

# Optimist News

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Spring has Sprung

March 2006

## Club Activities

**Girl's Basketball:** Optimist Devonna Marshall did a wonderful job of coordinating the Girl's Basketball Program. Approximately 100 girls participated in grades 3-7. Thanks to Optimists B.J. Cooksey, Karen Mobley, Chuck Remington, and Greg Sawyer for helping out with the program



**Boy's Basketball:** Optimist Eric Bohannan extends special thanks to Optimist Bill Bales for going above and beyond the call of duty in helping with the Boy's Basketball Program. Approximately 180 boys participated in Grades 2-7. Thanks also go out to all of the other Optimists that helped out with this program, including: Devonna Marshall, Melissa Hoffman, Rachel Day, Greg Sawyer, Rob Davis, Michael Davis, Carl Nelson, Bruce Wilson, Candy Bohannan, Wally Craig, and Jack McDermott.



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## Club Activities

### Indoor

**Soccer:** Optimists V.A. "Sam" Samaranayake and Eric Bohannan held an indoor soccer clinic for Optimist Soccer players on Sundays in January and February. Approximately 20 youth participated. Thanks also goes out to Optimist Wannabe Kenny Bohannan for chasing the kids when the old folks got tired.



**Outdoor Soccer:** Optimist Melissa Hoffman has pulled off a minor miracle by finding coaches for the approximately 300 kids that signed up for Optimist outdoor soccer this spring. The season begins April 1st and help is needed. Sign-ups will be available at meetings on Wednesdays. If you can't make the meetings, contact Optimist Melissa if you would like to help.



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**Oratorical Contest:** The Optimist oratorical club contest was held at the February 8th club meeting. The theme for this year's contest is "My future is Bright Because....." and the contest was chaired by Optimist Lawrence George. Thanks for all your hard work Optimist Larry!



**Essay Contest:** The Optimist essay finalists read their essays at the February 15th club meeting. The theme for this year's essay is "I'm unique because...". Many thanks to Optimist Ken Oster for chairing this activity!



**Optimist In Action:** A Diaper Drive was held for Phelps County Community Partnership during the last two weeks of Boy's and Girl's Basketball. Optimist Devonna has already turned in her diapers and wipes. Optimist Eric still has his in his van.

**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 Bohannan. Plan on attending the April 19th meeting so we can obtain a quorum!

## Fund Raisers

**Old Bagger's Day** will be held Saturday March 25 at Kroger. Shifts are 9-11 AM, 11 AM –1 PM and 4-6 PM. Signup sheet will be passed around at the meeting on Wednesday. If you are unable to attend and would still like to participate contact Optimists Ron Warren or Eric Bohannan (bohannan@umr.edu).

**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!

## Meetings/Events Calendar

### March

22 - Carol Bennett Phelps County Clerk

29 - Judith Waters-CASA

### April

5 - John Murphey (USGS) Katrina relief efforts.

12 - No meeting at Havener Center. Check website for updates as to where this meeting will be held.

19 - Elections/Board Meeting (Attend! We need a quorum!)

26 - Frank Bridges

### May

3 - Respect For Law

## Board Items

The Board voted to allow for perfect attendance awards to be given to those new members who joined after October 1st of the calendar year provided they get the appropriate number of hours for perfect attendance. In the past those who joined after October 1st were ineligible for perfect attendance regardless of the number of service hours they put in.

Bill Parks, Kate Howell, Debbie Lawrence and Mike Sickler have resigned from the club.

We also have a **new member**, Donna Holden, sponsored by Optimist Wanda Reveal.

Yellow transportation will no longer be able to assist with the tree lot. Many thanks to Yellow Transportation for all of its past support!