

# Optimist Club of Timonium Inc.

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Club meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 6:30 p.m., Timonium Holiday Inn • Board meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: Jan. 12, 2007

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 16, 2007 — Anniversary Committee meeting at John & Joanne Paull's; 7:00 p.m.—**note change of place!**  
Jan. 20, 2007 — Bull & Oyster Roast, 1–5 p.m. at Martin's West (**No BINGO at Cromwell Genesis this month**)  
Jan. 25, 2007 — Cutoff: hotel reservations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter District Conference (Feb. 16–18, Double Tree Annapolis)  
Feb. 5, 2007 — Dinner meeting at Timonium Holiday Inn Select; 6:30 p.m.  
Feb. 12, 2007 — Board meeting at N.H. Yates & Co., 7:30 p.m.  
Feb. 16-18, 2007—MD/SD 2nd Quarter Conference (Double Tree Annapolis)  
Feb. 17, 2007 — Bingo at Cromwell Genesis; 2:00 p.m.  
Feb. 19, 2007 — Dinner meeting at Timonium Holiday Inn Select; 6:30 p.m. (Essay Contest)  
Mar. 5, 2007 — Dinner meeting at Timonium Holiday Inn Select; 6:30 p.m.

## Our Last Meeting—Monday, January 2, 2007

President John Paull welcomed 35 people to the Timonium Optimists' New Year's dinner. Bill Snyder gave the invocation, and Dick Price led the Pledge of Allegiance. A chorus of "Happy Birthday" was sung for the six people celebrating January birthdays: John Paull, Lorraine Gordon, Joanne Paull, Paul Siegmund, Bob Hoffman and Joan Hoffman. Pres. John read thank you notes from Andrea Crews, Andrew Bailey, Ben Sapp and Jennifer Oswald—four of our November YAW honorees. We've learned that Andrew has been accepted to MIT for the fall, and Jennifer to Princeton. The chairpersons for our December club projects and events gave brief reports: Mickey Price for Shop with a Cop and the Christmas party, Dolores Righter for Cromwell Genesis Bingo, and Ken Bollinger for Adopt-a Family. [See separate article.] There will be no Bingo in January because of the conflict with the Bull & Oyster Roast. Entertainment Book chairman Don Imwold expects the profit from that fundraiser to be around \$700. More volunteers are needed to work for an hour at the Bull & Oyster Roast on Jan. 20—call Gary Shultz (410-561-2996) if you are attending and have not yet committed to help. VP of Membership Bob Hoffman announced that the NOW program would be held at the March 5 dinner meeting. [See article.]

The highlight of the night was the Student of the Month program for January. We met Edward Fullerton, a fifth grader from Timonium Elementary School. Edward attended the dinner with his parents Ann and Alex Fullerton and his principal, Ms. Donna Scaccio, who complimented Edward as an excellent example of the school's STARR program—Students That Are Responsible and Respectful. She emphasized that both students and teachers count on him as a caring person. Edward takes gifted/talented classes in most subjects. He works on the literary journal, in the school store, and as an autistic buddy. He is a member of the school chess club and has won competitions on the county level. He plays both soccer and ice hockey. Family trips to museums and battlefields have sparked his deep personal interest in military history. The Fullerton family are natives of Canada who have applied for US citizenship. SOM Chairman Jim Righter and Pres. John presented Edward with his SOM plaque and a \$50 savings bond. They gave his parents a framed copy of the Optimist Creed and Ms. Scaccio a plaque for the school.

Because the speaker for the evening had to cancel, Pres. John presented some alternative fun—a post-Christmas quiz. The list of 30 questions for each table to collaborate on generated a lot of lively discussion. Following the program, the quiz answers were discussed, and participants were surprised at how much—or how little—they knew

about holiday trivia. (How many Pipers Piping did my true love have to give?) In fact the questions were so challenging that even Pres. John wasn't sure of some of the answers. The team at Table 2, however, emerged as the big winners, and each member received a Hershey bar prize. Dave Sandy made the happy announcement that he and Jocelyn McCausland became engaged on Christmas Day. The club extends warm wishes to them for a blissful future together. The lucky 50/50 drawing winner of \$23.50 was Sally Hottel. The meeting closed with Bob Hoffman leading the recitation of the Creed.

### **BULL & OYSTER ROAST—NEXT WEEKEND!**

The Bull & Oyster Roast is set for Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007, 1:00–5:00 p.m. at Martin's West. We hope to see you there! This year, a silent auction of sports memorabilia and a blackjack table have been added to increase the fun. Please make a last-minute push to sell tickets, and don't forget to circle "Timonium" and "T" on tickets so that our club gets credit. Our portion of profits depends on how many tickets we sell. To avoid confusion on the big day, please turn in money you have collected for roast tickets or the 50/50 raffle to Gary Schultz (410-561-2996) or John Paull (410-252-0694) BEFORE Jan. 20 if possible. Also turn in unsold tickets for both the roast and the raffle.

If you have volunteered to help at one of the stations (wheel, money room, etc.) be sure to show up there for your assigned time—it's all too easy to lose track of the clock. Check with Gary Shultz that day if you have not been notified ahead of time about when/where to work.

### **OUR NEXT MEETING—FEBRUARY 5, 2007**

The first of our two February dinners will feature our Student of the Month plus the rescheduled speaker on the topic of using grains for fuel. Let your call captain have your reservation no later than Wed., Jan. 31. **Sergeant-At-Arms Dolores Righter asks that everyone bring a Valentine card for a patient at Cromwell Genesis Nursing Home—if you forget, you'll owe the pig!** Also, bring the loose change you've saved for our quarterly collection.

### **CHRISTMAS WRAP SHOP WITH A COP**

Congratulations to Chairman Ann Siegmund, chief fund-raiser Mickey Price and everyone else who helped leading up to and on the day of the event. We provided the opportunity for 112 youngsters to pair off with a policeman and shop at Hunt Valley Wal-Mart on Sat. morning, Dec. 16. Each kid was allotted \$100 (plus an extra 10% from Wal-Mart). As usual, they had a memorable time, from the lights-and-sirens parade up I-83 through the post-shopping lunch at Outback Steak House. One of the stellar volunteers was a young boy who came with his father to watch, and wound up donning a Santa hat and soliciting nearly \$400 for our donation bucket. The policemen themselves contributed more than \$500 out-of-pocket that day to cover overages!

### **BINGO AT CROMWELL GENESIS**

Despite the crowded schedule for Dec. 16, Jim and Dolores Righter were able to hold the monthly Bingo with the help of their dedicated Optimist "elves," Bruce Robinson and Lorraine Gordon. Also among their volunteers was Amy Oswald, mother of one of our November YAW honorees.

### **TIMONIUM OPTIMIST HOLIDAY PARTY**

Thanks to Dick and Mickey Price for hosting the Christmas party and to the committee headed by Missy Yates and Muriel Russum for organizing the donations of food. About 45 Optimists, spouses and friends enjoyed one another's fellowship on the evening of Dec. 16. A good time was had by all! A few hardy souls were still at Dick and Mickey's to watch the Shop with a Cop coverage on the Channel 45 late news.

### **ADOPT-A-FAMILY**

The club collected numerous wrapped gifts and about \$300 in monetary contributions, including extra money from the Christmas party. Ken Bollinger and President John Paull played Santa on Dec. 23 in delivering the gifts and the food and gift certificates purchased with the money to our two Christmas families referred from the Balto. Co. Dept. of Social Services. Both families live right in the Timonium–Cockeysville area. The gifts for Family #2 were received by the grandson while his grandmother was at work. The mother and daughter of Family #1 burst into tears of gratitude upon "Santa's" arrival.

### **N-O-W ALERT—NEW OPTIMISTS WANTED!**

VP of Membership Bob Hoffman is planning a NOW program for the first dinner meeting in March. Now is the time for members to begin forwarding contact information to Bob of people who may be interested in what we do. Bob will send letters of invitation. Laying some groundwork before the invitation goes out and following up with some encouragement afterwards would make your friends feel even more welcome. Please let them know that the NOW meeting is a great way to get introduced to Optimism. Of course, they may come to other meetings and events, too!

In this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, it would be especially appropriate to expand our membership to the plus side, but for a variety of reasons, the club is down about six members at the present time. The Timonium Optimists have never shied from a challenge, so please help get the word out to the community (especially to your own circle of influence) that we welcome new people to join us in our work on behalf of kids! Too many people have no idea what the Timonium Optimist Club accomplishes. Set a personal goal to bring one new person to NOW on Mar. 5.

### **SICK CALL**

- Skip Bullen was scheduled to undergo fusion surgery at Sinai Hospital today for his neck. To keep up on his progress and send him a message, you may visit his personalized, online CarePage. Go to [www.carepages.com](http://www.carepages.com) and click "Visit a CarePage." After registering (just once), enter "SkipBullen" to reach his page.
- Colette Sheeler is back home following her neurological surgery on Jan. 5, and Jim Yates is home and beginning PT after his shoulder surgery on Jan. 4. Both are doing well enough to consider the possibility of attending the Bull & Oyster Roast. Joe Mulloney is also recently home from the hospital after suffering a head injury.
- Ann Shultz's eye surgery on Jan. 2 went well. She is recovering at home and finding the task of keeping her head down for 55 minutes of every hour a tedious challenge. She welcomes visitors!
- Dick Moffett has completed four weeks of a seven-week regimen of radiation therapy. He says he is starting to feel tired but otherwise is doing okay.
- From around the district, both Ernie Brown and John Bateman have been very ill and in-and-out of hospitals. At last report, both are home and relatively stable. Ken Bollinger has more detail if you are interested.

### **NEWS ON A HAPPIER NOTE**

- Congratulations to Seven and Chez Miller on becoming grandparents again! New grandson Brooks was born to George and Dawn on Dec. 21.
- David Sandy and Jocelyn McCausland became engaged on Dec. 25. We extend best wishes to both as they plan a life together!
- Kudos go to Jim Righter for spending five days between Christmas and New Year's helping Katrina victims in Mississippi with home repairs. He traveled south with a group of 19 people from Nativity Parish. Jim put his carpentry skills to good use working long hours on projects and coaching less experienced members of the team.
- Optimist and thespian Bob Hoffman will be appearing in a production titled, "Meanwhile, Back on the Couch" to be presented at the Kay-Cee Players Dinner Theater in the Round on Saturday and Sunday evenings, Feb. 10-Mar. 4, 2007. Check with Bob for more details.