
Optimist News

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New Year's Resolution: Bring in a New Member

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Club Activities

Girl's Basketball: Vice-President **Devonna Marshall** has reported that games will begin the January 21st. The Lady Bulldogs will again be assisting **Devonna** with this program. Their next clinic is January 14th at the High School. Games will be at the Junior High and all are welcome to help.

Boy's Basketball: Play continues on Saturday mornings at the Junior High and Middle School gym until January 21st. If you have a some time you can help and President **Eric Bohannan** and his sidekick Optimist **Bill Bales**. First weekend before Christmas went great. Optimist **Rachel Day** wants help keeping score.

Oratorical Contest: "My future is Bright Because..." is the theme for this year's contest. See Optimist **Larry George** to help with this event. Preliminary competition is scheduled for January 9 and 10 at Rolla Middle School. Finals will take place at the February 8th meeting.

Essay Contest: Optimist **Ken Oster** is again chairing this event. The theme is "I'm unique because..." Attend the February 15th meeting for the finals.

New Member: We welcome Carl Nelson sponsored by **Ron Warren** and Bruce Wilson sponsored by **Don Olds**.

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Fundraisers

Christmas Trees and Wreaths: The Christmas Tree and Wreath sales were highly successful. Optimist **Don Olds** reported gross revenue of \$22,570. Thanks to all members that helped make this fundraiser a success!! A special thanks goes to Optimists **Ron Warren, Wally Craig, Don Olds, Gary Schmidgall, Bill Kickbush, John Phenix** and **Jerry Decker** for their significant time commitment. Optimist **Karen Mobley** and her elves also deserve special recognition for wreath making. If you happened to miss the new heater just wait until next year!

Calendar Sales: Thanks to Optimist **Jerry Decker** for chairing this successful fundraiser and to those members that helped.

Recycling News: First shipment of inkjet cartridges have been shipped to OI—about \$50 raised. Optimist **Eric** needs more cell phones to fill a box.

Thanks to Rachel for a Great Christmas Party!!

Important Dates

January 4—Dr. Curt Elmore—
Drilling Wells in Guatemala
January 9 & 10 - Preliminary rounds for the Oratorical Contest—RMS
January 11 - Lucy Sutcliffe—Phelps County Community Partnership
January 18 - Board Meeting
January 25 - UMR Robotics Team
February 1 - Phelps County Ambulance
February 8 - Club Oratorical Contest
February 15—Essay Contest
February 22—Board Meeting

