

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: Nov. 10, 2006

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 Week celebration
Dec. 4, 2006 — Dinner meeting at Timonium Holiday Inn Select; 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 11, 2006 — Board meeting at N.H. Yates & Co., 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16, 2006 — Shop with a Cop at Hunt Valley Wal-Mart (time TBA)
Dec. 16, 2006 — Bingo at Cromwell Genesis; 2:00 p.m.
Dec. 16, 2006 — Timonium Optimist Christmas Party at the Prices' house (details TBA)
Jan. 2, 2005 — Dinner meeting at Timonium Holiday Inn Select; 6:30 p.m.—**note this is a Tuesday!**

Our Last Meeting—Monday, Nov. 6, 2006

The regular November dinner meeting was held on Nov. 6, 2006 at the Timonium Holiday Inn Select with 40 people attending. Guests included Zone 9 Lt. Governor Carole Bankert and Hereford member Lynn Alessi. Ray Riordan gave the invocation, and Gary Shultz led the Pledge. Pres. John Paull mentioned November birthdays for David Sandy and Joe Feeney, as well as guest Lynn Alessi, whose birthday is Nov. 6. The new club directory was distributed to members present. Updates will be included periodically with the *Opti-Memo*. A show of hands indicated that at least 10 members would be attending the District's 1st Quarter Conference in Frederick, Nov. 10–12. Pres. John read a letter from Believe In Tomorrow thanking the club for donating the Ravens' season tickets for use by Johns Hopkins pediatric patients and their families. Mark Harris reported that the Padonia outing to Genesee Valley was a successful, enjoyable day for the 29 fifth graders. Mark and Fran Harris, John Paull, John Cavanaugh, Dick and Mickey Price and Skip Sheeler represented the Timonium Optimists for all or part of the day. Mickey Price reported that the Day at the Farm for 100 PAL Center kids on Oct. 20 was successful. She gave Pres. John a certificate of appreciation to the club from the PAL Board. Laura Hunt displayed a huge, "thank you" poster that her PAL Center kids made for the Optimists. Mickey Price also announced that community donations have started to come in for Shop with a Cop, but more are needed. Donna Bullen continues to distribute tickets for the Optimist Bull & Oyster Roast on Jan. 20. Dick Price accepted the first round of coins for our second annual loose change campaign—the next collection date will be in February. Gary Shultz reminded everyone to keep saving a Dime a Day and to recycle used cartridges for OI. Don Imwold has plenty of *Entertainment '07* books to fulfill all your gift-list needs. Pres. John presented a plaque to Ann Shultz in recognition of her year of service to the Timonium Optimists as president in 2005-2006. He also gave Dick Price a pin from OI for recruiting a new club member.

Our Student of the Month for November was Elizabeth (Liza) Salemi, a fifth grader at Hampton Elementary School where she participates in the safety patrol, school store, band and peer helpers. In fourth grade, she was a member of the All-County Recorder group. Liza is also active at the Towson Presbyterian Church and in Girl Scout Troop 1527. She enjoys playing soccer and bowling in community leagues. Hampton Principal Patricia Kaiser described Liza as a quiet, capable leader, whose parents also have set a good example of school involvement. Liza's parents and grandmother came to the dinner with her. Chairman Jim Righter and Pres. John awarded Liza with her SOM plaque and a savings bond. They gave her parents a copy of the Creed and gave Mrs. Kaiser an updated plaque for Hampton.

The speaker was Charles Rooks, the recruiting coordinator for the Freestate Challenge Academy, a residential training program for at-risk youth that is run by the National Guard at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. In 31 centers around the country, the Youth Challenge Program intervenes in the life of high-school dropouts who are on the verge of failure. It builds their self-confidence and helps them develop life skills by emphasizing fair discipline and accountability in a military-like setting. A prom and graduation ceremony are some of the rewards along the way. Charles outlined the intensive steps in the program from the two-week "boot camp" through a five-month residential phase and 12-month follow-up. The emotional film Charles showed followed a class through the program and captured the dramatic changes in the participants. Charles added a number of success stories from his personal experience. Most graduates go on to college or get jobs—some join the military. One year out, 89% are productive. The government-funded Youth Challenge Program has served more than 85,000 kids at about \$14,000 per person—it is much more successful and economical than the juvenile justice system. Unfortunately, there aren't enough spaces for all the young people who could benefit. Charles mentioned that community service is a big part of the curriculum, so if the Optimists ever need manpower for a project, the YCP is a possible free resource. At the end of the evening, John Paull won \$26 in the 50/50 raffle, and Ann Shultz led the Optimist Creed.

OUR NEXT DINNER MEETING—Nov. 20, 2006—Youth Appreciation Week Program

Our annual Youth Appreciation Week program will be held at the dinner meeting at the Timonium Holiday Inn Select on Monday, Nov. 20, 2006. We will honor eight outstanding young people who deserve recognition for their achievements. Please turn out to make our young guests feel welcome! The entrée will be sliced roast sirloin with chocolate mousse for dessert. Let your call captain have your reservation by Wed, Nov. 15.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Please bring your donations of gifts, food or money to the Dec. dinner meeting or the Christmas party. Mark your wrapped presents for the particular family and person. Here is a description of our two families:

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

P.A.L. FARM DAY—FOLLOW-UP

Despite threatening forecasts, the weather cooperated, and the Day at the Farm for about 100 PAL Center kids on Oct. 20 was successful. The kids were kept busy with games and hayrides, 4-H animals and fire equipment to see, and much more. A group of 15 Coppin State College student-volunteers and representatives from the Police Dept. and P.A.L. Board also came. Besides Dick and Mickey, other Timonium Optimists who helped out were Bill Leizear, Seven and Chez Miller, Dolores and Jim Righter, Jim and Missy Yates, Laura Hunt and John Paull. The P.A.L. Board awarded the club a certificate of appreciation for co-sponsoring the event. At the Nov. dinner, Laura Hunt presented a poster-size, handmade "thank-you note" from the vanload of students from the Mars Estates Center that she had escorted to Farm Day. Feedback from the kids was all positive. Thank you Dick and Mickey for hosting this special day.

ENTERTAINMENT '07 BOOKS

Don Imwold has plenty of *Entertainment '07* books for you to sell. With the holidays around the corner, you'll want to stock up on some to give as gifts. The cost this year is again only \$25 (\$5 of that is profit to the club). See Don at meetings or call him at. 410-828-7552.

Did you know that the Baltimore Edition of *Entertainment '07* is packed with over **\$20,500 in savings**? What a deal!

- 413 dining discounts
- 183 attraction discounts
- 193 shopping discounts
- over \$15,000 in travel discounts
- movie ticket discounts
- and much, much more

MEMBER NEWS

Bill Leizear is on the mend following an injury to his leg that required his being in a cast briefly.

Our distant member in Webster, New York, Harry Burch, sent his regards to everyone along with his dues. Bob Hoffman saw Harry recently and also comments that Harry wants to be remembered to everyone.