

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: Dec. 8, 2006

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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; 8:00 a.m.
- Dec. 16, 2006 — Bingo at Cromwell Genesis; 2:00 p.m.
- Dec. 16, 2006 — Timonium Optimist Christmas Party at the Prices' house; 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 2, 2007 — Dinner meeting at Timonium Holiday Inn Select; 6:30 p.m.—**note this is a Tuesday!**
- Jan. 8, 2007 — Board meeting at N.H. Yates & Co., 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 16, 2007 — Anniversary Committee meeting at Ann & Gary Shultz's; 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 20, 2007 — Bull & Oyster Roast at Martin's West
- Jan. 25, 2007 — Cutoff: hotel reservations for 2nd Quarter District Conference (Feb. 16–18, Double Tree Annapolis)

Our Last Meeting—Monday, Dec. 4, 2006

President John Paull called the Dec. dinner meeting to order promptly at 6:30. Jim Yates gave the invocation, and Ken Bollinger led the Pledge. There were 40 people attending. Pres. John introduced Joanne Gregory, guest of John and Joanne Paull. He announced that the following people are celebrating birthdays in December: Judy Feeney, Dick Moffett, Joe Mulloney, Kim Parks, Evelyn Kach, Chuck Ortel, Jose Arbelaez, Fran Harris and Missy Yates. Entertainment Book chairman Don Imwold asked that members settle up with him for outstanding books by the end of the month. He still has copies if you need any for last-minute sales. Shop with a Cop Chairman Ann Siegmund reported that plans are going well for the event on Dec. 16. She may need extra volunteers early that morning to stuff bags for the kids with donations from local stores including Weigman's and Chic-fil-A. Sign-up sheets were out for members to RSVP for the Christmas party on Dec. 16 and to volunteer for the Bull & Oyster Roast on Jan. 20. Pres. John emphasized how important it is for every member to support the roast. [See separate article.] Gary Shultz announced that the club would be purchasing Ravens playoff tickets as an unexpected opportunity for a fundraiser. A quick raffle will have to be organized before the end of December.

Our Student of the Month for December was Ben Keller, an eighth grade student at St. Joseph School. Ben is outstanding academically and has served as head of the school's Carpool Pantry to collect food donations throughout the year. He is a member of Nativity Parish and volunteers at Beans and Bread and at Villa Maria. He enjoys playing sports including football and basketball, and he also plays guitar. St. Joseph Principal Sr. Anne O'Donnell described Ben as a student who always does his best and who has a caring attitude toward others. She also thanked the Optimists for the good work we do in the community for young people. Ben was accompanied by his parents and one set of grandparents. Chairman Jim Righter and Pres. John awarded Ben with his SOM plaque and a savings bond. They gave his parents a copy of the Creed and gave Sr. Anne an updated plaque for St. Joseph's School. Ben's mother expressed the pride she felt for Ben, and his grandfather added that Ben handled the challenge well of being the youngest of three brothers. Ben expressed this thanks to the club for honoring him.

The speaker was Donald Outen, Natural Resource Manager with the Balto. Co. Dept. of Environmental Protection & Resource Management. Don indicated that Baltimore Co. has been a leader nationally in managing its growth through consistent Master Plan policies and early (1967) adoption of an urban growth boundary line. The focus of

his department's work is ongoing reservoir protection and forest sustainability. A key part of that effort is educating and mobilizing county residents because 75% of forestland is privately owned. The greatest water problem is runoff from farms and winter road treatment that makes water salinity too high. The out-of-control deer population, which eats all the new forest growth, is the greatest threat to healthy forests. An important way for citizens to help is to plant eco-friendly trees—coupons for \$10 off the cost of a tree are available through the Plant Your Own Tree program. For more info, contact Don at 410-887-4488, x 238. At the end of the evening, Sue Cavanaugh won \$23.50 in the 50/50 raffle. Skip Sheeler led the assembly in reciting the Optimist Creed.

FOR OPTIMISTS, CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16!

This is an important day on the Timonium Optimist calendar because it is the focus of our holiday events. Set your alarm clock early and be ready to enjoy a day full of cheer.

SHOP WITH A COP (8:00 a.m.)

Volunteers are needed from 8:00 a.m. to about 10:30 a.m. to prepare for, greet and assist the 100 kids and police personnel who will converge on the Hunt Valley Wal-Mart at 9:00 a.m. by way of a parade of police cars with lights flashing and sirens blaring. The shopping spree that follows with a hundred or so kids, cops and carts making their way around the store and getting checked out in time for a 10:30 a.m. meal provided by Outback Steak House is really something special to witness. Come out for all or part of the time—wear something that identifies you as an Optimist or grab a hat when you get there! Donations to date are close to covering costs for this year, but seed money for next year is part of our financial goal. Call Ann Siegmund (410-321-6343) if you have questions.

BINGO AT CROMWELL GENESIS (2:00 p.m.)

The Timonium Optimists look after some older folks, too. Sat., Dec. 16 is our regularly scheduled monthly BINGO at this Towson nursing home. It is always a highlight event for the residents, but especially at holiday time. Co-chairs Jim and Dolores Righter need the assistance of several "elves" for about two hours. As you help players with their cards and distribute prizes to the winners, you'll find their smiles a heartwarming reward. Let the Righters (410-557-0468) know that you can make it!

TIMONIUM OPTIMIST HOLIDAY PARTY (6:00 p.m.)

Wrap up your great day of Christmas cheer at the club's annual Christmas Party. You are welcome to bring non-member guests, but let the club know ahead of time. Dick and Mickey Price are once again hosting the party at their home. The cost is only \$5.00 per person plus the donation of an appetizer, side dish or dessert. We need to know what you will bring. RSVP no later than December 11th to Missy Yates (410-661-1937) or Call Captain Chair Muriel Russum (410-252-4494). BYOB—coffee, punch, set-ups and ice will be provided. Please bring your Adopt-A-Family donations with you. [See previous *Opti-Memos* for family details.] This should be a fun-filled evening!!

Directions to Dick and Mickey's house: From Papermill Road (running between Jacksonville and Cockeysville), go NORTH on Old York Road (about 1.5 miles). At Stockton Road (Clymalira UM Church and cemetery are on the NW corner), turn LEFT. The road makes a 90-degree turn to the left. The Prices' house is the first one on the RIGHT after that sharp bend: 2700 Stockton Road.

OUR NEXT DINNER MEETING—TUESDAY, Jan. 2, 2007

Wind up the holidays with your fellow Timonium Optimists! Since the first Monday is New Year's Day, we are meeting for dinner on the **first Tuesday**. It will be an eventful evening with our Student of the Month and a speaker from the agricultural community who will talk about using grains for fuel. Settle up with Don Imwold at this meeting for any *Entertainment Books* still outstanding. The entrée will be stuffed shells, and for desert, sherbet and a cookie. Let your call captain have your reservation by Wed, Dec. 27.

BULL & OYSTER ROAST— PERSONAL CHECK LIST—JUST SIX WEEKS TO GO!

- ___ *Have you bought your tickets and signed up to work a shift or two on the wheels?* Sign-up sheets for volunteers are available at meetings, or you can call Gary Shultz (410-561-2996).
- ___ *Have you sold tickets to friends/family/business acquaintances and asked people to participate in the 50/50 raffle?* (Last year's prize exceeded \$1,500.) The roast is a major fundraiser for our youth programs—our portion of the profits depends on the number of tickets we sell (Hint! Hint!)
- ___ *Have you mentioned to people who can't make the event that we accept direct donations to the Timonium Optimist Foundation?* Donations can be in any amount and are tax deductible.

The Bull & Oyster Roast is a collaborative project of Optimist clubs in our Zone 9 area. A lot rides on the success of this event. The Timonium Club has our own projects at stake as well as our pride in the zone. Let's make our club's participation this year the best we've ever done! Enclosed with this issue is a flyer about the roast—please duplicate it and spread it around the community.