



Optimist



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

Scottish Rite Cathedral – Fridays, 12 noon

		PROGRAMS & EVENTS	
<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>JACK RUBAK</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 5</p> <p>February 2011</p> <p><i>Bulletin Editor: Rick France</i></p> <p><i>Send your news and announcements.</i></p>	<p>Feb. 2 – Groundhog Day</p> <p>Feb. 4 – Lou Gerig (Sease, Gerig & Associates) - All about the Indianapolis' parking meter privatization plan.</p> <p>Feb 11 – Mike Method, Genealogical Society of Marion County, "Preserving Your Family History"</p> <p>Feb 18 – t.b.a.</p> <p>Feb 25 – John Marshall High School Super Citizen Students.</p> <p>Feb. 25 - Sweetheart Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Wesley United Methodist Church, \$35 per couple or \$20 for a single. Details to follow.</p> <p>Program chair for February: Rick France</p> <p>Calendar Flash - some last-minute news – last Friday, we learned that the Hope Academy is not going to be able to participate in the planned Oratorical contest. So, DOC will not have an Oratorical this year. It is too late to switch gears to another school and give the kids a decent chance to prepare. Feb. 18th is open and will have a speaker as soon as I can confirm someone.</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 2010-2011

As this new decade begins, January has proven to be a challenging month with snow and cold temperatures. But DOC is already off to a great start! On Friday, January 14th, **Ben Bare** and friend, **Frances Autrey, Vally Allen, Ken Loudenback, Chuck Curry** and **I** traveled to the Ronald McDonald House and served a delicious Fazoli's meal to its house guests. Thank you to **Vally** and **Frances** for baking four delicious cakes for dessert.

We are planning a NOW meeting for March. Please start collecting names to invite. More details later. Our club is growing with three new members. Who will you Just Ask? n join with us and help serve more kids? **We need to grow our club with members and build our rolls back up.**

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

MEMBER NEWS - DOC Prez Cheryl Curry, Chuck Curry, Pat France and her highly regarded driver attended the recent Indiana South District Optimist 2nd Quarter Conference in Bloomington (Jan. 21-22). **Chuck** was a presenter about leadership roles in the District and handed out the club scrapbook judging awards. **Pat** is the District's conference registrar and was pleased that the money balanced with the registration. **Cheryl** serves on the District Executive Committee and **Rick**, Pat's highly regarded driver, serves on the District Oratorical committee. Special Note: The 3rd Quarter District Conference will be in Indianapolis on April 30th and is a combined meeting with the Indiana North District Optimists. The Optimist International president, our region's OI VP, the Junior Optimist International president, and the President of the OI Foundation will all be attending this conference. **Board of Director Change: Jack Rubak** has joined the board of directors to fill the remainder of Marsha Oliver's term, who resigned.

February Birthdays: **Bruce Buchanan** (2nd), **Dave Emhardt** (13th), **Bud Diehl** (14th), **Jeannie Hill** (19th), **Billy Myers** (26th) and **Joe Wynns** (28th). 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, 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 Speaker Jan 14 - Every so often in our lives there comes a person who enlightens us about a different world that we know so little about. Our speaker on this day was Matt Roller from the Wheeler Mission. This Mission, which serves the homeless with food, shelter and clothing, and offers hope to those who have no hope. Many come to Wheeler because they are affected with drug and/or alcohol addiction. Surprisingly, there are many children; the average age of all who come is 9. Matt told us about both the good and bad results for those who come. He emphasized the good by introducing Keith Ligon who came to Wheeler in bad condition but who now works at the Mission. His testimony certainly emphasized what can happen to those who embrace the services and programs offered by Wheeler.

Program Speaker Jan 21 - We followed up the previous week's presentation from Wheeler Mission with another story about the less fortunate people in our city. Jeff Blackwell from St Vincent DePaul Society talked about the work they do with those who live under the poverty level. If we take a snapshot of Marion County, we find that 20% of the population lives under this level with about 30% of the children under 5 in this category. St Vincent DePaul operates in 142 countries with 750,000 members. Here in Indianapolis, there are two locations; one is a food pantry that serves 3000 households and the other provides clothing, appliances, furniture, etc. No funding is provided by the Catholic Church or the United Way. They rely on individual donors.

Thanks to **Bob Bailey** for program notes. **Barb Milton** was the January program chair.

Last month I commented on members not being kathisophobic, or fearful of sitting down. Most DOC members seem to be pretty good at sitting down.

Fun Fact: in 2011 we have these dates: 1/1/11, 1/11/11/, 11/1/11. And 11/11/11/. Take the last 2 digits of the year you were born plus the age you will be THIS year and it will equal 111.

Rick, your Opti-DOC bulletin editor

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