

# Pipeline

## Optimist Club of Des Plaines

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Newsletter Date May, 2007

### PREZ SEZ

Hello fellow optimist,

It's spring and the weather is beginning to change for the better, I hope. It is also that time of year when we concentrate our efforts outdoor. The Kite Fly, Fishing Derby, Junior Golf. You get the idea. We have our outdoor meetings starting up in June as well.

I can't believe six months have gone by since I have taken office. There are some really exciting things going on the club right now. First of all, Tom Myer our newest member joined the club April 19. We are waiting on paper work from O.I. so we can officially induct him into the club. You may have met Tom at our recent N.O.W. dinner. He is a neighbor and friend of Don Moran. Tom is a native of Ohio. He is in the insurance industry. Tom will make a fine addition to our club.

Second, Ray Kopecky our Christmas Tree Lot Chairman has informed me that we will be relocating the tree lot over to the Kmart parking lot. This is huge news! This exposure should help us to sell many more trees and in turn boost our profits so we can offer more to the children of our community.

I will be busy in early May attending the district meeting in Peoria and then again in July attending the Optimist yearly convention in Montreal, Canada. The training O.I. provides at these events is very beneficial personally and to the club.

Our club has been nominated for the Des Plaines Superstars Volunteer Awards. The Special Events Commission is holding a dinner at Casa Royale Thursday April 26, 2007. We are one of many nominated in this category. Hopefully we will bring home the gold.

This is all I have to report on for now, Hope to see you all at our next meeting in May. Take care, and God Bless.  
Tom

## Junior Golf Scheduled

We have locked in the date for our Annual Junior Golf outing on Wednesday, August 8th. We have tentatively scheduled two shotgun starts, probably 8:30 AM and 11:30 AM. We are again planning on 140 to 150 youth. Anyone who is interested in serving on the planning committee, please contact Stan Walgreen at 298-5055 or 652-7005 or by email at [swalgreen@starkrealtors.com](mailto:swalgreen@starkrealtors.com). The committee will be meeting sometime in June to kick this off.



**May Birthdays**  
Jonathan Cohen



## Congratulations!

Double congratulations are in order for Steve Meinecke and Becky Wadas.

First, they recently married, and second they will be welcoming a future Optimist in the near future. No, we won't be able to time it so the birth is at the Tree Lot.

Steve has been a member since July of 2003, and is one of the many members sponsored by Paul Magnusson. In November of 2006, he brought Becky into the club. She has shown her enthusiasm by attending as many meetings as possible, and by getting a childhood cancer collection bank placed at Cardinal Fitness, where she works.

Steve and Becky, please accept best wishes from all of us as you begin your life together.

## A DATE TO KEEP IN MIND

June 24<sup>th</sup>, the Optimist Club of Des Plaines will be hosting a Golf Outing at the Golf Center on Golf Road.

There will be two shot gun starts, at 1:00 PM and 3:30 PM. First 72 people that sign up will be the lucky ones. This outing is for Club members, their families and friends. Cost is \$35 which includes 9 holes of golf, prizes and a buffet with beef and sausage sandwiches, pasta salad and cold drinks (ice tea and lemonade).

This is a fund-raiser, so please come out and support our Club. For more details, contact Ray Bochat at 847-840-1385 or Dianna Edwards at 847-296-6573.

Watch the Pipeline for more details as they become available.

### Be Sure To Mark Your Calendars!

Kite Fly:

Saturday May 19, 2007

10:00 AM Lake Park

Rain date: May 26, 2007

Fishing Derby:

Saturday June 2, 2007

9:00 AM Lake Park

Member Golf Outing:

Sunday June 24, 2007

Golf Center

35.00/pp includes golf and dinner

See Ray Bochat for tee times

Junior Golf Outing

Wednesday, August 8, 2007

More Info to follow

## 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

## Condolences

On Wednesday, May 2, Eric and I received a phone call, very early in the morning that club member, Tony Gates was not doing well. We drove to LGH but upon our arrival we learned that after a 7 year fight against Multiple Myeloma, Tony had finally lost the battle. Tony's wake will be at Hills Funeral Home tonight, May 4 from 5-9 PM and the funeral will be at Hills at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. I'm sure we all offer our thoughts and prayers to the Gates family (who are legion!) as they go through this difficult time.

Markay, Editor