

# Saturday Morning Brag

Newsletter of Vista Hills Optimist Club

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How do you wake up each morning?

Sometimes we take each day for granted but what would it be like if everything we are familiar too changed? I try to rise each morning with a smile on my face, a thank you to God for a good nights rest, and then turn it over to him. Everything then just seems to fall into place. Oh, do I take Him for granted sometimes? Absolutely. When we pray together at meetings and have special request for someone's health for a loved one or a friend, we need to remember just how blessed we are. God works in such wondrous ways and I, like some of you, sometimes forget to give him all the thanks and praise he deserves because without Him I am nothing.

BELIEVE

Sandy

## Coming Optimist Events

January 24<sup>th</sup>, Tami Matos from Ronald McDonald House, please [bring tabs](#)

January 26<sup>th</sup>, Chinese New Year

January 28<sup>th</sup>, Zone Meeting, Mission Valley Police Hdqtrs. at 6 pm.

January 31<sup>st</sup>, Jimmy Angelos, District Chair International Foundation

February 1, "Super Bowl party

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter District Board meeting at the Wyndham Airport, El Paso

February 14<sup>th</sup>. Valentine's Day, Stephanie Givens, from Big Brothers, Big Sisters

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## *Birthdays, Anniversary's, Prayers and Special Messages*

Since Saturday we have lost a great fellow optimist from the Bel Air Club. Paul Solis died after complications from open-heart surgery on Tuesday. Rosary is Sunday evening and the funeral services will be Monday. More information to follow. Keep Espy, his widow, and family in your prayers. He was a dear friend.

## ***INFORMATION/REPORTS***

Erik is looking into a field trip for our members to the Tx.DOT facility. He will bring us more information as to the date and time so be looking for it.

Membership chair, Don, is going to plan some sort of fellowship program in February that will not only include prospective members but an orientation to our new members so they will be more informed about our club and activities.

Sally has set us up with some good speakers and if you have someone you would particularly hear, please let her know and she will schedule them.

Chuck Tansey gave us a wonderful report on the Optimist International Junior Gold Championship. I bet you didn't know that Tiger Woods, David Love III, and Phil Mickleson were just some of our former champions. For Chuck's dedication to this Program the club donated a check for \$100.

We will also assist him during the tournament.

Thanks, Chuck, come again soon.

***Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009***

Present and accounted for:  
Sandy and Don, Ray and Rosie, Jane, John, Curtis, ChaCha, Paul and Mae, Sally, Diane, Erik and newest member Gabriel.

Presided over by Pres. Sandy

Invocation: Chaplain John

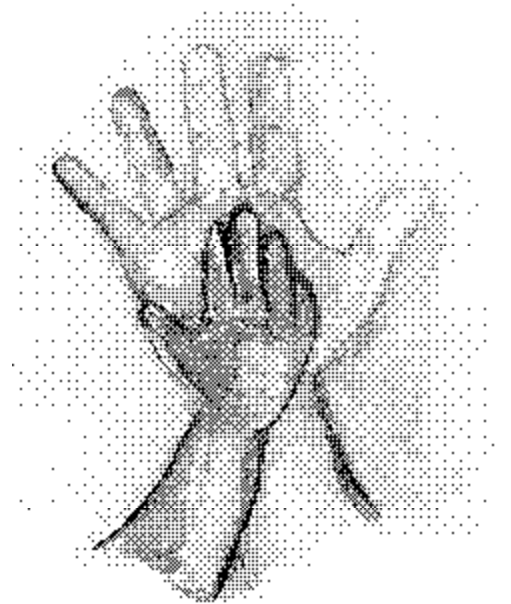
Pledges: Paul

Creed: Curtis

Pot: Sally

Guest: Veronica Garcia (newest member application turned in by ChaCha) and Chuck Tansey, District Jr. Golf Chair

**High Five  
For the kids**



## ***Happy \$\$***

Ray had his first eagle at the Lone Star Golf Course. Wow, now that's a winner!

Diane's son and his wife are coming to visit in between moving from SF to Virginia.

John is excited about Jefferson High School's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Don played poker with some old friends and actually won \$5.00. Those of you who have played with him before know he almost always loses. Sorry, honey.

Gabriel had some excitement at school when they had to evacuate everyone because of a gas leak. Everything turned out OK but it must have been fun for the kids. LOL

**A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, 'No change yet.'**

## Purposes of the Optimist Club

The purposes of the Optimist Club are to develop Optimism as a way of life, to promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs, to inspire respect for law, to promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people, and to aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well being of man, his community and the world.

**Motto:** "Friend of Youth"

**Theme:** "Bringing out the Best in Children"

**Mission:** Optimist International will be recognized worldwide as the premier volunteer organization that values all children and helps them to develop to their full potential.

**Vision:** By providing hope and a positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids.

## Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself:

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to everyone 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 to 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.

## District Information

2<sup>nd</sup> qtr. Feb.6-8 El Paso; 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr. May 1-3, Ruidoso; Convention Aug. 7-9, Albuquerque

### Web Sites

**Vista Hills Optimist Club**

[www.vistahilloptimistclub.org](http://www.vistahilloptimistclub.org)

**New Mexico-West Texas District**

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