

# Saturday Morning Brag

Newsletter of Vista Hills Optimist Club

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ho, ho, ho! For those who attended and for those who missed it, what a fabulous CHRISTmas party we had, hosted by the Gable's. The food, fellowship, gift exchange were all great, and the house, beautiful. No wonder John and LuAnn wanted to show it off. They even invited their new neighbors and children so we had lots of gifts to share; even the kids did their own gift exchange. I don't remember laughing so much or so hard in a long time. Well, except for every Saturday at our meetings. Thank you John and LuAnn for your hospitality and all the wonderful extra things you did to make this occasion so memorable. Have a very Blessed CHRISTmas in your new home. We are happy for you and the family.

BELIEVE

Sandy

## Coming Optimist Event

**December 19<sup>th</sup>**, Pediatric Oncology Christmas party for those very brave sick children. Let's help make their **Christmas** a special one by our attendance.

December 20<sup>th</sup>, something special, maybe

**December 25<sup>th</sup>**, Can't Be Home For Christmas dinner at the Lomaland firehouse, meet at 11:00 am

**January 1<sup>st</sup>**, Happy New Year

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

David let our oratorical winner have the spotlight last week so we sang to him, and Rachel on long distance, for their happy birthdays. We weren't as good as usual, must need to have a choir rehearsal. Prayers for all our members and their families, this is such a wonderful time of the year and I hope it fills all your hearts with gladness, not sadness. Give thanks.

### **INFORMATION/REPORTS**

*John reporting on the Christmas party at his house tomorrow. Santa will be there. Sandy on the Can't Be Home for CHRISTmas dinner at the fire station and we need more food, please.*  
Rosie (Dick) hopes to see as many as possible at the Pediatric Oncology party on Friday and remember to bring cupcakes or cookies for the cakewalk. Jane is getting the materials and yarn for Project Linus' meeting in January. Bring your donated items to her at the next meeting. Thanks.

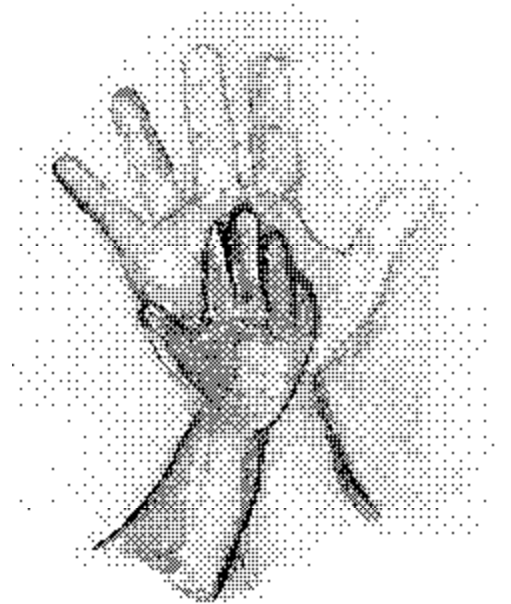
**Saturday, Dec.13, 2008**

Present and accounted for:  
Sandy and Don, Paul only for a minute, Ray and Rosie, Jane, John, Diane, David, Alison, Irma, Curtis and Adan.  
Presided over by Pres. Sandy  
Invocation: Chaplain John  
Pledges: David  
Creed: Ray  
Pot: Rosie. Oh boy, Christmas money.  
Guest: Alisa, future optimist, and Gabriel Garcia who filled out his application, another future optimist. Now the board has something important to do, bring him in.

High Five  
For the kids

### **Can't BE Home For Christmas**

List was passed around.  
Jane & Rosie – ham  
Diane – potatoes  
Irma – Green Spinach salad  
Sandy – Green bean casserole  
Jane – cheese ball  
ChaCha – bread/rolls  
Alison/Alisa – cookies  
Sandy – 2 millionaire pies  
We need more, please.



*Happy \$\$*

Don – 22 kids at the JOOI club meeting at Indian Ridge.  
Alisa – talking to teacher at Cielo Vista ES for a JOOI club and her Nina is coming for CHRISTmas  
ChaCha – Autism contest and 10 of her students were keynote speakers, Wow!  
Jane – all 4 children and the grandchildren are coming for CHRISTmas  
Irma – glad to be here, but most importantly bragging about the big game Steelers/Cowboy.  
David – best surprise ever when he looked up and there was Mary Catherine from Austin for a visit.  
Art – he wasn't there but we know his daughter was graduating from Nursing School at NMSU, and neither was our friend Rene, who was also attending a ceremony as a proud parent of a new graduate.

## 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

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

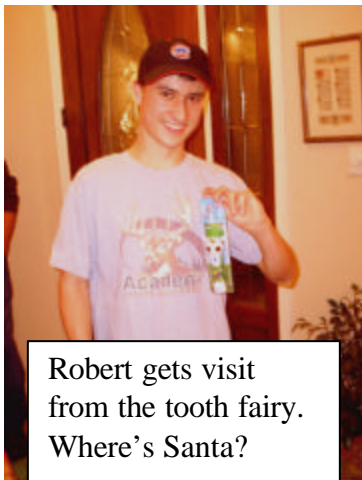
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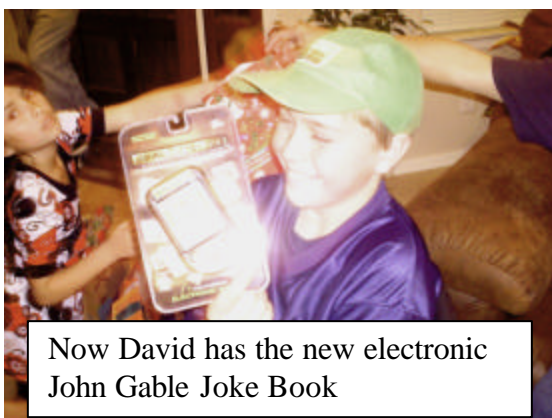
**2008 Christmas Party at the Gables, just down from Spillway St.**



Robert gets visit from the tooth fairy. Where's Santa?



Now Vera has two perfect men.



Now David has the new electronic John Gable Joke Book



Alisa tells Asia – let's trade for chocolate



Jim gives the "I love the Cowboys Sign"



Santa Boo explains "naughty and nice"



1-2-3 GO Meat