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“TARGET THEIR HEARTS”

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Governor

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Jerry Schue, Governor Elect

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Zone 4/5: **Mark Wilson**

Zone 6: **Evan Cunningham**

Zone 7: **Chuck Divine**

Zone 8: **Betty Strickland**

Club Presidents

Presidents of all Clubs in the District serve as members of the District Board of Directors.

Attention:

Committee Chairs & Lt. Governors

The deadline for submitting articles for the next District Bulletin is **April 2, 2007**. Send your articles to p_grant@fastmail.fm if you have e-mail. If you prefer, send it snail-mail: 466 South State Road 267, Avon, IN 46123-8486.

DON'T FORGET!

From the Governor's Desk:

Rich's Target

Naida and I are looking forward to seeing all of you in Bloomington at our Second Quarter District Conference. We have selected Bloomington because it is in the "Heart" of our District (get it? "Target Their HEARTS") and as central a location as we can find for ALL Clubs to come to this meeting.

We will be hosting all of our JOOI Youth Club members as we organize them into our official Indiana South JOOI District. OI Vice President (and a close personal friend of mine) Dale Robertson and his wife and Barb will be there to help. "Forrest Gump" will also join us for lunch to discuss the "Forrest Gump's Top Ten Ways to be a Successful Optimist Club".

The Awards Banquet has been moved to Saturday evening starting at 5:30 PM at the Bloomington Convention Center. We tried to fit it into the lunch period but could not fit all of the exciting seminars, table talk, speakers and training and the Awards. Get your room reservations to the Bloomington Courtyard quickly. Then get your reservation for return to Pat France right away.

"Pennies for Penny" - Those of you that attended the OI Convention in Nashville heard President Ronnie Dunn talk about her "Little Sister" Penny. After the Convention, all 53 Governors decided to collect pennies for Penny. We want each Club to collect pennies for each kid that you serve with your Club youth projects. Please count how many kids you will serve this year and bring cash or checks representing each kids served, to the Bloomington Conference. The pennies collected will be donated to the Optimist International JOOI Endowment Foundation to help all of the youth clubs. We will collect these "Pennies" at the Opening Session at the Bloomington Conference at about 9:30 AM. Bring coins, cash or checks.

Bring your Club Pride and Club Banner

We are asking each Club to bring your Club banner (and a way to hang it) to the Bloomington District Meeting. We want each Club to show off their pride, name and awards to the whole District.

New Club activities – Oakland City with 10 members. Sponsor Clubs are Santa Claus and North Vermillion. Princeton is also in the works, as is Fort Branch/Haubstadt. Steve Arisman tells me that he has started on the West Washington Club in Indianapolis. Have you collected names and demographics for your target New Club Town??? We had hoped to have 4 new clubs serving kids by this time. Make a New Years Resolution to make that first call to your target town on January 8, 2007. If you need some assistance, a District Team Member will help or we will request assistance from the OI Staff who is standing by to help you.

Come to the New Club Building Breakout at the Bloomington Meeting which will be dedicated to just that first (very important) step in building a New Club...“Developing your List”.

One BIKE won for Christmas. Next BIKES are for Safety On Wheels.

We awarded one BIKE for a wonderful Christmas present for a child. Jasper, the Governor's home Club, has signed 10 new members since Oct. 1, including hosting a NOW event, to win a bicycle to a needy kid for Christmas. Other BIKES are under construction in Loogootee and Santa Claus. Both have 5 new members for the frame (3) and one wheel (+2). Evansville, Jeffersonville Fall Cities, Mooresville and Terre Haute all have 3 new members, earning them the frame to their bike. Turn your sights on signing new members to earn a BIKE before the Safety On Wheels project this spring.

See you in Bloomington on January 19 and 20 for our Second Quarter District Conference.

Thanks, Rich
“Target Their Hearts”

Time for submittal of the first quarter A&A Reports is fast approaching. One of Governor Rich's objectives this year is to greatly increase the number of Clubs participating in the A&A program, and Jim Scandlin, our District Web Master has been working hard to make internet submittal available. By the time this Bulletin is distributed Jim should have all the bugs worked out. Also, by the time of Bulletin distribution I plan to have e-mailed all Secretaries with further instructions on how to use the site. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND that your window for A&A submittal is January 1 through January 10.

To those Clubs whose Secretaries do not have e-mail and internet access, please fill out the forms provided earlier and mail them so I receive them by January 10.

Thanks for your cooperation and your participation. Any questions please don't hesitate to call me at 812-544-2879, or e-mail me at jlmartin@psci.net, or snail mail me at 902 S. Balthazar, Santa Claus, IN, 47579.

Jim Martin, A&A Chair

"The greatest discovery of my generation is that man can alter his life simply by altering his attitude of mind."

James Truslow Adams

Tri-Star Basketball

Tri-Star Basketball is here!. Plan your local events so you can send your winners to Regionals and on to the District Finals.

Regionals:

Greensburg: January 28, 2007 1:00pm
Zone 2, 6 Contact: Tom Welgen (812) 663-8161

Mill Creek: February 4, 2007 1:30pm
Zone 1, 3, 4, 5 Contact: Jack Nichols (317) 539-6731

Heritage Hills: February 4, 2007 1:00pm
Zone 7, 8 Contact: Dan Williams (812) 499-6281

District Finals:

Huntingburg Memorial Gym February 18, 2007 1:00pm
Huntingburg, IN Contact: Dan Williams (812) 499-6281
or Brian Peters (812) 683-3584

Tell all your club members about this exciting event. If your club has questions regarding how to run a Tri-star Basketball tourney, please contact Dan Williams and check out the optimist website (www.optimist.org) for more info. See you there!

Dan Williams, District Tri-Star Chair

Don't Google Internet Searches

A new deal with Internet searches as a fundraiser for OI:

When searching the Internet, don't Google, use this address for your search engine www.goodsearch.com and enter optimist as your charity before searching.

Note from editor: I've tried it and the searches work really well.

We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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****** NEW MEMBERS ADDED **** YEAR TO DATE ******

As of DECEMBER 31, 2006

CLUB	MEMBERS	PLACE
Jasper Breakfast Optimist Club # 05301	10	1 st Place
Evansville IN Optimist Club # 05175	5	Tied 2 nd Place
Loogootee Optimist Club # 05330	5	Tied 2 nd Place
Santa Claus Optimist Club # 05483	5	Tied 2 nd Place
Indianapolis Optimist Club # 05280	3	Tied 3 rd Place
Jefferson-Falls City Opt. Club # 05300	3	Tied 3 rd Place
Mooresville Optimist Club # 05385	3	Tied 3 rd Place
Terre Haute Optimist Club # 05520	3	Tied 3 rd Place
Danville Optimist Club # 05150	2	Tied 4 th Place
Perry Central Optimist Club # 05584	2	Tied 4 th Place
Evansville East Side Opt. Club # 05165	1	Tied 5 th Place
Evansville West Side Opt. Club # 05557	1	Tied 5 th Place
Georgetown Optimist Club # 05235	1	Tied 5 th Place
Greensburg Optimist Club # 05247	1	Tied 5 th Place
Indianapolis Breakfast Opt. Club # 05065	1	Tied 5 th Place
Indianapolis North Side Opt. Club # 05425	1	Tied 5 th Place
Terre Haute Bkf. Optimist Club #05090	1	Tied 5 th Place

Robert J. Seger, Membership Committee Member

"Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. "ATTITUDE" determines how well you do it."

--Lou Holtz

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ZONE Membership STANDINGS

As of DECEMBER 31, 2006

Zone	Standings
1	MINUS 39
2	MINUS 1
3	MINUS 1
4	MINUS 3
5	MINUS 3
6	PLUS 4
7	PLUS 5
8	EVEN
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DISTRICT TOTAL	MINUS 38

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Membership STANDINGS

As of DECEMBER 31, 2006

CLUB	MEMBERS	PLACE
Santa Claus Optimist Club # 05483	124	1st Place
Jeffersonville Optimist Club # 05300	113	2nd Place
Greensburg Optimist Club # 05247	108	3rd Place
Plainfield Optimist Club # 05435	101	4 th Place
Jasper Breakfast Optimist Club # 05301	96	5 th Place
Indianapolis Optimist Club # 05280	81	6th Place
Huntingburg Optimist Club # 05270	72	7th Place
Georgetown Optimist Club # 05235	64	8 th Place
Mill Creek Optimist Club # 05351	63	9th Place
Clinton Breakfast Optimist Club # 05036	58	10 th Place

Robert J. Seger, Membership Committee Member

CAMP CAREFREE INDIANA UPDATE

For the questions that we have gotten regarding camp from people over the last 2-3 months, I'll write this as an update for all to help answer these questions.

Camp Quality Indiana is now Camp Carefree Indiana. We are no longer affiliated with Camp Quality. We severed our relations with CQ because of a variety of reasons, but one of the main ones was the fact that raised funds were being more and more allocated to help support the National Camping structure instead of our local camp without allowing any camp director representation on the board. Seeing that this was something that they were not going to change or reverse, we knew it was time to bring our camp for our kids totally home so Camp Carefree was created. This is our own camp where all funds raised stay in our camp and do not leave the state of Indiana.

Since, because of ethics, we would not raise funds for Camp Carefree while we were still under contract with CQ, we knew it would be difficult to raise enough money for camp this year. Additionally, we also experienced an extreme "people" shortage that we were NOT expecting. I could not be there due to changing jobs as I had no ability to take time off. None of our medical staff could be there because of changing hospitals during what would have been camp week. Our assistant director could not be there because of employment issues, and several of our key positions were not going to be there for one reason or another.

In the end, Stephen was going to be the only key seasoned person there with almost 100 children to be looked after. The delicate balance of health for these incredible children always requires much attention with experienced people watching them constantly. The decision not to hold camp was incredibly difficult, but we simply would not risk the lives of the children because of the lack of help. Therefore, we chose to take the kids to Holiday World in Santa Claus for a day this year and then resume camp in 2007. Unfortunately, we will no longer have our position at Camp Carson but with the many other camps in Indiana, we will solidify with one of them and will let everyone know where we will be. Hopefully it will be closer to Indianapolis than Camp Carson was. (Many thanks to the Santa Claus club for hosting our trip and feeding everyone after the day was over. The kids are still talking about it.)

Funds that were raised last year toward camp are still banked toward camp this year. Pat France has been our treasurer and this position is passing to a new treasurer with the appointment of our new board. Optimist board members will be Jerry Schue, David Bates, and Jim Arnold. The key camp board positions will be named as soon as the rest of the board is finalized. This new board and all key positions will be conveyed as soon as confirmations take place and all positions are accepted.

Donations are still very much needed and very much appreciated. Every dollar helps send another child for an unforgettable week, and it is an unforgettable week. We - as always - encourage you to come serve a meal, help clean up, and let your hearts overflow when a child reaches up and gives you a hug. We are close to obtaining our 501C3 designation so that all donations will be tax deductible.

Have time to spend? Anyone wanting to help at camp can still apply to do so. The selection process will not change, applications will be taken, references checked, backgrounds verified, and interviews conducted. Applications can be obtained from either Steve or Beth. Updates will follow. And as always, if there are questions or things that we can help answer, do get in touch.

With love to our kids always -
And looking forward to camping in 07 -
Steve and Beth
Directors, Camp Carefree Indiana

Camp CareFree Indiana (formerly Camp Quality Indiana) website:

www.campcarefreeindiana.org <<http://www.campcarefreeindiana.org>>

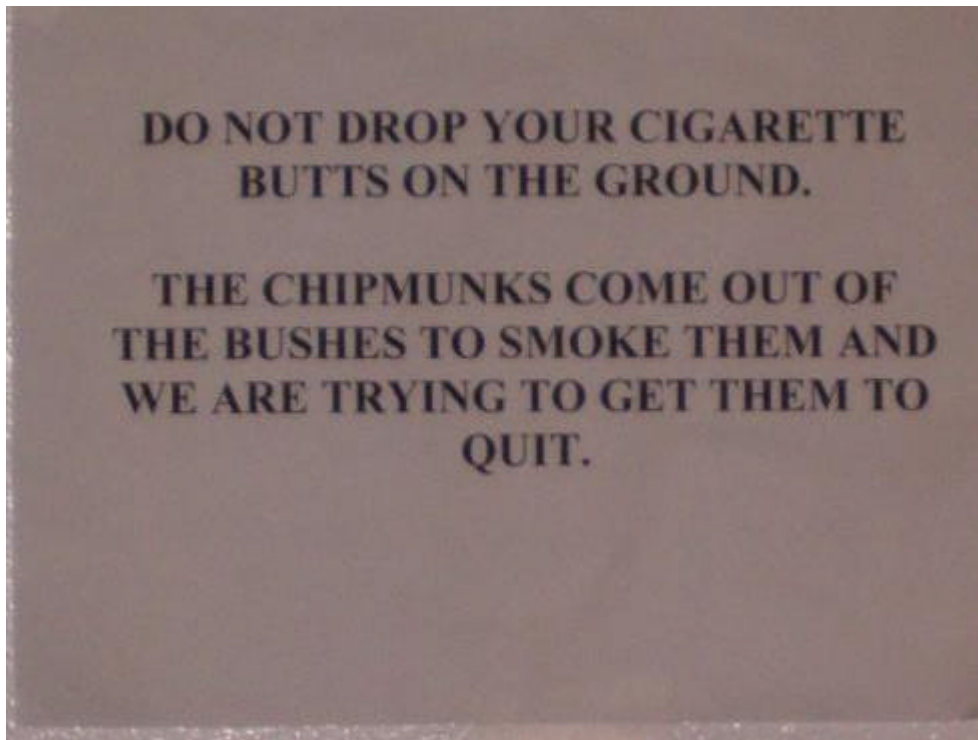
JOOI District Forming in Bloomington

The Indiana South JOOI District will be forming at the 2nd Quarter District Conference in Bloomington on January 20th. We want all JOOI Club members to attend. We will have guest Barb Robertson joining us for the day. We need clubs and names of JOOI members who will be attending. Club Presidents, please contact your JOOI Clubs and encourage them to attend. Let's make this a good conference.

Congratulations to Greensburg Octagon Club and Mill Creek Cadet Jr. Optimist Club for being Honor Clubs for 2005-2006.

Grace Humble, JOOI District Chair

A Park Sign:



"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

---Norman Macfinan

Optimism is essential to achievement and it is also the foundation of courage and true progress.

---Nichols Murray Butler

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