

# Optimist Club of Timonium Inc.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

**ONE YEAR:** Pat Nardone  
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**ZONE 9 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:**  
Skip Sheeler

**MD/SD DISTRICT GOVERNOR:**  
Tom Parran, III

Club meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 6:30 p.m., Timonium Holiday Inn • Board meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:30 p.m., N.H. Yates & Co  
Bulletin news due two days after club meetings; send to Mickey Price at 410-771-4425 or pawspri@ AOL.com.

*Making a Difference for Youth!*

OPTI-MEMO: Jan. 22, 2008

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 4, 2008 Regular Meeting at 6:30 pm Holiday Inn Timonium  
Feb 11, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm Yates and Co.  
Feb. 14, 2008 Valentines Day at Cromwell Genesis  
Feb.18, 2008 Essay Contest  
Mar. 3, 2008 N O W Program Meeting at 6:30 pm Holiday Inn Timonium

## OUR LAST MEETING Jan.,7,2008

President Joanne Paull opened the meeting and after we had the prayer by Sally Hottel and the Pledge to our country by Patricia Stein. The Birthday's for the month of January were John Paull, Lorraine Gordon, Joanne Paull, Paul Siegmund, Bob Hoffman, and Joan Hoffman . Our student of the month was Patricia Dylan Stein (PD), who comes to us from the Timonium Elementary school. She is a straight A, GT, 5<sup>th</sup> grader. Patricia was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade for Timonium's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Fair (STEM) and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade for the County STEM Fair. She is a peer mediator and works in the school store. Patricia attends St. Vincent's Catholic Church. A member of Girl Scout Troop 1573, she is a Bronze Award recipient, the highest honor for a Junior Girl Scout. In addition Patricia likes to knit, read, plays soccer for LTRC and is learning to play the cello. Patricia was presented a certificate of appreciation by Del. Sue Aumann, and a fifty dollar bond. Gary introduced Eva Hesselberg and Nicole from CASA- Court Appointed Special Advocates, Our guest speakers for the evening. This a nonprofit National group begun in the 70's, with 600 units in the US, 12 of which are in Maryland. These volunteers are appointed and assigned by a judge to be the eyes and ears of the court to assist a judge in determining what is best for a child removed from the home. They meet with the child at least 1/mo, spending 5-10 hrs. Baltimore County CASA has 80 volunteers. President Joanne handed our certificates of appreciation for Adopt a Family to Chairs Ken Bollinger and Karl Parks. A certificate of appreciation was also given to Chair Ann Siegmund for this years SWAC program. Fran Harris won the 50/50 raffle and upon closing Ann Shultz led the group in the Optimist Creed

## NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

That Skip Bullen keeps up the good work in his recovery. Colette Sheeler with her broken ankle and her up-coming back operation and for Chez Miller with his up-coming hip replacement.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK SALES

Entertainment 2008 books have earned us \$800.00. This year and the club owes a big thank you to Don Imwold for getting them out to the members and a really big thank you to the top 3 sellers David Sandy ( 30) and to Ken and Chuck Bollinger (Ken's son) for (20) books sold, and Bill Snyder for 11. Total amount sold was 114. Thanks again to every one who helped.

### **DIME A DAY CAMPAIGN**

Ken Bollinger, our OI Foundation CFR for 2007-2008 is collecting from each of us our year's worth of saving a dime a day toward OI scholarships, JOOI programs and other OI benefits for youth. Gary has the banks. Just Ask! For example, district and international prizes for the Essay and Oratorical contests come from these funds. You may turn your \$36.60 into Ken. Make your check payable to Optimist International Foundation with "Dime a Day" in the memo section. Also put the ID # 33295 under your name so that the Timonium Club gets credit for the contribution. Keep the ball rolling. Maryland is number 1 in Optimist International right now for giving.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

SWAC was another banner event with 103 children coming to shop. We had live coverage on WBAL and write-ups in Towson Times and The Essex Avenue papers. The cub received a plaque from the Baltimore County Police Dept.

"Tee it Up" Golf program at Baltimore Co. courses brought in \$66.00.

### **OUR NEXT MEETING—MONDAY, Feb. 4, 2008**

Let's get this year off to a great start and plan to attend all the meetings and support our President Joanne.

### **VISIBILITY COMMITTEE**

A committee has been formed to look at the topic of club visibility-what might be done to improve the recognition of the club in the community. Members are Jose Arbelaez (chairman) , Bob Hoffman, Laura Hunt, Karl Parks, Bruce Robinson and Joanne Paull. They will report to the Board at it's February meeting.

### **BINGO**

Please bring Bingo prizes for Cromwell Genesis Nursing Home, that the patients can enjoy. We have Valentines leftover from last year because they couldn't be delivered due to bad weather.

### **FUN NIGHT OUT**

Fran Harris is exploring the possibility of an Optimist group attending a dinner theater in April.

### **MINI-CONTEST**

Dress the Bull. Cooper a stuff animal needs to be dressed in a costume relating to Optimism. Cooper will be judged at the Optimist Convention in July and auctioned off to highest bidder to raise money for the OI Foundation. Every district has a bull to dress and Maryland has this contest going in several clubs including ours. If you have a bright idea, submit it to Joanne. Just draw it on the picture or write down the idea and theme. Submit entries at April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. They will be displayed and members can vote their favorite. The board will select the winner and the district winner will be chosen in Ocean City in May.

### **A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT-----**

Remember this date! The most important event we will hold for the long-term health of the club is the NOW program set for March 3. NEW OPTIMIST WANTED, It is a special evening to let prospective members learn what Optimism is all about in our particular club. We are all justly proud of being Timonium Optimists, and this night is a prime time to share our enthusiasm for "Bringing out the Best in Kids", with others who might like to join in our efforts. If you can only do one thing for the club in the next few months, I ask that you support the NOW program. You never know who in your circle might be ready to hear our message..... a friend or family member, a neighbor, a co-worker, a person you do business with in the community, someone who is active in other organizations. Invite anyone you know whom you think would be a good addition to our club to find out more about us . BE POSITIVE! Let them know that the club has a lot to offer them in the way of fun and friendship as well as satisfaction in serving the youth in the community. The cost is covered by the club for your guest. Let Membership chair Bob Hoffman know the name and address of your choice as soon as possible and he will send a special invitation to extend your personal welcome as well. Let's have the best turn out ever!

Yours in Optimism

Joanne

**RED IS FOR LOVE      WEAR SOMETHING RED NEXT MEETING      OR PAY THE FINE**