



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>KEN LOUDENBACK Immediate Past President (Acting)</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 (vacancy – t.b.a.)</p> <p>By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in children</p>	<p>Volume X Issue 6</p> <p>March 2011</p> <p><i>Bulletin Editor:</i> Rick France</p> <p>Send your news and announcements.</p>	<p>Mar 4 – Brenda Clark, LifeLine Screening</p> <p>Mar 9 – DOC Board meeting, 5:30 pm, Indianapolis Senior Center</p> <p>Mar 11– Kim Hightower, “the Cupcake Lady”</p> <p>Mar 18 – NOW Meeting</p> <p>Mar 25 – Laura Holt, Big Brother/Big Sisters</p> <p>Some March news: MLB (baseball) Spring Training games start. Pitchers and catchers reported mid-Feb. Position players reported later in Feb.& team workouts have begun in late Feb. Ah, life is good again!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Program chair for March: Ben Bare</p> <p>Apr 16 – Clothe-A-Child, JC Penney, 86th & Michigan Rd., volunteers report at 7:00 a.m.</p> <p>Apr 22 – Good Friday – No DOC meeting</p> <p>Apr 29 – OI President Danny Rogers will visit DOC</p> <p>Apr 30 – Indiana South District Optimist 3rd Quarter Conference, Indianapolis</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Program chair for April: Jim Stockman</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

We have a NOW meeting set for March 18. Please forward names to invitations. Our club membership is at one of the lowest points in many years. We gain a few and lose a few. Who will you “Just Ask” to join with us and so we can serve more kids? **We need to grow our club with members and rebuild our membership rolls.**

Jim Stockman announced that the club member responsible for the most prospective members attending the NOW luncheon will receive a \$50 cash reward. How’s that for an extra incentive?

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

MEMBER NEWS - **Kim Loudenback** slipped and fell during the recent ice storm breaking 4 ribs. She is recovering but has to rely on **Ken Loudenback** for some help – and, well, you know how that can go . . . **Pat France** recently developed a very painful inflamed nerve in her neck and made a couple a trips to the ER and a neurologist. She is recovering but she has to rely on **Rick France** for some help, - and, well, you know how that can go . . . **Ann Morris** resigned from the Board due to her inability to make meetings on a regular basis. She continues with her club membership.

March Birthdays: **Jeff Dill** (5th), **Billy Myers** (10th), **Pat Grady** (24th), and **Jack Sullivan** (30th). Last month, I reported Billy Myers' birthday when it really was Bill Myers'. This month it truly IS Billy Myers' birthday and not Bill Myers'. Got it? Remember, DOC welcomes birthday contributions to the youth projects fund whether it's your birthday or not.

A Very Special Note: **OI President Danny Rogers and First Lady Jill visits DOC Fri., Apr. 29th.** Danny is making his OI Prez' official visit to the Indiana South-Indiana North District Conferences and will arrive in time to join us at our regular meeting. The Indiana North District is holding their 3rd Quarter Conference concurrently with Indiana South, at the Marriott Airport, in Indianapolis, on Sat., Apr. 30th. This meeting will also include our **OI Regional Vice President Dan Brose**, and the **JOOI (Junior Optimists) President Kayleigh White**. There will be at least one Past OI president, several Past OI VPs and Past OI Board members plus the District and Club leadership of both Indiana Districts and many other Optimist members. A line-up of Opti-Stars! Conference agenda and registration details are available now.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Report: Charlie Smith reports: "For some good news in this time of cold weather, the report on our bell ringing this year is as follows. The total collected was \$4598.21. This was made up of \$1598.21 from the two kettles and a gift of \$3000 from the past presidents. The past presidents continue to give much for our overall success. We thank them for their support. The members ringing were: **Ken Kolmerten, Jim Stockman, Tom Svenstrup, Bill Myers Sr., Jack Anderson, Marsha Oliver, Kathy Jordan, Ben Bare, Jack Huter, Bob Brafford, Barb Milton, Charley & Nancy Koehler, Reggie Lee, Dr. Tord, Cecilia Acosta, Dave Emhardt, Dave Emhardt, and Chuck Curry**. This was one of our best years. I thank all of you. Good Job."

Program Speaker Feb 4 - It's coming but are you ready for it??? Downtown parking meters will sport a different look as of March 1. Lou Gerig, of Sease, Gerig and Associates, a PR firm, gave us the specifics of the new parking meter deal. The city is privatizing these meters for a period of 50 years for an up-front payment of \$20 million and percentage of the take. The new meters will handle coins or credit cards. If you think you have run out of time on your meter, you can use your cell phone to add additional time. The meters will be single or multiple with the multiple meters having the greatest opportunity to create chaos. Several other particulars were presented including the use of a boot to prevent your car from moving should you decide to weasel out of paying the tab. What will they think of next?

Program Speaker Feb 11 - Mike Method is the president of the Genealogical Society of Marion County (GSMC). He gave us some background concerning the organization and his involvement with genealogy. There are plenty of resources (libraries, historical societies, census records, universities) but the work is time consuming and a labor of love usually born of curiosity about the family tree. GSMC has a new web site which is www.GenealogyIndy.org Check it out. The GSMC library specializes in material relating to Marion County and central Indiana. They encourage anyone to place family information in their research files; this makes it available to others who may later research the same family lines. Charts are available for recording your family information – see Rick France for copies of these charts. Fill one out for yourself and your family and give it to Rick. He will see that it is filed at the GSMC library.

Program Speaker Feb 18 – Phil Davis, Principal Mt. Comfort Elementary School, returned to give us a sample presentation of his puppet education program for kids. (Thanks to Jim Stockman for filling this open program date).

Program Feb 25 – John Marshal Super Citizens kids.

Thanks to **Bob Bailey** for program notes. **Rick France** was the February program chair.

Rick, your Opti-DOC bulletin editor

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