

Optimist Club of Timonium Inc.

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Club meetings: 1st Monday, 6:30 p.m., Timonium Holiday Inn • Board meetings: 2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m., N.H. Yates & Co
Bulletin news due two days after club meetings; send to Joanne Paull at 410-252-0694 or joanne@jpaull.com

Bringing Out the Best In Kids for Fifty Years!

OPTI-MEMO: Aug. 17, 2007

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 17–19, 2007 — 49th Annual District Convention; Plaza Hotel (Hagerstown)
Sept. 4, 2007 — Dinner meeting at Timonium Holiday Inn Select; 6:30 p.m.— **note this is a Tuesday.**
Sept. 10, 2007 — Board meeting at N.H. Yates & Co., 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22, 2007 — Installation dinner at Timonium Holiday Inn Select; 6:00 p.m. (business attire)
Oct. 1, 2007 — Dinner meeting at Timonium Holiday Inn Select; 6:30 p.m.—Hug A Hero Program
Oct. 8, 2007 — Board meeting at N.H. Yates & Co., 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13, 2007 — Poker Ride fundraiser for Shop with a Cop; details TBA; committee members needed ASAP!
Oct. 14, 2007 — Duck Tour of Baltimore; Harbor Place, Light Street side; deadline to sign up: Sept. 22

OUR LAST EVENT: CRAB FEAST

The annual club crab feast was held the afternoon of Sat., July . 21 at the Bollinger Party Palace in Hereford. The weather once again was perfect. Although turnout was light, spirits ran high, and all 19 people in attendance had a wonderful time. Special guests included Carole Bankert, Zone 9 Lt. Governor, and Tom Parran, MDSD Governor Elect. Everyone enjoyed a delicious spread of steamed crabs, corn on the cob, beer, sodas, cold cuts, covered dishes and desserts—more than the group could consume. Thanks to a very good deal on the crabs, the cost was held down to just \$25/person. We learned two important lessons this time around: (1) We should move the event back to August when more of our members are in town to participate. (2) We need to post a sign by the road to mark the location so that no one misses the tricky turn into Chuck's driveway. FYI, next year's feast will be held on Sat., Aug. 9—plan your vacations accordingly!

OUR NEXT MEETING—Tuesday after Labor Day—Sept. 4, 2007

Our regular dinner meeting for September will be held on Sept. 4, 2007, at the Timonium Holiday Inn Select. The program will be a summer vacation Show-and-Tell. If you traveled somewhere special this summer, the rest of us would enjoy seeing some of your favorite photos. Bring them on a CD or micro-drive so that they can be loaded onto a laptop for viewing. Let Program VP Gary Shultz (410-561-2996 / agshultz@comcast.net) know by Aug. 29 to include you on his agenda. We'll also meet our Student of the Month for September.

Bring your loose change for the final club collection of the year. We'll begin a special 50/50. For \$1, you may enter a guess of the total in the big club jar. At the following meeting when the amount is announced, the person who comes closest will win half of the guessing pool. (NOT half of the container contents!) Dinner reservations are due to call captains by Aug. 29. Roast sirloin and chocolate cake are on the menu.

INSTALLATION DINNER

Plan ahead for the Timonium Optimist Installation Dinner on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2007, at the Timonium Holiday Inn Select. The social hour (cash bar) will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the dinner starting promptly at 7:00 p.m. More information, including meal selections, will appear in the next issue.

FALL FORECAST

The joint boards for 2006-07 and 2007-08 met for a planning session on Sunday, Aug. 5 at the home of John and Joanne Paull. There was a lot of constructive discussion about how to make the club more successful than ever, and plans were laid to get the new year off to an exciting start. Here are a few items that you need to know about right away.

POKER RIDE FOR SHOP WITH A COP — Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007

A committee is needed IMMEDIATELY to pull off a new fundraiser for Shop with a Cop under the guidance of a contact in the motorcycle community. This type of charity fundraiser is very popular with bikers and car rally enthusiasts. We already have a plan to follow and some key materials, but a core group is needed to follow up. If you are willing to help with this prelude to Shop with a Cop, contact chairperson Mickey Price (410-771-4425 or pawsprice@aol.com).

RIDE THE DUCKS WITH TIMONIUM — Sunday, Oct. 14, 2007

It has been a long while since the club sponsored something purely fun that appeals to all ages. We think we have found a great family-centered event with Ride the Ducks Baltimore. Get a carload of friends and family together and come on down for a quack-tastic afternoon! Details are in the enclosed flyer. For more information, contact Joanne Paull at 410-252-0694 or Joanne@jpaull.com

CHAIN GANG SERVICE FOR LTRC FOOTBALL — Exact dates/times TBA

Volunteers will be needed from the club to handle the yardage markers along the sidelines of league football games for the rec council. Shifts are just for a couple hours, usually on a Saturday. If you have any interest, please let Bill Snyder (410-825-3641 or absnyder@bcpl.net) know at the Sept. 4 dinner. You'll be able to select particular games after Bill has a schedule.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK SALE

Entertainment 2008 books are available through Don Imwold (410-828-7552). They are still just \$25, a \$5 discount off the retail price. The club earns \$5/book sold. The coupons are good through Nov. 1, 2008 and can be used NOW. Buyers get excellent value. For example, you can more than pay for the book just in the Towson/Timonium area, where you can use offers for Paolo's (\$24), Bubba's (\$5), Charred Rib (\$8), Charles Villa ge Pub (\$8) and Wolfords (\$6), among others. There are hundreds of additional offers, including ones for Ocean City, Westminster and many locations in and around the city. New this year is a one-time use code provided with each book that allows coupons for a vacation destination to be printed from a web site. Please support this Optimist fundraiser! Call Don if you'd like books before our September 4th meeting.

SUMMER FUNDRAISERS

RAVENS SEASON TICKET RAFFLE—AND THE WINNER IS. . .

Congratulations to Gloria Murphy of Catonsville, winner of the club's Ravens season tickets for 2007-08. She bought the lucky ticket (#00093) from Fran Harris. The drawing was conducted on Aug. 5th at the potluck picnic following the joint-board planning meeting. The club sold a total of 2,248 tickets—997 at community tables and 1,251 by individuals. Top sellers were John Paull and Peter Frey. For their efforts, each was awarded a pair of tickets to one of the home pre-season games. In all, 50 club members participated by buying or selling tickets, and 19 helped at the community locations. The proceeds to date are \$4,207, plus we hope to receive another \$635 from Wal-Mart in matching funds for a total of \$4,842. Our profit is enhanced this year because we covered the cost of the season ticket package with the special playoff raffle held in December 2006. Thanks to all club members who contributed time and energy in selling raffle tickets this year. Thanks also to Dewey Hodges for contributing toward the cost of printing the raffle tickets. Special appreciation goes to co-chairs Seven and Chez Miller. Without their diligent leadership and generous donation of time, the raffle would not have been so successful.

HEREFORD / TIMONIUM OPTIMIST GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our joint golf tournament at Oakmont Green Golf Course on July 16, 2007 was successful with 55 golfers participating. Chairman Ken Bollinger reports that the net profit for Timonium is \$1,497.50. The first-place team was a foursome from Longview Golf Course. The runners-up were friends of Ken. Next year our profit could be even greater if the club sold more tee signs. (Hereford beat us by one this year.) The club salutes Ken for organizing this event single-handedly.

REPORTS DUE FROM ACTIVITY CHAIRPERSONS

President John Paull has made a request to all chairpersons of programs and projects for the 2006-2007 club year to submit a written report to him summarizing key information about their activity. Pres. John needs the information to complete a comprehensive report for Optimist International on what the Timonium Optimists have accomplished this year on behalf of kids. The reports will also be passed on to the chairpersons for next year to help them with their planning. The report should include the following information:

- Number of youths served
- Budget for the activity
- Names and addresses of key contacts
- Copies of materials sent out (letters/flyers, etc.)
- Steps to be accomplished and timetable
- Suggestions for future chairperson and committee members

Please submit reports to Pres. John no later than Tues., Sept. 18, 2007.

THOUGHT YOU WOULD WANT TO KNOW

- Congratulations to Missy & Jim Yates on becoming great-grandparents for the fourth time. Their granddaughter Maggie Jones gave birth to Oscar Dylan Jones on Aug. 11, 2007.

- More happy news is that some ailing Optimists and dear ones are on the mend. Missy Yates is making a rapid recovery from a fall earlier in August. Dick Moffett is feeling much better post-surgery for a pacemaker. Muriel Russum's daughter Sharon Mahon is home and recuperating following her serious stroke in July.

- Skip Bullen continues to recover at home and is now able to make excursions to the outside world. The officers and board members at the joint planning meeting on Aug. 5th were pleasantly surprised that he made it to the meeting and picnic. Boredom is an issue, so give Skip a call or visit if you have time.