

Pipeline Newsletter

Optimist Club of Des Plaines

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Thoughts from President Tom

Hello Optimists,

I hope everyone is well and enjoying their summer. It's going by quickly.

The club is currently busy organizing the Junior Golf Event at Lake Park. This event takes place on Wednesday August 13th 2008. Stan Walgreen is busy chairing this event. We will need volunteers to set up, cook and do various odd jobs on the day of the event.

Please let Stan know that you will be able to help on that day. The club recently participated in the After Hours Event hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and Oakton Community College. We met a lot of interesting people and we were able to show and tell a lot of Des Plaines business members what our club is all about. Thank you to Ray Kopecky for helping out and making his world famous popcorn.

The entire conference area smelled so good with the fresh aroma of popcorn. Also some other members in attendance where Chris and Zack Ladner, Swanny, Stan Walgreen, Stan Catlett, Steve Meinecke and myself.

If you hadn't heard, the Forth of July fireworks event was fun and also a success. The club made around a \$700.00 for the evening. We sold popcorn, pop, ice cream, candy and Dianna's walking tacos. The walking taco was hot item and sold out. Thank you Dianna for the 20lbs of taco beef you cooked and for all the ingredients that went into the taco.

Thanks to all the members who set up and helped make this fundraiser a success.

If you haven't been to a meeting in awhile come on out to an outdoor. The next outdoor meeting will be held at the home of Stacey Magnusson on Thursday August 7th at 6:00pm. The food at the outdoor meetings has been outstanding and so has the weather and the fellowship. Get off the couch and come on out for an evening of fun.

See you at Stacey's.

Tom

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There are two ways of exerting one's strength. One is pushing down; the other is pulling up.-

Booker T Washington

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 7th: Third Outdoor Meeting Stacey Magnusson's

August 13th: Youth Golf Outing, Lake Park

August 21st: Final Outdoor Meeting Chris and Judy Ladner's



JULY 4TH FINALE

Thanks to all who helped out at the 4th of July Festivities. Our famous walking tacos, pop, ice cream, and other goodies sold briskly, and the club will realize a net profit in the \$600-\$700 range.



FORE A GOOD TIME, TRY YOUTH GOLF

We are prepared for our annual Youth Golf Outing on August 13th, thanks to the hard work of Stan Walgreen.

The park district has a new coordinator who will be working with us to make sure this event runs smoothly. At last report, there were around 125 youth registered. Stan will need people for the closest to the pin contest, to cook, hand out prizes, and register. This event is a natural for a photo or two in the local paper, so if you have a digital camera and an eye for photography, please come.

Please contact Stan at stanwalgreen@wideopenwest.com if you have questions.

OUTDOOR MEETINGS

The next outdoor meeting will be at Stacey Magnusson's 175 N Wolf Road. At the Chamber of Commerce event in July, we met Michael Perez from the Alliant Credit Union. Alliant has expressed an interest in sponsoring some of our events, and Michael has been invited to see just who we are and what we do. Let's get a HUGE turnout of members to warmly welcome a very special guest. The final outdoor meeting will be at Chris and Judy Ladner's at 197 N Warrington Rd.

**Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it; Boldness has
genius, power and magic in it-**

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GOVERNOR LADNER? YES!

I had a perfectly wonderful time at the International Convention. The back-to-school workshops were informative and interesting, the hotel comfortable, and the hospitality suites...very well-stocked.

But one goes to a convention for more than workshops and hospitality. Ideally, one goes to a convention to increase their desire to serve the Optimist organization, and it's hard not to want to do that when you feel the enthusiasm of your fellow Optimists.

I had a long conversation with Gov. Jerry Emery, former Governors Mike Koenig, Debra Castiglia and incoming Gov. Stan Knecht. I even stopped future international president Mark Shriver in an elevator, because his badge said District Governor on it. I should state very clearly that this list of people also included my understanding and patient wife, Judy

The reason for all this chatting was not because I was feeling especially talkative, it was because Gov. Emery asked me to become our state's leader in all things Optimist after Stan Knecht's term ends.

After a good deal of thought and discernment, I have accepted the honor. Assuming there are no unpleasant surprises, I should be elected at the August District Convention in Bloomington, IL. Governor Christopher Ladner-I admit it has a nice ring to it.

I'm told the training is both intense and superb, and the responsibilities considerable, but the rewards are great. It's been a while since anyone from either zone one or our club has served at this level. I feel incredibly honored that enough was thought of my leadership ability to have the position offered.

I have 14 months to prepare for this. It sounds like a long time, but I have 24 committee chairs to fill and 14 Lt. Governor positions. Here's hoping that some of our own Des Plaines members will step up at that time, and I look forward to your support as I prepare for this exciting new chapter in my Optimist life

NEW MEETING PLACE! IMPORTANT!

There have been a number of concerns raised over the past year about the quality of food and service at the Elk's Club. The Board of Directors investigated several options, and has chosen a new meeting place, beginning with our September 4th meeting.

Giuseppe's La Cantina at 1062 Lee Street is the winner. Our time will remain unchanged, the price will be the same, and you will have a choice of what you wish to order.

We will be meeting there on a trial basis until January.

I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM FOR CUSTARD!

We have another easy fund raiser coming up. The good folks at Culver's in Mt Prospect have agreed to donate ten per cent of the sale of anybody who mentions us on August 14th. Page five of this newsletter gives complete details. Who doesn't like custard? If we get the flyer handed out at the golf outing, posted at our churches, and get a good deal of support of members, we may just get into the bonus area.

SHOW YOUR CANS TO OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Your aluminum cans that is. Incoming president Zack is also going to be on the green committee at Oakton College, where he works on the grounds crew. Scrap aluminum is reaching record highs, and he has been collecting cans with the idea of taking them to Maine Scrap, getting cash for them, and turning the proceeds into the club. The most recent price for aluminum is about 87 cents a pound. Roughly 31 cans equal one pound. Optimist International is an enthusiastic supporter of Earth Day, and recycling is an easy way to promote this. So, once a month can we count on you to bring empty aluminum cans to a meeting-preferably crushed? It will be good for the environment, and good for the club.

OUR AUGUST BIRTHDAY GIRL:

Only one Optimist is known to be having a birthday this month-best wishes to Judy Ladner.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

Please join us in wishing happy anniversary to Jerry O'Leary.

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family & Friends and join us at*

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At Culver's of Mt. Prospect

Where: Culver's of Mt. Prospect
1501 W Dempster
(just east of Busse)

When: Thursday August 14th

- Anytime between 10:30am and 10pm

Just stop by and show this flyer or say:

“We’re here to support The Optimist Club of Des Plaines”

Culver's of Mt Prospect will donate 10% of your order to the Optimists. Invite your friends, neighbors, parents, grandparents to help support the us.

Bonus: If the total of supporter sales exceeds \$1,500 for the day, Culver's will increase their donation to 15% of supporter sales during this period.