

# Pipeline Newsletter

## Optimist Club of Des Plaines

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Questions or problems?  
Please email me!

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As everyone knows, the holiday season is approaching more rapidly than ever before. It won't be long before our infamous tree lot is once again resurrected. I would like to encourage all members of our club to set aside some time to volunteer at our lot. It is of paramount importance that we all come together during those few weeks in December so we can once again fill the tank. So please, make every effort to be there.

Tom

### GOVERNOR EMERY'S VISIT OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

On Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> the DP Optimists were honored to extend a warm welcome to Governor Emery and his wife, Connie. They joined us for a fine dinner and some delightful conversation. During the program time Governor Emery shared his hopes and dreams not only for Optimist International, but for our own regional clubs and for the Des Plaines Club. Jerry and Connie are looking forward to visiting as many clubs as possible over the next 12 months, and he is especially eager to build both JOll and adult clubs throughout the state. His own Oswego club has recently been successful in sponsoring a new club in neighboring Yorkville, and there are possibilities that one can be started in Plano.

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

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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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## November 2<sup>nd</sup> Guest Speaker

Joseph Kozenczak, the long time Des Plaines police chief who was instrumental in the arrest of John Wayne Gacy, will speak at our November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Kozenczak was investigating the disappearance of a Des Plaines teenager at the time, and his diligence in pursuing the case ended the career of one of the most notorious murderers in U.S. history.

While this may not be a remembrance of a happy time in our city's history, it promises to be a fascinating recollection of a terrible event from outstanding law enforcement professional.

## **dpoptimists.org is back!**

Our website is once again up and running. Several months worth of newsletters have been fed into it, and our spaghetti dinner information is proudly displayed.

Board members are being asked to submit their biographies and a picture to me that can be emailed to our web master. The goal of this is to put faces behind the names and to show the general public what an outstanding organization we are.

I'm looking forward to seeing the tree lot, the oratorical, and information on the many things we do be available for those who surf the net.

When President Tom hosts his first committee night, I will make sure that information is available as well.

The address is, of course, [www.dpoptimists.org](http://www.dpoptimists.org). I urge all of you to visit it, and if you have suggestions or updates, email them to me at either of these addresses:

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2006*

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

In fact, it's only 57 days away. Ray Kopecky, chair of the Christmas Tree Lot Committee has set some important dates for club members to note.

**November 18 – trees arrive from Michigan  
(247 assorted trees)**

**November 25 – trees arrive from Canada  
(643 balsams and 75 bundles of boughs)**

We will need your help unloading the stock when it arrives. Ray will be announcing the times soon. Sign up sheets will be available at our November meetings so bring your calendar and get the choice picks.

Working at the lot doesn't require Herculean strength or endurance, just a few hours of your time. We need cashiers as well as people to make wreaths, and of course sell those trees. It's important that we have at least two people at the lot at all times. "Many hands make light work," so the more people who are willing to give of their time the easier it will be for everyone.

FYI the trailer this year has been designated as a "No Smoking" Zone.

### Spaghetti Dinner This Weekend

Spaghetti dinner will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church on Algonquin and Wolf, Sunday November 5th from 4-7 PM. Help is needed for serving, taking tickets, making bake goods and running the raffle table. And of course, if you haven't already done so, get out there and sell tickets!! For those that have not signed up to help please let Dianna Edwards know what times you can help out 847-296-6573. Those that can help set up please be at the church between 1 and 1:30. Let's make this a successful fund raiser!

Thanks to Fred Triebe, Tom Swanson, Glen Swanson, Stacey Magnusson and Stan Walgreen for their donations.

Dianna Edwards



### 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, was successfully launched for our club at our October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting when Ray Kopecky brought in a lunchbox full of one-cent pieces.

Our goal of 100,000 pennies, or 500 pounds of coinage, has a way to go (I weighed our jug and it's at five lbs.) but I'm as confident of knowing that I will drive to a district meet with a minivan loaded down with copper currency as I am 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.



### A Request from the Editor

Three of our members have recently passed, Ken Kehe, Vern Ecklund, and Al Cote. Unfortunately, I did not have the privilege of knowing any of these gentlemen. So that I, and other newer members of the Club might gain some knowledge of the history of our Club and those who have participated in the Club, I would like to do brief articles on each of these men. I am particularly interested in their activities within the Club. I would like to have this article in the next Pipeline. If you have any pertinent information, please call me or drop me an email as soon as possible so that I can put together a fitting tribute for each of these fine Des Plaines Optimists.

Your Editor, Markay

### UpComing Dates

**Nov. 2 – Next Meeting**

**Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – Spaghetti Dinner**

**Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> –  
delivery of trees to lot**

**Nov. 19 – Regular Meeting**

**Nov. 24 –Tree Lot Opens!**

**Nov. 24 Articles due for  
December Pipeline**