

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: Oct. 17, 2006

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 19, 2006 — Setup for P.A.L Farm Day at the Price farm — 1:00 p.m.
- Oct. 20, 2006 — P.A.L. Farm Day at the Price farm — 9:00 a.m. to mid-afternoon—come for all or part
- Oct. 21, 2006 — Bingo at Cromwell Genesis; 2:00 p.m. [See article about the need for prize donations.]
- Nov. 5, 2006 — Welcome party for new and prospective members; 3:00–5:00 p.m. at the Paulls'
- Nov. 6, 2006 — Dinner meeting at Timonium Holiday Inn Select; 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 10–12, 2006 — MD/SD district conference (Hampton Inn, Frederick); rooms available at press time
- Nov. 13, 2006 — Board meeting at N.H. Yates & Co., 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 17, 2006 — Bingo at Cromwell Genesis; 2:00 p.m.
- Nov. 20, 2006 — Dinner meeting at Timonium Holiday Inn Select; 6:30 p.m.—Youth Appreciation celebration

Installation Banquet—Saturday, Sept. 30, 2006

The Timonium Club officially began its 50th year with the installation of officers and board members for 2006-07 at a special dinner on Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Holiday Inn Select. A total of 39 people attended, including three guests of John and Joanne Paull, Linda Schenk, Michael Schenk and Crystal Guengerich. Following a social hour from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Former Dist. Lt Gov. Chez Miller welcomed everyone. Bill Snyder led the Pledge; Missy Yates led "God Bless America," and Dick Price gave the invocation. After dinner, Past MDSD Gov. Bob Hoffman emceed the festivities. Outgoing President Ann Shultz presented recognition awards to her officers, board and committee chairs, including Optimist of the Year jointly to Chez and Seven Miller and the President's Citation to Joanne Paull. Mickey Price, Lt. Gov. for 2005-06, spoke about Zone 9's successful year and conducted the installation ceremony for the incoming Timonium officers and board. A list of those serving this year appears at the top of the *Opti-Memo*. To conclude her year as president, Ann Shultz summed up the club's achievements in 2005-06, which included a full schedule of programs and services to youth plus the most successful fundraising year in a long time. A standing ovation expressed the club's gratitude for Pres. Ann's leadership. New Pres. John Paull, used the unique timing of his term to set a tone of pride and resolution with his motto for the upcoming year—"Bringing Out the Best in Kids for Fifty Years!" He remarked that the club's long history of serving youth should be an inspiration for this year and the future. He asked the support of all members for his goals of keeping our traditional projects going, being open to new ideas and expanding member participation. Continuing the recruiting momentum from the summer is important, but most important is for everyone to join in the service, fellowship and financial support aspects of the club. The most meaningful contribution of all is the gift of your time. As the outgoing sergeant-at-arms, Pres. John presented his successor Dolores Righter with an official Sergeant-at-Arms armband, a sign of her new authority. Dolores warned that she plans to be watchful for name buttons, membership pins and other matters of club protocol! Lapses mean that you will be asked to "feed the pig"! For the 50/50, players had to guess the final total from the club's yearlong change collection in 2005-06. Ann Shultz came closest to the \$846.82 amount with a guess of \$849. She won \$20. The meeting closed with Ken Bollinger leading the Creed. Congratulations to our in-coming officers and board, and thanks to those retiring!

Our Last Meeting—Monday, Oct. 9, 2006

President John Paull welcomed 47 people to the Oct. 9 meeting, which included 19 program-related guests. He repeated his installation request for all members to make a point to get involved this year. Opening exercises were

conducted by Missy Yates (invocation) and Bill Snyder (Pledge of Allegiance). A chorus of "Happy Birthday" was sung to October celebrants: John Carter, Amanda Shultz, Jim Yates, Ginny Tracey, Jim Righter, Laura Koerber, Colette Sheeler and Sharon Imwold. VP of Youth Laura Hunt requests help on committees for the Essay and Oratorical contests. Call her at 410-668-2747. Announcements were made about upcoming events: Padonia 5th grade to Genesee Valley on Oct. 12 (Mark Harris), PAL Farm Day on Oct. 20 (Dick Price), chain gang for LTRC football (Gary Shultz). Fundraisers underway include Entertainment Book sales (Don Imwold), loose change collection and cans for recycling (Dick & Mickey Price), bull & oyster roast tickets (Donna Bullen).

Our Student of the Month for October was Kathryn (Katie) Baron, a fifth grader at Padonia International Elementary School. Katie was accompanied by 15 friends and relatives who included her mother, two brothers, grandparents, uncle, aunt and cousins. Captain of the school safeties and percussionist in the band, Katie is a bright and active student who is noted for her positive and caring attitude toward others. She enjoys sports and has competed in both swimming and figure skating outside school. Padonia teacher Todd Felter expressed his good fortune in having Katie as a student. SOM chair Jim Righter and Pres. John presented Katie with her SOM plaque and a \$50 savings bond. Mr. Felter took a nameplate back to Padonia for the school plaque. The second feature of the evening was the Second Annual Hug-A-Hero program directed by Mickey Price. The honoree was Kevin Dudderar from the Parkville Fire Station. Kevin recently retired after 30 years of distinguished service. Also present were Kevin's wife Sue and Capt. Michael Knopp of the BCFD, who described Kevin as a textbook example of a good firefighter. Fran Harris (for State Senator Andrew Harris) presented him with a citation from the Maryland Senate. Dick Price (for State Del. Wade Kach) presented him with an honor resolution from the House of Delegates. Pres. John awarded him a plaque from the Timonium Optimists. Mickey added the gift of a fire truck ornament. Muriel Russum won \$30.50 in the 50/50 raffle, and the evening ended with Mark Harris leading the Optimist Creed.

OUR NEXT DINNER MEETING—Nov. 6, 2006

The speaker will talk about the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy, part of the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program. We'll also honor our Student of the Month. FYI, dinner will be turkey with all the fixings—including apple pie. Don't forget to wear your Optimist name button and pin, and to bring your loose change for the Change Jug!

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP EVENT—FOR NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Pres. John and VP of Membership Bob Hoffman are kicking off the year with something new—they'll be hosting a Welcome Party on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 5 at John's house. The informal, wine-and-cheese social is intended as an orientation for (relatively) new members and as an introduction to the club for prospective members. If you know someone who would like to learn something about us, give Bob Hoffman (bobotto@bellatlantic.net or 410-668-4190) their name and phone number ASAP so that he can call them to extend a personal invitation.

REQUEST FOR BINGO PRIZES

Dolores Righter suggests that "gently used" cardigan sweaters would make much-appreciated prizes for the Cromwell Genesis Bingos. Any donations are welcome— jewelry, novelty items, stuffed animals, etc.

YOUTH EVENTS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

CHAIN GANG FOR LTRC FOOTBALL

There is one more weekend to go for manning the yard and downs markers at LTRC home football games. Members (and friends!) are needed for all the time slots posted. A game takes about 90 minutes. You'll have a good time watching the players from pint-sized on up. All games are played at the upper field at Seminary Park.

- Oct. 20: Friday, 6:00 & 8:00 p.m - Oct. 21: 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 & 8:00 p.m.

To confirm a time to help, contact: Gary Shultz 410-561-2996 or email agshultz@comcast.net

P.A.L. FARM DAY—Oct. 20 (setup Oct. 19)

About 100 kids from Baltimore County Police Athletic League Centers will be treated to a day in the country at Dick and Mickey Price's farm on Friday, Oct. 20—schools are closed that day. Your help is needed on Thursday, Oct. 19 around 1:00 p.m. to help set things up and again on Friday, Oct. 20 from 9:00 a.m. 'til around 3:00 p.m. (or part of that time) to help with games and serving lunch. Let Dick and Mickey know (410-771-4425 or pawsprice@aol.com) that they can count on you. Say a prayer for good weather because the event will be canceled for rain.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Here is an early heads-up on the two families we'll be providing for this Christmas.

Family #1: Grandmother raising two children.

Boy, age 11

Sizes: pants 18, shirt XL/20. Gift suggestions: anything would be appreciated

Girl, age 2

Sizes: pants 4T, shirt 4T, coat 4T/5, shoes 10 Gift suggestions: anything would be appreciated

Family #2: Mother and one child

Girl, age 15 Sizes: shirt women's Med, shoes 10 ½ men's

Gift Suggestions: art supplies—sketch pads, books, seed beads (tiny beads), beading supplies

FUNDRAISING UPDATES

2007 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Don Imwold has plenty of *Entertainment 2007* books for you to sell. With the holidays around the corner, you'll want to stock up on some to give as gifts. They will remind the lucky recipients of you all year long as they save money on everything from dinners to sports events, cultural activities and services like florists and dry cleaners. Don't overlook getting your own copy! The cost this year is again only \$25 (\$5 of that is profit to the club). Coupons can start to be used immediately. If you have contacts out of town, talk to Don about getting them a book for their areas. See Don at meetings or call him at 410-828-7552.

BULL & OYSTER ROAST

Tickets for the event and 50/50 tickets are being distributed by Treasurer Donna Bullen. This major fundraiser for Timonium and some of the other Zone 9 clubs will be held again at Martin's West on the afternoon of Saturday, January 20. This is the time to approach your friends and business contacts about supporting the roast. If they can't make it, let them know that a direct donation to the Timonium Optimist Foundation instead of purchasing a ticket would go a long way in helping kids. Let Donna know how many tickets to give you on consignment.

DIME A DAY & USED CARTRIDGES FOR OI

Gary Shultz, our OI Foundation rep, reminds everyone to start saving a dime a day again this year to accumulate \$36.50 for OI programs and scholarships. Also continue to turn in used ink cartridges to Gary. He sends them to OI for recycling, and the money earned is split between OI and the club.

LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTION

Last year, our combined efforts raised \$846.82 for the club. This year, we're going to try to exceed that number. Dick & Mickey Price will be bringing the change jug to meetings every few months. The first collection will be at the Nov. 6 meeting, so bring your first contribution that night.

MEMBER AND COMMUNITY NEWS

The club extends sincere condolences to Dennis Schulze on the death of his father on Oct. 15. Also, we hope that Jose Arbelaez's mother in Columbia is recovering from her serious illness.

The Pride of Baltimore Chorus is putting on a show just in time for Veterans' Day—"Operation Celebration," a salute to our Armed Forces. It will be held at Goucher College on Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Call Janet Nickel at 410-252-8126, or order them at www.prideofbaltimorechorus.com (payment can be made through PayPal).

✍ COMMERCIAL MESSAGE: DONT FORGET THAT MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW! ✍