

Pipeline Newsletter

Optimist Club of Des Plaines

Prez Sez

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O.I. Mission Statement

By providing hope and positive vision, Optimist bring out the best in kids-

Hello Optimists,

Wow, my first "Pres Sez," I can honestly say that when I joined I never thought I would get the chance to write one. I will be installed as the youngest president in the state and possibly the history of O.I.

What does this young president have in mind? I have come up with 12 goals I would like to accomplish in my tenure, and I'd like to share them with you. I was told once that by setting your goal as a 'we or I will" instead of "we'll try or I'll try," the goal is more likely to be achieved. Thank you for believing in me. I will not disappoint you.

1. We will continue our enthusiasm for what we do. It's easy to become bored and we will do my best to fight that emotion.
2. We will increase membership. I'd like to bring in three, and encourage everyone to recruit. Honor club requirements are plus five, and there's n reason we can't achieve that.
3. A night of fun for us. We work hard, give of our time and treasure, and a night to a play, concert, or sporting event would be a fun and bonding experience.
4. We will start a JOll club (or two!) in our local schools. JOll members could just become adult ones.
5. We will sponsor an adult club. There are an awful lot of towns around here with no Optimist club, and that means kids not being served. Let's step up to the plate and sow Optimist seeds in a new community.
6. We will hold a variety of fundraisers. The tree lot is fantastic, but we can always use more money.
7. We will add an Earth Day event to our programs. Earth Day events have the support of O.I., and as president of the Ecology Club at Oakton Community College, it would be a natural to introduce youth to the importance of keeping Mother Earth healthy.
8. We will have guest speakers at least once a month. An interesting speaker has the power to attract more attendance and potential new members.
9. We will become more well-known in our town. Far too often when I say that I'm an Optimist, ask "what's that?" every event we hold needs publicity.
10. We will get more participation from members in more events. Forcing the same members to do the same things leads to burnout.
11. We will support O.I.'s cancer fund. This important feature of the O.I. program has received some support from us before, but we can do more.
12. We will host an essay contest. In the past, we've agreed to be responsible for at large essays. This year, we'll let our local schools know of the event and run a contest ourselves.

INSTALLATION NIGHT OCTOBER 2ND

The first meeting in October is always exciting because it's the night when a new Optimist year begins. President-elect Zack will become President Zack, we will welcome new board members and a new treasurer. Tom Swanson did wonderful work as president in his two years, and he gets a huge "atta boy" for that. Stan Catlett did his treasurer duties with quality in mind, and Glenn Swanson and Don Moran brought years of skill and experience to the board. Let's welcome Judy Ladner as treasurer, and Ruth Del Re and Chris Ladner as board members and wish them the best

This is a spouse/significant others night and a great time to celebrate being an Optimist. Please join us at Giuseppe's at 6:00 for this special evening.

WHAT COMMITTEE DO YOU LIKE?

In addition to the fun of seeing our new leaders sworn in, October 2nd is also Committee Night. There are a number of committees that need chairs and members. Some people have already stepped forward to let President Zack know what ones they want to chair, but they just may want some help.

JOII, New Club, Childhood Cancer, Essay, 4th of July, all these and more will need heads and members. If you increase your involvement, you'll also increase your optimism.

NEW BOARD MEETING TIME

With a new president comes some, but not many changes. Our board meetings will now be held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the home of Zack Ladner's at 197 N. Warrington Rd in Des Plaines . The time remains will be at seven p.m. All members are welcome, but only board members have vote.

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HAVE YOU HEARD OF PGI?

The International office has a wonderful program designed to improve everyone's enthusiasm for the organization and their knowledge of the same. It's called P.G.I., which stands for personal growth initiative. When a member enrolls in the program, they receive a passport and enter their name, our club number and club name on the front.

As you complete a step either the president, secretary, or director of personal growth initials beside the step completed, completes some paperwork, and when a level is completed, sends information to the district director. For doing this, the member received a special pin backing.

The backings may be just a piece of bling to attach to your Optimist pin, but they represent added interest and knowledge of O.I. If you've attended six meetings/activities, participated in a service project, know the five purposes of and about the founding of O.I., introduced a new member, and can give a short presentation on how Optimism can make a better world, you're already at level one.

With a bit of work, and credit for work on past members sponsored and service projects, I bet most of us can be at level five by the end of the 2009 Optimist year.

QUOTES

A few compelling quotes on enthusiasm, which is very appropriate for a new year. The word itself is from the Greek enthousiasmos which means "to be inspired"

"There is real magic in enthusiasm. It spells the difference between magic and accomplishment-Norman Vincent Peale

"Enthusiasm is a divine possession"- Margaret Sangster

"If you aren't fired with enthusiasm, you'll be fired with enthusiasm"-Vince Lombardi

I hope we are all inspired to support our president, board, the mission of Optimist International, and to live the Creed everyday.

IT'S A BIRTHDAY EXPLOSION!

Happy birthday to the following Des Plaines Optimists. As the old commercial said: You're not getting older, you're getting better.

Stan Catlett, Ron Goczkowski, Del Johnson, Chris Ladner, Jerry O'Leary
Stephanie Rogers, Jerry Warchol, Jim Woods, and Thomas Swanson.

And a happy anniversary to Bob Bochat!

POST SEASON BASEBALL HUMOR (INSERT THE TEAM OF YOUR CHOICE)

A first grade teacher explains to her class that she is a Sox fan. She asks her students to raise their hands if they were Sox fans too. Not really knowing what a Sox fan was but wanting to be like their teacher, their hands explode into the air like fleshy fireworks.

There is, however, one exception. One girl has not gone along with the crowd. The teacher asks her why she has decided to be different.
"Because I'm not a Sox fan."

Then, asks the teacher, what are you?

"Why I'm proud to be a Chicago Cubs fan," boasts the little girl.

The teacher is a little perturbed now, her face slightly red. She asks the girl why she is a Cubs fan.

"Well, My Dad and Mom are Cubs fans, and I'm a Cubs fan too."

The teacher is now angry. "That's no reason," she says loudly. "What if your Mom was a moron, and your dad was a moron. What would you be then?"

A pause, and a smile. "Then," says the girl, "I'd be a Sox fan."