



The SOC-KET

Bringing
Out
The Best
In
Children

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The young lady standing next to Vern Tabery is Melissa (Mel) Luu. She is from McKay High School and is described as a "True Leader." While she has been sharpening her skills on the violin since the fourth grade, and is now a Junior, her future aspirations are in the field of neurology. She is also gifted with a very pleasing personality, and displays a ready smile. Beyond high school, she is looking at both Chemeketa

Community College and Linfield. We all wish her continued success regardless of the direction she chooses to follow.

Apologies are extended to Doug Knuth for the haziness of the picture while being presented with his award from Maur Horton. Doug is a Senior at North Salem High School. There was a bit of humor connected with his introduction, having been described, early on in high school, as being like a stallion; brash and bull-headed. Aside from this, the music teacher said he has truly been a big help, and his attitude has changed from being better than anyone else to just being better. He plans to attend Southern Virginia University, a liberal arts college, and further his musical career on the cello. Having talked with him very briefly, he has a lot going for him, musically and otherwise.



Our third honoree, receiving her recognition award from Ray Thomas, is Kathy Culpovich from West Salem High School.

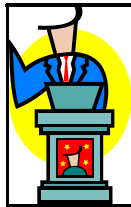


This young lady was described as one gifted in many areas, not just music. She is currently a Student Aide. While this particular function was not described, one can pretty much guess that it takes a good deal of skill. Kathy is truly artistic and is highly skilled on the violin. Her calling is in the field of music therapy. Her grandfather seemed in another

world as he lay in bed; that is until she began to play her violin. This awakened a response from him that didn't seem possible initially, but he nevertheless perked up and began to respond to the melody. That most certainly speaks well for her skills and dedication.

Linda Wiley presented an award to Joshua Outslay of Salem Academy. His forte is an excellent voice, and he has been a choir member since the 6th grade.

He is described as being responsive; that is, he keeps giving more of himself when called upon. Although he remains undecided regarding which school it is to be, he intends to further his education at some medical school that is going to be privileged to welcome him as a student. We have reason to be proud of each honoree.



THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Happy New Year Salem Optimist Club, As 2008 has come and gone, we are now treading on the beginning of a new history making opportunity for the club! As the term "resolution" is very prominent in every January since the beginning of time, I thought maybe the use of the word "goal" would be a little more suitable.

In being a member for a few years and then having the honor to be President, I just want to once more let you know that "NEW MEMBERS" and literally "BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS" are our goals for 2009. No doubt you are aware that "ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS!" Therefore, the Salem Optimist Club will be using this theme to achieve those goals for 2009.

In the days, weeks and upcoming months our club will be asking for some additional help in a couple of different areas. As the goals are achievable based on your willingness to carry the hope and excitement into the New Year, I am thanking you in advance for that commitment.

Sincerely,
John Chamberlain.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Jan. 15 Youth Appreciation (due to unfavorable conditions, this meeting will recognize students in both Fine Arts & Music.**
- Jan. 22 Cheryl Roberts, President
Chemeketa Community College**
- Jan. 29 Jim Jensen, Past Governor
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It is indeed a pleasure to announce that the Essay contest for 2008-09 will be once again headed up by Vern Tabery. He has done this for several years now and deserves a break, but providing the opportunity for the some young person to compete makes the program worth perpetuating. The topic is "The Power of Youth." This should make for some very interesting entries. Contact Vern for particulars, and this should be done a.s.a.p.



The Oratorical Contest is another activity that will be coming up before long. The topic for this activity is to be "For me, Optimism is —" This program will begin taking shape soon after the holidays. This program is still in need of someone to chair it. There is help on the sidelines for anyone who may feel somewhat insecure in taking on this responsibility.

HUMOR IS WHERE YOU FIND IT

Paul Newman founded the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp for children stricken with cancer, AIDS and blood diseases. One afternoon he and his wife, Joanne Woodward, stopped by to have lunch with the kids. A counselor at a nearby table, suspecting the young patients wouldn't know that Newman was a famous movie star, explained, "That's the man who made this camp possible. Maybe you have seen his picture on his salad dressing bottle?" Blank Stares. "Well, you've probably seen his face on his lemonade carton."

An eight year-old girl perked up. "How long was he missing?"