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President's Corner

We are in the midst of our 13th annual "Cow Drop" fundraiser. We expect to conclude this event on December 4, 2009, with the winner to be announced as quickly as possible. Committee's have been named to set up the Essay and Oratorical Contest early next year. We are looking forward to having superb participation from this area's excellent students. Other news of interest to all District Optimists will be included as we are on our road to excellence.

We are looking forward to our South Texas District Meeting in Corpus Christi, TX on November 6-8, 2009, and hope we will benefit from the excellent training we will receive at this meeting, under the direction of our new Governor Jack Hopkins and his leadership team.

Frank Praznik
Club President
Evening Optimist Club of Greater Beaumont

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

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS TURNS FIVE

More than 100 top junior golfers will head to Winter Garden, Florida, and this weekend for the fifth annual Optimist International Tournament of Champions. The tournament is moving to a new location in its fifth year – Orange County National Golf Center & Lodge, just outside of Orlando, Florida.

Competitors include 2008 TOC boys 14-15 division champ Quinn Prchal of Glenview, Illinois, as well as A.J. Crouch of Jacksonville, Florida, champion of the boy's 16-18 division in this past summer's Optimist International Junior Golf Championships. Optimists may notice a number of other familiar names as well, with past Optimist Golf participants return for the latest event.

Thanks to Live! Scoring, Optimists can follow along with players from their District by going to www.juniorgolfresults.com and clicking on the tournament name.

CARLA PRAZNIK INSTALLED AS LT. GOVERNOR Zone 13



Carla and Frank Gary Praznik

Our own Carla Praznik was installed as Lt. Governor for Zone 13 at the District Convention in San Antonio, TX. Carla is a long time Optimist going back to the West End Optimist Club of Beaumont, TX where she served as Secretary/Treasurer of that club in the 1980's. She took a leave of absence and returned to the Evening Optimist Club of Greater Beaumont and served as their President in the year of 2008-09.

Her husband Frank Gary Praznik is now serving as President of the Evening Optimist Club of Greater Beaumont. He also served as President of this club for the year 2007-08. Where the club was an Honor Club.

Frank Gary's father Frank Praznik, "Papa Frank", was a long time member of the Southeast Texas District, and served as President of the West End Optimist Club of Beaumont, TX and Lt. Governor and District Secretary/Treasurer of the Southeast Texas District.

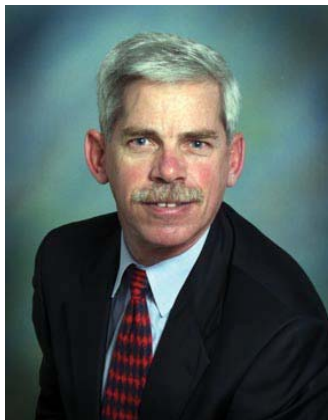
We are looking forward to her leadership as the Lt. Governor of Zone 13 and a member of the Evening Optimist Club of Greater Beaumont.



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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.

