

Optimist News

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It's Almost Picnic Time!

April 2006

Club Activities

MDA Dodgeball: Optimist Melissa Hoffman did a great job of putting together an unrealistically Optimistic team for MDA Dodgeball earlier in the year. Unfortunately, unlike Optimist soccer, scores and standings were kept. The team finished with a strong fourth place finish out of a field of four. No permanent injuries were sustained. Thankfully it was all for charity!



Optimist MDA Dodgeball team proudly proclaiming their fourth place finish!



Members of the Optimist MDA Dodgeball team reluctantly accepting the "Golden Toilet Award" for their strong fourth place finish.

Soccer : Optimist Spring Soccer began this Saturday April 1. No Foolin'! The new fields at Lion's Club Park are working out very nicely and a good time was had by all. Contact Optimist Melissa Hoffman if you would like to help.

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Soccer :



The State Farm Daughters are pretty in pink, while the State Farm Sons are all business at Optimist Soccer!



Optimist Melissa receiving soccer advice from Optimists Bill Kickbusch and Chuck Remington.



Nurse Laney and Doctor Devonna tend to the wounded at Optimist Soccer!

Fund Raisers

Old Bagger's Day: Old Bagger's was held at Kroger on Saturday May 25. Kudos to Optimist Ron Warren for setting things in motion for this fundraiser! A total of **\$400.88** was raised by the following Optimist Baggers: Bill Bales, Jack McDermott, Charlie Gill, Bill Kickbusch, Marge Setraycic, Bob May, Tish Tsiptis (and Shannon), Jerry Decker, Greg Sawyer, Karen Mobley, Eric Bohannon, and Donna Holden.



Optimists Charlie Gill, Marge Setraycic, and Bill Kickbusch find great humor in Optimist President Eric's feeble attempts at grocery bagging!

Elections: Club elections will be held Wednesday April 19 at the Havener Center. If you would like to serve as either President-Elect, Vice-President, or as a member of the board please inform Optimists B.J. Cooksey, Brad Holthaus, or Eric Bohannon. The slate of candidates thus far is as follows:

President-Elect: Open
Vice-President: Wally Craig
Vice President: Wanda Reveal
Board: Jerry Bayless
Board: Tishia Tsiptis
Board: Bill Bales

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor on April 19th. Plan on attending the April 19th meeting so we can obtain a quorum!

Octagon Club

Optimist Larissa has eight new members in the Octagon Club. Congratulations Optimist Larissa!

Fund Raisers

Recycling Program: We are still collecting old cell phones and used inkjet and laserjet cartridges as a club fundraiser. Bring them into a meeting and give them to Optimist Eric and he will send them in for recycling. Cash for Trash!

Sawmill Café

There will be no meeting at the Havener center on April 12. Instead, we will be having a Spring Thanksgiving Dinner at Granny's Sawmill Café at 817 N. Pine Street on April 12 at 5:30 PM. A sign-up sheet will be available at the April 5 meeting at the Havener Center. Adults are \$8 and Kids under 10 are \$4 (includes drink). If you are unable to attend the April 5 meeting and would still like to come to the Sawmill on April 12, please e-mail Optimist Eric at bohannon@umr.edu or give him a call at 368-3720 by April 10 with the number attending so we can plan for the proper amount of food.

Meetings/Events Calendar

April

- 5 - John Murphey (USGS) Katrina relief efforts.
- 12 - No meeting at Havener Center. Granny's Sawmill Café instead!
- 18 - Spelling Bee 6:00 PM, Rolla Middle School Auditorium.
- 19 - Elections/Board Meeting (Attend! We need a quorum!)
- 26 - Frank Bridges

May

- 3 - Respect For Law
- 10 - Picnic
- 13 - Fishing Day at the Centre! 8 AM-Noon. We provide the hot dogs and drinks!

Board Items

Next board meeting is April 19th at the Havener Center. At the suggestion of Optimist Lawrence George we will consider sponsoring an Optimist tutoring program. We will also consider sponsoring a 16-18 year old boys Summer Babe Ruth team. The team has been defunct for a number of years and Optimist basketball coach Brian Owens would like to start it back up again to give the boys in this age group some positive activities in which to engage in the summer. Brian's wife, Robyn, coaches Optimist soccer, and both plan on joining our club!