



The SOC-KET



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The Club meets every Thursday noon at -
GREAT WALL BUFFET

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You might just wonder what this means. If one were to say it means just what it says, then all you have to do is ask. Ask what, you say? This is to enlighten members as how to best respond to questions asked by prospective members. You can get a pin like this at the next luncheon. Just ask!



Ye Olde Editor neglected to mention this following the last meeting before Christmas, but it needs to be mentioned. The Optimist Club Foundation presented a check to the club in the amount of \$1200. That's not chicken feed, my friends, and this kind of result shows the success of the Foundation's investments.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Jan. 11 Youth Appreciation
 (Most improved in Music)
Jan 18 Ditto



HEY THERE!! No doubt you've been chomping at the bit waiting for an announcement regarding the next evening meeting. You need wait no longer. Bruce has announced that the meeting of Thursday, February 1st, is to be held at our customary haunt, but will begin at 6:30 p.m.

All members and guests are welcome at this time (as though this were something new).



There is to be a 25th Birthday Party for this organization on Thursday, January 25th, at The Grand Ballroom, 187 High St. SE, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00. You may recall that Salem-Keizer Education Foundation is the force behind the Awesome 3000, in which this club plays a role each year.

There are to be games, magicians, and prizes. There is also to be a cake decorating contest. For more particulars contact President Bruce.



Our scheduled program failed to put in an appearance today, but we were granted the privilege of playing host to these two young people, and what a delight it was that they chose this particular time to put in an appearance. The young lady is Christina (Christi) Dunning, a senior at Sprague High School. Her escort, whom she invited to

accompany her, is Josh Rudishauser (more about him in a moment). Christi is an entrant in the Optimist Essay Contest, and this year's topic is "I Want to Make a Difference Because -". She had an opportunity to read her essay, and it is quite inspirational. Everyone should endeavor to read it when the opportunity presents itself. Although Christi has already decided that her objective is to become an attorney, she hasn't quite made up her mind where the next stop will be (University, that is). She is also quite proficient in the Spanish language, and plans to continue her studies along that line as well.

Josh operates his own business using the title "Pole Sound and Lighting." Although this writer heard him explain precisely what it is that he does, it is a bit complicated for someone who is not as well versed on the topic as he might be. Thus, any explanation you find here is limited to that which he wrote next to his name; that being a "disc-jockey service" and all aspects to which that may apply. If there are those among you who wish to learn more about the particulars of what it is that he does, his phone number is (503) 559-5056, or you can e-mail him at poleinc1@yahoo.com.

Both Josh and Christina proved to be very popular with our group, and we would welcome them warmly should they elect to return.



"One...Two...Three..." The countdown begins with the 2007 State OSAA Wrestling Tournament just six weeks away.

For the third consecutive year Optimists will be manning (and "womanning") the doors of the Pavilion at the State Fairgrounds. Fans from the state's four corners are growing to like the smiling people in red coats who take

their tickets, and we certainly don't object to that.

So, sign up early and often to help the club's big fund drive of the winter (and spring). There are three shifts daily for the February 15—17 event. If you are unable to sign up in person at a Thursday luncheon, please call Dave Sevall evenings or weekends at (503) 391-1820.

P.S. There is reasonable certainty that any time that is convenient for you will be available.



Don't forget to include Dale Powell in your prayers. We have been advised that his blood pressure is low, and this means that staying down is more or less mandatory. Even a phone call might help to brighten his spirits.

A Housewife's Lament.

'Twas the month after Christmas, and all through the house,
 Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.

The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste,
 At the holiday parties had gone to my waist.

When I got on the scales there arose such a number!
 When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber)

I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared,
 The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared.

The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese,
 And the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."

As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt,
 And prepared once again to do battle with dirt.

I said to myself, as only I can.

"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"
 So—away with the last of the sour cream dip,

Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip.
 Every last bit of food that I like must be banished,

'Til all the additional ounces have vanished.

I won't have a cookie—not even a lick,
 I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.

I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,
 I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.

I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore,
 But isn't that what January is for?