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Club Newsletter

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President's Corner

We just returned from the Second Quarterly District Meeting in San Antonio, where we learned several things from other clubs of what they are doing to be successful.



One project that many of our clubs are participating in is the JOOI/OJOI Youth Clubs. Our district has several Optimist Clubs which are getting the youth in the schools involved with an Optimist Club through Youth Clubs, which will help them grow in the future.

I feel this would help our club meet the needs of the future, and we should consider forming a Youth Club in one of our schools in the Beaumont Area. Our district has a Youth Club in the Houston area, which is the largest Youth Club in the World with over 300 members in the club. We have several people in the district, which would help us form a Youth Club and we should take advantage of this opportunity.

Frank G. Praznik
President
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We meet at Fuddrucker's
Parkdale Mall – Beaumont, TX
Second & Fourth Monday - 7:00 PM
All are Welcome!!



Club Oratorical Contest

Remember that are club will be having an Oratorical Contest (Speech Contest) on April 7, 2008, at the West Brook Little Theatre. The Oratorical Topic/Theme this year will be "Why me? Why not?" Contact has been made at our Beaumont Schools with packets of information about the contest. Also letters have been written to the schools advising them of the up coming contest and where to get an application. If you have any questions about the Oratorical Contest, please get in contact with our club chairperson, Martha Chisum at (409) 794-1774. The boy & girl winner of the contest at the District level will each receive a \$1,500.00 Scholarship. Our club has been successful in the Oratorical Contests at the district level in the past years. And several scholarships have been awarded to our participants.

N.O.W. PROGRAM

Our Club will be having a N.O.W. PROGRAM to get new members in our club. The program will be held on March 24, 2008 at Fuddruckers in Parkdale Mall. Please get in touch with Bobby McClary (409) 504-7076 with any prospective members, so they can be invited to the meeting.

Visit our Website

We would like to remind our membership that we have three (3) websites where you can get information about our Club, District and Optimist International.

Club Website: www.eveningoptimist.com

District Website: www.stxd.org

International Website: www.optimist.org

Charles C. Humphrey, Editor

The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself -

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person 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.

Many have found inspiration in The Optimist Creed. In hospitals, the creed has been used to help patients recover from illness. In locker rooms, coaches have used it to motivate their players. Optimist International adopted this creed in 1922. It was originally published in 1912 in a book titled: "Your Forces and How to Use Them." The author was Christian D. Larson, a prolific writer and lecturer who believed that people have tremendous latent powers, which could be harnessed for success with the proper attitude.

