by me to anyone but Pat.

Last month I said, "The recent General Election caused a lot of psephology." Well, psephology is a branch of political science which deals with the study and statistical analysis of elections. Apparently you all knew that already because, once again, no one asked about it.

**I did notice at the meeting last Friday, that no one appears to suffer from kathisophobia. In fact, some do it rather well, myself included.**

*Rick*, your Opti-DOC bulletin editor

[ used DOC bulletins are useful as placemats ]

## A Bonus Article

Since more and more Seniors are texting and tweeting, there appears to be a need for a STC (Senior Texting Code) shortcuts.

If you qualify for Senior Discounts, this is the code for you.

ATD: At The Doctor's  
BTW: Bring The Wheelchair  
BYOT: Bring Your Own Teeth  
CBM: Covered By Medicare  
CUATSC: See You At The Senior Center  
DWI: Driving While Incontinent  
FWB: Friend With Beta Blockers  
FWIW: Forgot Where I Was  
FYI: Found Your Insulin?  
GGPBL: Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low!  
GHA: Got Heartburn Again  
HGBM: Had Good Bowel Movement  
IMHO: Is My Hearing-Aid On?  
LMDO: Laughing My Dentures Out  
LOL: Living On Lipitor  
LWO: Lawrence Welk's On  
OMMR: On My Massage Recliner  
OMSG: Oh My! Sorry, Gas.  
ROFL... CGU: Rolling On The Floor Laughing... And Can't Get Up  
SGGP: Sorry, Gotta Go Pee  
TTYL: Talk To You Louder  
WAITT: Who Am I Talking To?  
WTFA: Wet The Furniture Again  
WTP: Where's The Prunes?  
WWNO: Walker Wheels Need Oil

Since I am in the senior industry and am one, I can do this legitimately.  
What is your favorite? Got any more?

**Have a safe, happy holiday and we'll C - U after New Year's.**