

# Optimist

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

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



PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES			
<p><b>OFFICERS 2011-12</b></p> <p><b>RICK FRANCE</b> President</p> <p><b>CHERYL CURRY</b> Immediate Past President</p> <p><b>BEN BARE</b> VP – Administration</p> <p><b>BARB MILTON</b> VP – Youth Projects</p> <p><b>KEN KOLMERTEN</b> Secretary</p> <p><b>CHUCK CURRY</b> Treasurer</p> <p><b>CHARLIE SMITH</b> Sergeant-at-Arms</p> <p><b>JIM STOCKMAN</b> Chaplain</p>	<p><b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b></p> <p>Class of 2012: <b>COURTNEY CURRY, JERRY KORN, REGGIE LEE, JACK RUBAK</b></p> <p>Class of 2013: <b>VALLY ALLEN, KEN LOUDENBACK, JIM STOCKMAN, CHARLIE SMITH</b></p> <p><b>Indiana South District 2011-12</b></p> <p><i>From Start to Finish – Bringing out the Best in Kids</i></p> <p>Chuck Curry, Governor Ken Kolmerten, Lt. Governor, Zone 1</p> <p><i>By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in children.</i></p>	<p><b>Volume XI Issue 3</b></p> <p><b>December 2011</b></p> <p><i>Bulletin Editor: Rick France</i></p> <p><i>Send your news and announcements.</i></p>	<p><b>Dec 2 – Optimist Youth Council of Indianapolis (OYCI) - Board meeting, 11 a.m., Scottish Rite</b></p> <p><b>Dec 2 – Steve Clark</b>, Mortgage refinancing and lending and the market for housing</p> <p><b>Dec 3- Breakfast with Santa</b> (DOC fund raiser), 8 a.m.-10 a.m., Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church.</p> <p><b>Dec 9 - Debbie Clark</b>, Master Gardner</p> <p><b>Dec 14 – DOC Board meeting</b>, Flanner &amp; Buchanan Event Center. 5:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Dec 16 - Chris Clark</b> - Behind the scenes at the Indy 500; Chris is with Gnassie Racing</p> <p><b>Dec 17 – DOC Cookie Bake at Ronald McDonald House</b>, <b>Cheryl Curry</b>, chair</p> <p><b>Dec 21 – Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army, Circle Center Mall</b>, 11a.m.- 6p.m.; <b>Charlie Smith</b>, chair</p> <p><b>Dec 23 – No Meeting</b> (Christmas Break) <b>Dec 30 – No Meeting</b> (New Years Break)</p> <p>December program chair: <b>Ken Kolmerten</b> January program chair: <b>Jim Stockman</b></p>

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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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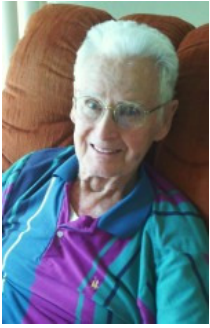
**President's Message: Rick France, DOC President 2011-2012**

With the holiday season fast approaching, let's 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 better serve kids and our community.

December is busy with one of our fund raisers, "**Breakfast with Santa**," a **Cookie Bake at Ronald McDonald House**, and **Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army**. Mark your calendars. We NEED helpers.

Don't forget to work on PGI. PGI helps strengthen the club by building membership and increased involvement in club work and fosters your involvement in Optimism.

And - Remember the "No Meeting" dates: December 23rd and December 30th.



**IN MEMORIAM – Eric Julian Wadleigh (July 12, 1916 – September 1, 2011)**  
 DOC Club President, 1961-62; 58-year DOC member. Eagle Scout, U.S. Army 72nd Field Artillery Regiment in World War II; Shortridge High School ('34); Purdue University ('39) where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity and the ROTC; a tenor in the Shortridge H.S. and Purdue Glee Clubs; worked in the family commercial electrical contracting company, Sanborn Electric Company, during his business career. Eric had been living in Sun Lakes, Arizona since 2005.

**Member News:** Cheryl Curry was the recipient of a Governors Citation at the club meeting on Oct. 21st for her great work as president last year . . . welcome to our newest members: **Nikki Watson Giant** sponsored by **Cheryl Curry** and **Todd Bauman** sponsored by **Courtney Curry**. . . Thanks to club members for the gracious donations of non-perishable food stuff for Thanksgiving baskets. We were able to provide enough food for 6 families to have a nice Thanksgiving meal. The club purchased turkeys from project funds. . . Recent DOC visitation to 500 West Opti Club on Nov. 15th by **Rick & Pat France** and **Ken & Ann Kolmerten** . . . Recent DOC visitation to the Breakfast Opti Club on Nov. 29th. by **Ken Kolmerten, Pat & Rick France** and **Ken Loudenback** (wearing his 2 hats) . . . **Ann Kolmerten** received a Governor’s Citation at the Nov. 18th meeting for her quiet but sustained service to the club and District since becoming a member in 1990 . . .

### December Birthdays

**Howard Catt (13th), Theresia Wynns (13th), Chuck Curry (27th), and Bob Brafford (29th).**

**Pumpkin Caper Report – Oct. 21st – Charlie Smith** coordinated another tremendous youth service activity. Some 300 pumpkins were delivered to Concord Center, Easter Seals Crossroads, Hawthorne Center, Noble of Indiana, Community Hospital North, LaRue Carter Hospital and Wheeler Bots and Girls Club. It was a nice sunny October day. Special thanks to guest-friend **Chuck Galloway** for the use of his truck to pick up the pumpkins and bring them to our distribution point. DOC members who helped load and/or delivered pumpkins to destinations were **Diane Martinez Cordell, Deanna Dennison, Charley Koehler, Reggie Lee, the Ken-Kim-Kayte Loudenback group, Mary Pat McKee, Jack Rubak, Charlie Smith, Tom Svenstrup, Jose Tord and Keith Weber.**

Remember our collections of beverage can pull tabs, toiletries, coffee & tea service, soup labels & Box Tops for Education, paperback books, and items to help others.

Box Tops for Education go to Mt. Comfort School. Beverage can pull tabs, paperback books, toiletries and personal hygiene items go to support the Ronald McDonald House and to help family members who are visiting their children in local hospitals.

Look for this symbol on products Clip them and Bring ‘em in!



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**Hi folks!  
 Join me for breakfast -**

# Breakfast with Santa



**Saturday, December 3, 2011; 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); tickets available at the door for \$6.00 per person.**

**For Tickets Contact: Cheryl Curry: 317-326-8656**

Who can you sell a ticket to? We welcome those that do not have children but would like a good breakfast and support a great cause. 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 will also need help to leave the church as clean as or cleaner than we find it.

**Event volunteers: please arrive at 7 a.m.**

**OI President Jack Creswell's** Theme is "Optimist Give 100% and Then Some" - his view is that 100% is our norm. Let's let's take the extra steps and give a little more to get things done and grow. **District Governor Chuck's** Theme is "From Start to Finish" - meaning let's sustain a strong effort from beginning to end - don't let up.

**Program Notes: November 4th - Curtis Qyurin**, CEO of Easter Seals Industrial Services. This Company, which supports the Easter Seals charity, is a business that employs handicapped workers to produce products for various clients on a contract basis. The business, located on East 33rd St in Indy, employs about 80 people; their sales last year were \$5.2M. Some of their activities involve assembly, packaging, order fulfillment and recycling (mainly polystyrene from suppliers such as Wal-Mart). A most interesting product they produce is a Combat Identification Panel used on military vehicles to avoid "friendly fire". - Report by Bob Bailey

**Program Notes: November 11th – Andrew Lee of Art With a Heart.** Using art with kids from low income families to encourage education and inspire learning. The program integrates art with other subjects and the curriculum is built on State education standards. Their education includes leadership skills development and the business of art – how to make a living and conduct business.

**Program Notes: November 18th – Daren Hiel of Youth Mentoring Initiative**, mentoring to kids at risk. Any student benefits from mentoring, but kids identified at risk of dropping out are selected for the one-on-one attention. This program is currently in five Hamilton County schools, and mentors help in any or several subjects. They are affiliated with Ball State University's accreditation standards.

Thanks to **Vally Allen**, November program chairperson.

## **Cookie Bake at Ronald McDonald House – Saturday, December 17th.**

DOC members will be baking cookies for the residents and guests at the Ronald McDonald House. Volunteer bakers will prepare and bake cookies from cookie dough donated by members. We need tubes or packages of ready-to-bake cookie dough, any varieties plus a few new cookie sheets and spatulas. Bring the donations to a club meeting and we'll be responsible for keeping cookie dough chilled until the bake day. If you would like to help in the kitchen that morning, let **Cheryl Curry** know. Me Like Cookies - OMM-nom-nom-nom...



## **Our DOC Members Who Were OI Presidents**



Vinton Ernest Field  
1933-1934



Walter Joseph Pray  
1935-1936



George O. Browne, Sr.  
1950-1951



Patrick L. Grady  
1975-1976

[Official OI Portraits]



DOC Veterans on Veterans Day  
(L to R - Jerry Korn, Ken Kolmerten, Jack Rubak, Francis Autrey, Jim Stockman, Reggie Lee, and Keith Weber)



Ann Kolmerten  
Governor's Citation  
with Prez Rick & Gov. Chuck



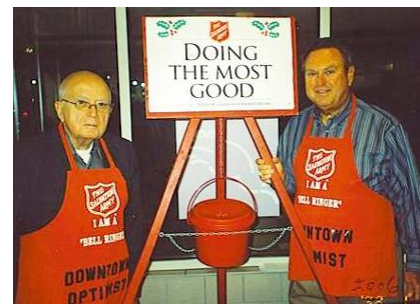
Nikki Giant - New Member Induction  
with her sponsor Cheryl Curry (left)  
and Jim Stockman



Diane Cordell Martinez  
New Member Induction.  
Lt. Gov. Ken Kolmerten (left)  
looks on as sponsor Pat France  
affixes Diane's member pin



Cheryl Curry  
Governor's Citation  
with Prez Rick



Dr. Tord and Jack Anderson (from 2006)  
remind everyone to **sign up for Bell Ringing**  
for the Salvation Army - December 21st  
at Circle Center Mall.  
= Sign Up With Charlie Smith, chairman =

**Rick**, your helpful Opti-DOC bulletin editor