

Pipeline Newsletter

Optimist Club of Des Plaines

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PREZ SEZ

As another year draws to an end, it is an opportune time to reflect back on all the great things that our Club has done for the children of our community. Once again we managed to provide many positive programs that have touched the lives of so many children in Des Plaines. For this I say thank you and job well done!

Our Tree Lot this Christmas was successful. Thank you to Tree Lot Chairman Ray Kopecki, who put in countless hours to help our Club earn the majority of its income. Also thanks to all the other members who gave of their time at the Tree Lot. It is hard work but it is also fun and rewarding.

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As the New Year begins to unfold we need to put together a Budget Committee so we can decide how to allocate our money. I will be looking for members to help me in this challenge. Also, directly on the heels of this endeavor is our Oratorical Contest. Chris Ladner will be heading up this great program and he will have much to say in the coming weeks.

Our second meeting in February is tentatively set for a N.O.W. dinner. This is a New Optimist Wanted Dinner. This will be a celebration of our Club and I would like to get at least one name and address from each member so I can personally send an invitation to that person. I will be passing out cards so you can provide me with that information. We need to get new membership in our Club. By doing this, it allows us to bring in fresh ideas and interesting people to meet.

Prez Sez continued . . .

It's shaping up to be another busy year. So remember, to be a successful Club we need member participation. There is always something we can be doing to help further our community efforts. I'm looking forward to moving our meetings back indoors and seeing all your smiling faces. Happy New Year to all! Tom

We are apt to forget that children watch examples better than they listen to preaching.

- Roy L. Smith

ORATORICAL UPDATE

Oratorical training will begin on Friday January 5th, at seven p.m. We will once again meet in the Des Plaines Public Library.

Posters, sign up sheets, and a letter explaining the event have been printed, dropped off at the schools. It is our hope that many of the youth in Des Plaines will turn out for this fun event.

Coaches this year include Markay and Eric Suevel, Judy Ladner, and Chris Ladner. Al Bayer will be timekeeper, and Don Moran sergeant at arms. Any member who is interested in coaching is more than welcome.

Depending on the number of participants, a preliminary contest will be held February 23rd, and the final on March 2nd. Last year, we had 15 finalists, which made judging long and difficult. This event is the one that sees us work most closely with the youth of our town, and its one that has always been a source of intense pride for our club. If you've never attended or helped out, come and see for yourself.



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2006*

PITCHING PENNIES

The “Pennies for People” campaign is still on. The coins have been transferred to a five- gallon water bottle. We have about 22lbs worth so far, but that looks mighty puny in the behemoth bottle they’re in. Please remember to bring them to every meeting. The proceeds all go to help JOI clubs, so they’re not only legal tender, they’re seeds that may very well grow into future Optimists.

FOUR !!!!!

January may be an odd time to discuss golf, but one item that was discussed at the December 19th Zone Meeting hosted by Lt. Governor Chris Ladner was the possibility of a Zone-Wide Event.

With the emphasis on fun, affordability, and meeting Optimists from the other Zone One clubs: Niles, Deerfield, Wilmette, Evanston, and Glenview; a golf outing seemed to be a popular idea. This is not a fundraiser that only a few can afford. We have many fine public courses in the area to choose from, and even if you don’t golf, there will undoubtedly be a pot-golf soirée with food and libations aplenty. I’ve never golfed, unless you count the tricky windmill hole at the late and lamented Par King in Morton Grove, but I just may have to try. May, August or September were the times discussed. If you are interested in being part of the planning, please email Chris Ladner (chris.Ladner@oce.com) and I’ll save your information and ideas. As the event draws closer, more details will be shared.

THE OPTIMIST CLUB CREED

Promise Yourself

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
 To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
 To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
 To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
 To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and expect only the best.
 To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
 To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
 To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
 To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
 To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble

NEWS FROM THE ZONE

A Zone One meeting was held on December 19th at Jimmy's Restaurant in Des Plaines. Representatives from every Club but Evanston attended, and among the items discussed were successful fund raising campaigns. The Wilmette Club's annual Holiday Raffle and Glog Party not only brought in over \$20,000.00, it also recruited four new members as well. Glenview's recent Dinner Bash featured a concert by the premier Beatles tribute band in the world, American English, and raised over \$12,000.00 for childhood cancer. Spectacular successes! Perhaps Des Plaines can conceive and execute a program that will rival theirs.

Also discussed was the possibility of a trip to Camp One Step, the cancer camp that Deerfield has supported for several years. It doesn't matter if we sponsor a camper or actually go to the camp and volunteer for a day. People who have been there say it is an event you will never forget, and it provides the type of uplifting experience that makes being an Optimist so worthwhile. As we begin the New Year, let's take a look at what we do right and what we can do better and let the ideas of other Clubs help generate new ideas for us.

Sesquipedalian verbosity based on Christmas carols. (The answers)

Were you able to figure out the "common" names of these popular Christmas Carols and Songs? Here are the answers to last month's quiz.

- 1) Oh Come All Ye Faithful
- 2) Silent Night
- 3) Joy to the World
- 4) Deck the Halls
- 5) Little Drummer Boy
- 6) God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
- 7) We Three Kings
- 8) Silver Bells
- 9) Away in a Manger
- 10) Go Tell it on the Mountains
- 11) Frosty the Snowman
- 12) We Wish You a Merry Christmas

UpComing Dates

**January 4th and 18th
Regular meetings at
The Elks Club**

**January 5th – Oratorical
Information Night**

February 15 NOW Dinner

January Birthdays

Al Bayer
Ray Bochat
Dianna Edwards
Dick Hissong
Ray Kopecky
Mike Schimka