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Beaumont, Texas

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Club Newsletter

July, 2008

President's Corner

Things are going well for our club as we get into the final stretch of our Optimist Year. The fourth quarter of this year looks real promising for our club, as we get into our real purpose of helping the youth in our community.

One of the real exciting things each year is our International Convention, to be held in Grapevine, TX, near Dallas, this year. We are looking forward for this to be a great convention. We are looking forward to having our Associate Club President Thaiya Wallace from the Limuru, Kenya at the International Convention. We are trying to make arrangements for him to come to our club meeting on July 8, 2008.

Frank G. Praznik
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New Meeting Place

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

ALL ARE WELCOME



Evening Optimist Scholarship Fund

On our Board of Directors Meeting on June 10, 2008 we voted on the Scholarship Application that we had received and awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship to Stephanie Gill. She will be attending Texas A&M University at Galveston, studying Marine Biology. We have requested that she attend one of our meetings in the near future to receive her certificate of scholarship and tell us about what she plans to do in the future. This is one of our annual projects we have each year.

Limuru, Kenya Optimist Club



As many of our members will remember our club organized an Optimist Club in Limuru, Kenya (Africa) in 2004. This year the president of that club, Thaiya Wallace is coming to the Optimist International Convention in Grapevine, TX. After the convention he will come visit our club here in Beaumont at a meeting on July 8, 2008, and report to us, about his club in Kenya. He is very interested in building more clubs in Africa. We hope that there will be a good turn out at our meeting to welcome him to Beaumont.



FOOD BASKET PROGRAM

Our Club Second Annual Food Basket Program is well on its way to being a success. If you know of any families which are in need, please present their names and situation to one of our Board Members. This one of our many programs that our club participates in for helping our community to be a better place to live in and service the youth of our area.

Remember the Optimist slogan

"Bringing Out The Best In Kids"

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

How to get new Members



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.

