

# Pipeline Newsletter

## Optimist Club of Des Plaines

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Questions or problems?  
Please email me!

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Hi all,

I will keep it brief for I am spending quite a bit of time at the tree lot. I attended the tree lighting ceremony Friday December 1, 2006. I passed out Optimist pamphlets and met with the local politicians and some friends. It was really a treat to see how all those donated trees by our club are masterfully decorated by the school children. If you're around Metropolitan Square, I urge you to take a peek at the trees the kids decorated.

I know I don't have to keep reminding everyone that the tree lot is up and running. I will however continue to ask that if you have some spare time, please stop by the lot and sign up. It does not matter if it's an hour or two here or there. Remember, it is our biggest fundraiser and allows us to offer the kids of our community all those great programs we sponsor.

I hope to see everyone at the tree lot Thursday December 7 and Thursday December 21, 2006. These are the times of our general meetings that would normally take place at the Elks, so they should be open on your schedules!!

That's it for now. If by chance I don't see you before Christmas, have a safe and blessed holiday.

Merry Christmas to all.  
Tom

Annual dues of \$60 per member (or \$40 for past presidents) were due by October 9<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't already done so, please make your check payable to Optimist Club of Des Plaines and mail it to:  
Optimist Club of Des Plaines, PO Box 1551, Des Plaines, IL 60017

## ORATORICAL UPDATE

By Chris Ladner

Oratorical training will begin on Friday January 5<sup>th</sup>, at seven p.m. We will once again meet in the Des Plaines Public Library. The question of whether or not a zone contest is required is unanswered at this point, but from what I have seen on O.I.'s own website, it is not necessary.

Posters, sign up sheets, and a letter explaining the event have been printed, thanks to Judy Ladner, and Markay Suevel has offered to drop them off at the schools. I happened to have the information handy when I drove by Plainfield Elementary and was told the principal there had been anxiously awaiting it. Plainfield hosts it's own in- house speech event, and the principal is a public speaking enthusiast. My daughter brought information to Chippewa and serves as an enthusiastic promoter of this event.

Coaches this year include Markay and Eric Suevel, Judy Ladner, and me. Al Bayer will be timekeeper, and Don Moran sergeant at arms. Any member who is interested in coaching is more than welcome.

I have one strong possibility as a judge-one of Maine West's speech teachers. He stated if he can't do it, he has many contacts in the public speaking community. Paul Meincke also thought his wife may be available. If anyone knows anybody else who could round out the judging team, please let me know.

Depending on the number of participants, a preliminary contest will be held February 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the final on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Last year, we had 15 finalists, which made judging long and difficult. I believe having no more than 10 will result in a more enjoyable event. This event is the one that sees us work most closely with the youth of our town, and its one that's always been a source of intense pride for our club. If you've attended or helped out, come and see for yourself.

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*We are apt to forget  
that children watch  
examples better than  
they listen to  
preaching.*

- Roy L. Smith

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*Bringing out the best in kids -  
2006*

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

**We have the trees; we have the customers; now all we need are hands and smiles to help sell. We are very short-handed at the tree-lot, with less than 1/3 of the shifts filled.**

**Please stop by the lot and take a look at the sign-up sheet and sign up for a shift. If everyone takes just a couple of times, we can cover this event and make it a success.**



## PASTA DINNER A SUCCESS

On Friday night, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Zack and Chris Ladner, Ray Kopecky, Tom Swanson, Ray Bochat, and Dianna Edwards journeyed to Roselle, where we spent several hours at Ed Welther's new business Pina's Culinary Experience, where we spent several hours making gallons of spaghetti sauce, preparing pasta, and enjoying each other's company.

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, we served the finished product to a hungry public. The public could also buy sweets, pop, and water, and take their chances on a raffle. I should mention that the sweets, beverages, raffle prizes, and many of the other things necessary to host this dinner were donated by generous Optimist club members and local merchants. Because of this generosity, we made a similar profit to last year's, despite a lower turnout.

Other than a scheduling conflict with the Boy Scouts, (apparently we stopped a decade's long tradition of theirs by hosting our dinner on the day they've always had theirs,) the event went off without a hitch. Thanks to all who helped cook, serve, clean, and otherwise support our effort.

## THE OPTIMIST CLUB 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 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

## PENNIES FROM HEAVEN...AND CLOSETS AND COUCHES

Our JOII Club Penny Drive, a pet project of International President Ronnie Dunn, is going strong with donations made again by club members at both our November gatherings.

Our goal of 100,000 pennies, or 500 pounds of coinage, has a way to go but we're as confident of knowing that Chris Ladnerswill drive to a district meet with a minivan loaded down with copper currency as we are that we belong to the greatest service club in the world.

Keep on saving those Lincoln's and bring them to the meetings. The JOII kids of today will become the Optimists of tomorrow.



**Just For Fun . . .** (answers will be emailed next week!)

### **Sesquipedalian verbosity based on Christmas carols.**

See if you can figure out the "common" names of these popular Christmas Carols.

- 1) Move hitherward the entire assembly of those who are loyal in their beliefs.
- 2) Nocturnal time span of unbroken quietness.
- 3) An emotion excited by the acquisition or expectation of good given to the terrestrial sphere.
- 4) Embellish the interior passageways.
- 5) Diminutive masculine master of skin-covered percussionistic cylinders.
- 6) Omnipotent Supreme Being who elicits respite to ecstatic distinguished males.
- 7) The first person nominative plural of a triumvirate of near eastern heads of state.
- 8) Tintinnabulation of vacillating pendulums in inverted, metallic, resonant cups.
- 9) In a distant location, the existence of an improvised unit of newborn children's slumber furniture.
- 10) Proceed forth, declaring upon a specific geological alpine formation.
- 11) Obese personification fabricated of compressed mounds of minute crystals.
- 12) Jovial yuletide desired for the second person singular or plural, by us.

### **UpComing Dates**

**December – Tree Lot**

**January 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>  
Regular meetings at  
The Elks Club**

**January 5<sup>th</sup> – Oratorical  
Information Night**

### **December Birthdays**

**Mike Berkowitz**

**Markay Suevel**

**Bill Baxmann**