

# Saturday Morning Brag

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First, let me congratulate Rachel for being our 1<sup>st</sup> Optimist of the Month for her hard work and dedication to the Pretty In Pink celebration. Can you imagine what a difficult decision it was to make, and I only have 11 more to go? I guess being President is harder than I thought. But thanks to all of you who give so much, our community is much better off because of what you do. Since there is no meeting this Saturday we will meet again on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Of course, I hope to see many of you in Las Cruces. If you can't make it the whole weekend join us for the day on Saturday and see just what it is we do that joins us all to one cause, Bringing Out The Best In Kids. Gimme Five.

## Coming Optimist Events

November 7, 8 and 9, no meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. Board meeting, Las Cruces, make your reservations now  
November 7<sup>th</sup>, Men of Co. E, remembrance at the Delta center 3 pm.

November 11<sup>th</sup>, BOD meeting 7:30 pm. All invited  
November 12<sup>th</sup>, YAW banquet, 6:30 pm Country Club  
November 15<sup>th</sup>, guest speaker Bill Young, ex UTEP coach  
November 12<sup>th</sup> through December 23<sup>rd</sup>, Bell ringers needed for the Salvation Army, list will be passed around for sign ups.

November 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>, Oratorical Contest, confirmation TBA

November 22<sup>nd</sup>, Bel Air Dance, Elk Lodge, 8 pm

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**New Club Building**

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Susan Sears

**Birthdays, Anniversary's, Prayers and Special Messages:** The only thing special, other than Rene, was the other new member, Retardo, but I couldn't put a face on him. Rachel, do you know him? Meeting for the new club in Horizon coming soon. Please watch for date. There will be a special meeting w/Cielo Vista OC for the 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr. Board planning on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, at noon. Place TBA

## INFORMATION/REPORT

Rosie gave us a follow-up on the NICU party and it was that it was a great success. She thanked all the members who donated cupcakes and candies, and gave of their time to put a smile on a child's face.

Meg has our Youth Appreciation Week students selected, the dinner all set at the Country Club (\$14.00 Italian buffet) now just needs rsvp's.

Sally is working on programs for our Meetings. If you have anyone in particular you would like to here, let her know.

Don visited with the sponsors of our Indian Ridge JOOI club and they need our help with filling 400 food baskets at Hanks HS with Jiffy corn bread mixes for needy families. Bring them to the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>, please.

Jim didn't have anything to celebrate but we are heading to the Quon's to cheer on the Red Raiders (or the Longhorns) to victory. Those who attended had a great time and watched one of the best college games ever.

Alison is getting information to Meg at Hanks regarding the Oratorical contest. The competition will be held at the Hanks library. Date TBA.

Paul gave an update on the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter board meeting in Las Cruces and hopes to have a lot of his club members attend to show support for him and the district.

Don-Mystery Greeter, everyone friendly.

### **You might be a redneck if:**

**It never occurred to you to be offended by the phrase, 'One nation, under God.' You've never protested about seeing the 10 Commandments posted in public places. You still say Christmas instead of 'Winter Festival. You bow your head when someone prays. You stand and place your hand over your heart when they play the National Anthem. You treat our armed forces veterans with great respect, always have and always will. You've never burned an American flag, nor intend to. You know what you believe and you aren't afraid to say so, no matter who is listening. You respect your elders and raised your kids to do the same. You'd give your last dollar to a friend.**

**I believe that you, like me, have just enough **Redneck** in you to have the same beliefs as those talked about in this message.**

**God Bless the USA!**

*Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008*

Present and accounted for:  
Sandy and Don, Paul and Mae, Sally, Irma and Jim, Ray and Rosie, Diane, Susan, ChaCha, John, Art, Alison, and Meg  
Presided over by Pres. Sandy  
Invocation: Chaplain John  
Pledges: Irma  
Creed: newest member Art  
Pot: Yvanna

Guest: Yvanna, daughter of ChaCha, and Rene Flores with Paul and application in hand. Wee!

Happy \$\$

Alison-9 weeks grades are in.

Jim-son settled in Denver and got his first paycheck. What exactly is STATE income tax? Welcome to the real world, Jimmy.

Mae-back at work and getting to know her new principal.

Meg-proud Hanks HS Band, is going to state competition.

Jane-sending in loose change for Make A Child Smile.

Diane-kids are coming for Christmas.

Art-1<sup>st</sup> week as a U.S. Marshall in the warrant section and loves it.

John-float in the works for the Sun Bowl Parade.

Paul-two new club commitments, so far.

Diane- DUES ARE DUE.....

**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.

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

