

Optimist News

Volume 10, Issue 5 No pessimist ever did anything for the welfare of the world. - Harry Truman May 2006

Club Activities

Optimist Spelling Bee: Optimist Devonna Marshall did a fantastic job heading up the 14th Annual Old-Fashioned Spelling Bee which was held at Rolla Middle School Auditorium on Tuesday April 18. Exceptional spellers were invited from Rolla Middle School, Rolla Lutheran, St. Patrick's, Wyman, Mark Twain, Truman, and Newburg. Bill Bates once again served as pronouncer. The 4th grade winner was Paige Noble of Rolla Lutheran and the runner-up was Tara Mace of Mark Twain Elementary. The winning word for the 4th grade contest was "inspiration". The 5th grade winner was Erica Hilmas of St. Patrick's School and the runner up was Zoey Craun of Rolla Middle School. The winning word for the 5th grade contest was "functions". Thanks to all of those Optimists who helped out with the Spelling Bee this year including Devonna Marshall, Melissa Hoffman, Greg Sawyer, Eric Bohannan, Tishia Tsiptis, Charlie Gill, Janet Gill, Karen Mobley, Jerry Decker, Marge Setraycic, Don Olds, Mimi Olds, and Bill Kickbusch.



Front Row, from left: 4th grade Optimist Spelling Bee Contest Winner Paige Noble and 4th grade runner-up Tara Mace. Back Row, from left: Optimist Spelling Bee Judge Tishia Tsiptis, Optimist President Eric Bohannan, Optimist Spelling Bee Organizer Devonna Marshall, Optimist Bee Judge Jerry Decker, and pronouncer Bill Bates.

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Front Row, from left: 5th grade Optimist Spelling Bee Contest Winner Erica Hilmas and 5th grade runner-up Zoey Craun. Back Row, from left: Optimist President Eric Bohannan, Optimist Spelling Bee Organizer Devonna Marshall, Optimist Spelling Bee Judge Jerry Decker, pronouncer Bill Bates, and Optimist Judge Tishia Tsiptis.



Top: Optimists Karen Mobley and Mimi Olds sign up the contestants. Bottom: Optimist Charlie Gill lays down the law for the spelling bee.

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Respect For Law: The Respect for Law Banquet was held May 3, 2006 at the Havener Center. The host for the evening was Optimist John Wiggins. Guest speakers for the evening were GeNiece Warren and Johnny Blair of Probation and Parole. Winners of the Brammel-Light Award this year were Troy Rowden, Monty Fannon and Andrew Gerhardt. These three individuals acted selflessly in the rescue of a motorist involved in a one-vehicle accident. Thanks to Optimist B.J. Cooksey for chairing this event.



Above: Respect for Law Host Optimist John Wiggins and guest speakers GeNiece Warren and Johnny Blair of Probation and Parole.



Above: Optimist President Eric Bohannon, Troy Rowden, Andrew Gerhardt, Monty Fannon, Optimist Respect For Law Organizer B. J. Cooksey, and Optimist John Wiggins.

Elections: Club elections were held Wednesday April 19 at the Havener Center. Results are as follows:

President-Elect: **Mimi Olds**
Vice-President: **Wally Craig**
Vice President: **Wanda Reveal**
Board: **Janet Gill**
Board: **Tishia Tsiptis**
Board: **Bill Bales**

Congratulations to our new officers!

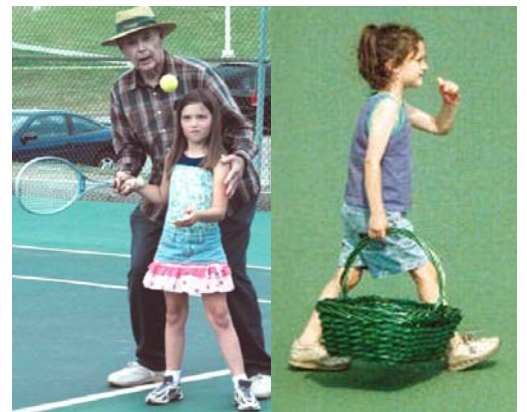
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Soccer: Congratulations to Optimist Melissa Hoffman on another successful soccer season! Thanks to all of the Optimists who helped out with this program including Melissa Hoffman, Devonna Marshall, Wally Craig, Marge Setraycic, Greg Sawyer, Dan Collier, Eric Bohannon, Don Olds, Rachel Day, Chuck Remington, Bill Kickbusch, Bruce Wilson, Wayne Bledsoe and John Phenix.



Above, left: Optimist Melissa Hoffman and Laney enjoy the springtime weather at Optimist Soccer. Right: Optimist President Eric providing valuable soccer guidance.

Tennis: The Optimist Club Free Tennis Program will run this year from May 31st - June 15th on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 4:00 - 5:30 PM. If you would like to assist with this program, please contact Optimists Wally Craig or Marge Setraycic.



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Fishing Day: The 2nd Annual Youth Fishing Fair will be held this Saturday May 13th from 8:00 AM - Noon at the Centre. For those that have signed up to help with cooking, try to arrive at 9:30 – 10:00 AM. You only need bring yourself. Everything you need to prepare the food will be there when you arrive. Feel free to show up at 8:00 AM if you would like to assist with the other Fishing Day activities or if you would just like to hang around and watch! Further information can be found at our website <http://www.rollanet.org/~optimist/>.



New Club Building

Optimist Governor-Elect Sharlyn Winstead has agreed to head up the effort to build a new Optimist Club in Salem. If you would like to assist with this effort, contact her at sharlyn@fidnet.com.

Picnic Cancelled

Our first Optimist Picnic of the season was cancelled due to the extremely wet weather Wednesday. We hope to schedule another picnic later this month if possible. Should cancellation be required, an e-mail will be sent out to those on the mailing list and the **Optimist message line at 426-2211** will be updated for those without access to the internet. If you are not on the e-mail list and would like to be, send an e-mail to bohannan@umr.edu.

New Member Induction

New Optimist Donna Holden was recently initiated into our club. Below she can be seen receiving her pin from her sponsor Optimist Wanda Reveal and being schooled in the ways of Optimism by our very own Optimist Jack!



Rolla Optimist Club Scholarship

Two \$1000 scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors at the Rolla High School Awards assembly on May 9th. Scholarship recipients were Andrew Claxton and Kaitlin Reppond. Thanks to Optimist Bill Kickbusch for chairing this committee.

Meetings/Events Calendar

May

- 13** - Fishing Day at the Centre! 8 AM-Noon. We provide the hot dogs and drinks!
- 15** - Optimist 16-18 y/o Babe Ruth baseball at Bayless Field (Ber Juan) at 6:00 PM.
- 17** - Board meeting Havener Center
- 24** - Optimist Meeting Havener Center
- 31** - Optimist Meeting Havener Center

Board Items

Next board meeting is May 17th at the Havener Center. At the last board meeting it was decided to sponsor Babe Ruth baseball for 16-18 year olds during the summer. Their first game is May 15 at Bayless Field at 6:00 PM for those who would like to attend. The board also approved volunteering at schools (tutoring, etc...) as an official Rolla Optimist activity, retroactive through October of last year. If you would like to receive credit for service work you have performed at the schools please report your hours to Optimist Greg Sawyer.