

Saturday Morning Brag

Newsletter of Vista Hills Optimist Club

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Vista Hills Optimist club held its annual awards and installation banquet Sunday evening. I want to offer my deepest gratitude to all who attended. What a beautiful way to spend an evening. The service might have been a little slow but it gave everyone a chance to enjoy some very special fellowship, and when the food arrived it was delicious. Curtis had a lot of members to thank for the time and effort they gave to the 2007-2008 administrative year and although it seems sometimes words and tokens aren't quite enough I think he got his message across. Now for the next 12 months I can only hope that everyone keeps up the momentum so our community will know just who we are and what we do. When I said we are more of a family than a club I meant just that. This club, this organization, these fellow optimists are what makes our legacy, it is what we do and how we can make a difference. Give Me Five For The Kids.

BELIEVE Sandy

Coming Optimist Events

October 31st, NICU Halloween Party at Providence. We need volunteers and plates of 4 cupcakes each, well packaged for the cakewalk.

November 1st, Regular Meeting

November 7, 8 and 9, no meeting, 1st Qtr. Board meeting, Las Cruces, make your reservations now

November 11th, BOD meeting 7 pm. All invited

November 12th through December 23rd, Bell ringers needed for the Salvation Army, list will be passed around for sign ups.

November 18th or 19th, Oratorical Contest, confirmation TBA

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* Please note correction to board.

Birthdays, Anniversary's and Prayers: We sang, Happy Birthday to Mae, on the 29th and Irma, on the 31st. With the election right around the corner we pray for the candidates who will take our country into the future and those who give their all for our FREEdom. God bless America. Prayers and thanks for Paul, Doug, Cathy, Ricardo and all our loved ones.

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INFORMATION/REPORTS

Jim- announced Mae and Irma are celebrating birthdays this week.

Alison-her principal saw the PIP in the newspaper and wants her to get the JOOI club started ASAP, she was so impressed with what Optimists do. She is also on top of the Oratorical contest for this year.

Meg-working diligently on our Youth Appreciation week recipient selections and the Essay Contest, both at J. M. Hanks HS.

Don is continuing the Professional Growth and Involvement program so try to keep him informed as to where you are so that you can receive the proper recognition.

Jane-still accepting skeins of yarn and yard goods for Project Linus.

Sally-working on getting Saturday program speakers.

Paul is looking into a way our club can assist our fellow clubs in the hurricane area of Texas. He will get back to us with something soon.

Saturday, Oct. 25, 2008

Present and accounted for:

President Sandy and Don, Ray and Rosie, Curtis, Meg, Jane, Chacha, Alison, Art, Paul and Mae.

Presided over by Pres. Sandy

Invocation: Rosie

Pledges: ChaCha

Creed: Governor Paul

Pot: Don

Guest: Alison's daughter Alisa.

Happy \$\$

Art-started his master program and has been accepted to begin employment with the US Marshall Service
Alisa-first dance recital-The Monster Mash
Paul-glad to be home; Erin was promoted so she has another year in Hawaii; Neal has taken on a new account, the Federal Employee Retirement
Meg-glad TAKS is over and will not be doing anymore
Rosie-going to Steph's for Christmas in Houston
Don-Tampa Bay's David Price closed out the series over the Red Sox for the American League championship; he is a registered parishioner at sister Mary Lee's church

YOU CAN'T BUY IT OR SELL IT.
YOU CAN'T SEE IT OR HEAR IT OR TOUCH IT.
TO HAVE IT YOU HAVE TO GIVE IT AWAY.
EVERYBODY NEEDS IT.
IT'S JUST ABOUT THE MOST WONDERFUL THING IN THE WHOLE WORLD.
WHAT IS IT?

FRIENDSHIP!

SIT IN YOUR CAR ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD AND POINT YOUR HAIR DRYER AT THE PASSER-BYS. SEE IF THEY SLOW DOWN.

**High Five
For the kids**



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.

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

Web Sites

Vista Hills Optimist Club

www.vistahilloptimistclub.org

New Mexico-West Texas District

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