

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: Sept. 10, 2007

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept.–Oct., various Fri. and Sat. dates/times — Chain Gang for LTRC football league; **volunteers needed!**
Sept. 15, 2007 — BINGO at Cromwell Genesis; 2:00 p.m.; **volunteers needed!**
Sept. 22, 2007 — Installation dinner at Timonium Holiday Inn Select; 6:00 p.m. (business attire) R.S.V. P.
TBA — Padonia fifth-grade trip to Genesee Valley should be some time in October; **volunteers needed!**
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; **volunteers needed!**
Oct. 14, 2007 — Duck Tour of Baltimore; Harbor Place, Light Street side; deadline to sign up: Sept. 22
Oct. 19, 2007 (tentative) — PAL Farm Day at the Price farm; 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m., **volunteers needed** for all or part of the day and for setup on Oct. 18.
Oct. 20, 2007 — Bingo at Cromwell Genesis; 2:00 p.m.; **volunteers needed!**

OUR LAST MEETING

Our end-of-summer dinner was attended by 37 members and guests. Besides eight guests for the Student of the Month Program, the club welcomed visitor Steve Silver, who had read about the Timonium Optimists in the *Towson Times*. Following opening exercises led by Chuck Ortel (invocation) and Joe Seeger (Pledge to the Flag), President John presented two-months' of birthday people. The list of August birthdays included Bruce Robinson, Vicki Carter, Skip Bullen, Ann Siegmund, Marshall Tracey, Seven Miller, Dan McCann and Anthony Shucosky. Sept. birthdays included Harry Burch, Laura Hunt, Karl Parks, June Ortel, Jocelyn Sandy, Ann Shultz, Mark Harris and Pat Nardone. The assembly honored the celebrants with a chorus of "Happy Birthday." Pres. John called people's attention to a display of photos and congratulatory citations and notes from the 50th Anniversary Party. He also noted sign-up sheets to volunteer for LTRC Chain Gang duty, starting immediately. During a dinner pause, Dick Price circulated the loose change jar for collections, and Mickey Price began selling 50/50 guesses for the total in the jar. The winner of that 50/50 will be announced on Oct. 1st. A draft of the new directory circulated for members to verify their contact information.

After dinner, Pres. John Paull read two new awards presented to the club. These were certificates of recognition from HOBY for sponsoring a student in 2007 and from Balto. Co. Public Schools for being part of the Community-School Partnership Network. Pres. John reported on the enjoyable and informative August MD/SD Convention in Hagerstown. All 14 club members who attended dressed up in circus attire for the theme dinner, and the club again brought home the attendance banner. Congratulations to Mickey Price (fallen trapeze artist) and Dolores Righter (dancing gorilla) for winning prizes for their costumes. The next District conference will be in Fredericksburg, VA, Nov. 2–4. Pres. John announced that our summer fundraisers were very successful. The golf tournament (chaired by Ken Bollinger) brought in about \$1,500, and the Ravens Raffle (chaired by Seven and Chez Miller) should clear close to \$4,800 when final numbers are in. Fall fundraisers just beginning are the sale of *Entertainment 2008* books and Tee It Up for Charity. [See separate articles.] Joanne Paull encouraged members to come with friends and family to the "Ride the Ducks" social event on Oct. 14. [See article.] Mickey Price explained a new fundraiser—the First Annual Optimist Poker Ride for Shop with a Cop—and asked for volunteers and donations of prizes. [See article.]

The evening's highlight was the presentation of the September Student of the Month by SOM chairman Jim Righter. She is Bria Griffith, a 13-year old ninth grader from Villa Maria School. Bria is a hard-working, high-achieving student who is known for helping her teachers and her peers. She enjoys music and has been playing the alto saxophone since she was nine. Bria has performed in recitals and played for her school. Bria started a pet-sitting service for her neighbors and was especially helpful to an elderly cancer patient too ill to care for her dog and cat. She has shown consideration for others in various other ways such as donating her toys to her old preschool and videos and clothing to churches. She has done all this and more while battling debilitating and incurable inflammatory bowel disease, which has affected her growth and development and made growing up as a normal adolescent a challenge. Ms. Revanette Gilmore, Director of Education at Villa Maria, came to the ceremony to praise Bria as a well-rounded young lady who always strives to do her best. Bria's father Wayne Griffith told the gathering how proud his family is of Bria. Others who attended the program with Bria included her mother Mary Griffith, sister Robin, grandmother Zelda Jackson and her mentor Mary Connor. Pres. John presented Bria with her SOM plaque and \$50 savings bond from the club. He gave Ms. Gilmore an updated plaque for the school. On behalf of Delegate Susan Aumann, Mark Harris presented Bria with a personal honor resolution from the House of Delegates.

A second part of the program was to have been a sharing of vacation photos by members who traveled this summer, but a technical problem with the projector interfered. By luck, the rest of the agenda ran so long that there was not time for a travelogue anyway. At the end of the evening, Bria picked Mark Harris' ticket to win \$21.50 in the 50/50. He donated part of his winnings to the Loose Change Jar. Joanne Paull led the Optimist Creed before Pres. John rang the bell to close the meeting.

OUR NEXT EVENT—R.S.V.P. FOR INSTALLATION DINNER ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 22, 2007!

We'll wind up the club's golden anniversary year and induct the new officers and board for 2007–2008 at our special Installation Dinner on Saturday, Sept. 22, 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. The appropriate dress is business attire. Be sure to get your reservation (meal selection) to your call captain no later than Wed., Sept. 19. Payment (\$32/person) can be made at the door or sent to the Paulls (115 Galewood Rd., Timonium, MD 21093) to be received by Sept. 19. Choices of entrée are prime rib, chicken marsala and grilled salmon. Bring any last-minute loose change for our collection to the Installation Dinner! For \$1, you may still enter a 50/50 guess for the total amount collected through Sept. 4th. (Winner TBA Oct. 1st.) Also, bring payment for Riding the Ducks. (See below!)

RIDE THE DUCKS, OCT. 14—SIGN-UP DEADLINE, SEPT. 22, 2007

We must have a firm count—and payment—for this purely-for-fun activity by Sept. 22, so bring a separate check for it payable to "Timonium Optimist Club" the night of the Installation Dinner, or mail payment to the Paulls (115 Galewood Rd., Timonium, MD 21093) before then. For details, check www.timoniumoptimist.org, see the flyer attached or call Joanne (410-252-0694; joanne@jpaull.com). The more the merrier, so bring a carload of friends and family along.

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING—MONDAY, OCT. 1, 2007

We won't waste any time launching the new club year because our dinner meeting falls on the first of the month! We'll be honoring two important guests—the Student of the Month for October and the recipient of our Third Annual Hug a Hero Award. For dinner, we're having lasagna with rum cake for dessert. The best guess (to win the 50/50 pot building since Sept. 4) will be announced at this meeting.

POKER RIDE FOR SHOP WITH A COP — SATURDAY, OCT. 13, 2007

The Timonium, Cockeysville, Greater Jacksonville and Hereford Optimist Clubs are running a fundraiser that has promise to bring much-needed money to Shop with a Cop. Basically, it involves signing up cars and motorcycles to run a circuit around Northern Baltimore County to qualify for poker-hand prizes plus a raffle of other great prizes in a Chinese auction. A committee is hard at work, but they need YOUR HELP in four important ways: 1) get some donations for prizes—large and small (e.g., so far we have a few dinner vouchers, a free overnight at the Holiday Inn and a condo in OC for a weekend); 2) advertise the event in your community, especially to your circle of influence—use the attached flyer! 3) plan to participate in the event as a driver/rider; 4) volunteer to help for all or part of the day on Oct. 13. Contact Mickey Price (410-771-4425 or pawsprice@aol.com) with questions and to let her know how you can help.

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 can more than pay for the book by using coupons just in the local area—for example, Paolo's (\$24), Bubba's (\$5), Charred Rib (\$8), Charles Village Pub (\$8) and Wolfords (\$6), among others. There are hundreds of additional offers from Ocean City to Frederick. 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. Take books on consignment and return any you can't sell to Don later on.

“TEE IT UP FOR CHARITY” AT BALTIMORE COUNTY GOLF COURSES

Baltimore County has set up a fundraiser for registered charitable organizations (we are one) to get a \$1-per-player contribution from the county for golfers who play any of the six county courses between 12:01 p.m. and twilight from Sept. 4 through Nov. 21. For the Timonium Optimist Foundation to benefit, a golfer must check that option on the charity list when paying to play. Get the word out to all your golfing friends, and play lots of afternoon golf yourself in the next few months!

CHAIN GANG SERVICE FOR LTRC FOOTBALL

Help with the chain gang is needed for 2-hour stretches on the following Friday evenings and Saturdays: Sept. 15 at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.; Sept. 22 at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.; Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.; Sept. 29 at 12:00 noon, 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Three people are needed per shift, so if you can organize a team of three, that would be great, but singles are welcome! Contact Bill Snyder (410-825-3641; absnyder@bcpl.net) or Gary Shultz (410-561-2996; agshultz@comcast.net).

YEAR-END REMINDERS

- Gary Shultz, our OI Foundation rep, 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. For example, district and international prizes for the Essay and Oratorical contests come from these funds. You may turn your \$36.50 in to Gary or send it directly to: OI foundation / "Dime a Day Campaign" / 4494 Lindell Blvd. / St. Louis, MO 63108. 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.

- Activity reports from chairpersons who did not submit a report at the time of their projects are due in to Pres. John Paull by Sept. 18 as a basis for the club's report to OI. Please include: number of youths served, budget for the activity, key contacts, copies of materials used, steps accomplished and timetable, and suggestions for future chairpersons and committee members.