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*President's Corner*

On March 23, 2010, our Club Oratorical contest was held for this year. We had two (2) boys and three (3) girls in the competition. The boy winner was Josh Barlow and the girl winner was Elisha Lalani. The Regional Oratorical Contest will be held in Sugar Land, TX later this month. On May 8, 2010, at our District 3rd Quarterly Board Meeting, here in Beaumont, the District Oratorical Contest will be held.

Please remember our District 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Board Meeting will be held here in Beaumont at the Elegante Hotel on May 7-8-9, 2010. Please make your plans to attend this board meeting, if at all possible. Also remember our Zone is sponsoring the District 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Board Meeting and we will need help from our members to work the registration desk and other activities at the board meeting.

Frank Praznik  
Club President  
Evening Optimist Club of Greater Beaumont

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**OPTIMIST – BRINGS OUT THE BEST IN KIDS**



Lone Star Steakhouse & Seafood  
6685 Eastex Fwy  
Beaumont, TX 77706  
7:00 PM  
Second & Fourth Tuesday

**ALL ARE WELCOME**



Frank Praznik, President  
Elisha Lalani – Girl's Winner



Frank Praznik, President  
Josh Barlow – Boy's Winner

The Evening Optimist Club of Greater Beaumont had the Annual Club Oratorical Contest on March 23, 2010, at Lone Star Steakhouse in Beaumont, TX. There were five (5) contestants, three (3) girls and two (2) boys. The girl winner was Elisha Lalani, Monsignor Kelly Catholic High School and the boy winner was Josh Barlow, Monsignor Kelly Catholic High School. Both of these students will compete in a Regional Contest later this month in Sugar Land, TX with other contestants from this region. The winners of the Regional Contest will then move on a District Contest to be held on May 8, 2010, in Beaumont, TX at the South Texas District 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Board Meeting. The winner of the District Contest will be awarded a \$2,500.00 Scholarship. The judges for the contest were Cheryle Rhodes, retired Teacher, Vice Principal, & Author and Dr. Tanya Goldbeck, LU Professor in College of Education & owner Goldbeck Learning Clinic and Judge Keith Giblin, Magistrate Judge Eastern District of Texas. Martha Chisum was Chairman of the Oratorical Contest and we want to thank her for her time in organizing the contest.

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## DISTRICT MEETING



Our next District Meeting will be held here in Beaumont at the Elegante Hotel on May 7-8-9, 2010. Our Zone & Club will be hosting this District Meeting, so it is very important that all of our members be present at this meeting.

One of the high lights of this meeting will be the District Oratorical Contest to be held on May 8, 2010. The winner of this District Oratorical Contest will receive a \$2,500.00 Scholarship.





## ***Optimism for the New Millennium***

The turn of the century was a turning point in the organization's storied history. Following the International Convention in Reno, Nevada, the inaugural Optimist International Junior Bowling Championships (OIJBC) took place there. Junior bowlers battled for the right to be called "Optimist Champion."

In July 2001, Optimists found themselves seated in the White House, pledging to support U.S. President George W. Bush's goal to mentor one million children. Optimist International President Bob Garner called the meeting "yet another sterling example of 'Optimists Bringing Out the Best in Kids.'"

Also in 2001, Optimist International introduced the Childhood Cancer Campaign to provide awareness and support of children battling cancer and the challenges their families face. In 2004, the organization made a \$1 million commitment to Johns Hopkins to underwrite a research focus.

Optimist International signed up the first Friend of Optimists in 2005. This class of membership allows individuals to show their support of the organization's mission if they are unable to commit as a traditional club member.

Also in 2005, the Optimist Junior Golf Program expanded to include the Optimist International Tournament of Champions for top-performing junior golfers ages 14 to 18.

Less than two decades after Optimist International welcomed women as members in the organization, Ronnie Dunn became the first female International President in October 2006. Her year in office was followed by Theo W. Golding of Kingston, Jamaica, who became the first International President from outside Canada and the United States.

With children being introduced to the internet at earlier and earlier ages, the organization began an Internet Safety program in 2008 to keep children educated and safe from online predators.

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Visit our Website

Just a reminder of our [Optimist Websites](#), which are available to you for obtaining updated information.

[www.eveningoptimist.com](http://www.eveningoptimist.com)

[www.stxd.org](http://www.stxd.org)

[www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org)

# 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.

