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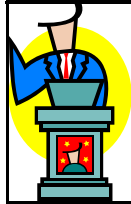
Bringing
Out
The Best
In
Children

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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Greetings fellow Optimists,
As this week is loaded with awards to the young who make a difference in their schools, I look forward to us helping more of today's youth in finding that they too can help make a difference. This difference does have an outward effect, as schools, businesses and communities do feel it. The biggest value that is carries, however, it with the individual.

I want to "thank you all" for giving of your time and effort so that the ripple effect touches so many lives. As we are in the midst of many national, political and economic changes, the one thing that still stands strong is the fact that "WE" can still make a difference in the life, lives, and the world we live in.

As we are in the process of starting a new program geared toward the middle school student, I'm waiting to receive their ideas on how the Salem Optimist Club can help. I remember Allen Funt saying, "Smile, you're on candid camera." I am trying to inform all that you might be receiving a phone call from me saying, "I need a little help — your thoughts."

Just remember the letter "I" is not for me, but it's the center letter in "kids."



UPCOMING PROGRAMS
J an. 22 Cheryl Roberts, President
Chemeketa Community College
Jan. 29 Jim Jensen, Past Governor
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Our first honoree on Thursday, was Sean Kirby from Blanchet Catholic School. We were told that he is a superior actor and likes to perform characters from Shakespeare. His future plans include a stint at Southern Oregon U. where he intends to expand on his career in theater.

Samantha Stageman said she began her interest in music as early as the first grade, and now plays a prominent role in the school band. The accolades accorded her were second to none, and she is most deserving of recognition for her achievements.



The next honoree is Olivia Kuzmin from Gervais High School. Her forte is graphic design, and she is especially proficient in working with clay. She left the impression that art is to take a back seat as she goes on to expand her knowledge of medicine.

Tiffany Hinano Hill, from Ore. School for Deaf has also become an expert in graphic arts, and her plans include going to New York to further her skills, as if she needs to. At this point we all wish her well.



Would you believe that someone as gifted in music as Alexis Reyna (OSD) is planning to attend college to become an engineer? If she is as successful in the latter as she has been in the former, her future is very bright.



Amanda Cardwell-Aiken of South Salem High is described as very creative in the field of Fine Arts and has received a great deal of recognition for her talent. Her future plans include U of O and theater arts at N.Y.U.



To repeat a statement made in last week's bulletin, it is indeed a pleasure to announce that the Essay contest for 2008-09 will once again be headed up by Vern Tabery. The topic is "The Power of Youth." This should make for some very interesting entries. If any high school student should read this bulletin and express an interest, someone should advertise their intentions by getting in touch with Vern post-haste.



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 it appropriate to engage in humor on such a solemn occasion as honoring students for either Fine Arts or music. This writer is going to chance it anyway.

The greatest writer of the Renaissance was William Shakespeare. Shakespeare never made much money and is famous only because of his plays. He lived at Windsor with this merry wives, writing tragedies, comedies and errors. Shakespeare's famous play Hamlet rations out his situation by relieving himself a long soliloquy. In another, Lady Macbeth tries to convince Macbeth to kill the king by attacking his manhood. Romeo and Juliet are an example of a hero couplet. Writing at the same time as Shakespeare was Miquel Cervantes. He wrote "Donkey Hote." The next great author was John Milton. Milton wrote "Paradise Lost." Then his wife died and he wrote "Paradise Regained."



Courtney Waters., from Western Mennonite is being honored for her contribution to the choir, and her acting ability. Fine Arts is one area in which she has excelled. When asked about future school plans, that is still undecided.



Also from Western Mennonite is Arturo Monroy. He was gifted in music from the start, but a Jazz Combo? Let's just say he was able to adapt to the point that the skills he demonstrated surprised even him. All one can say is WOW!

These two pictures were not purposely selected for the back page because the honorees were somehow inferior to the others, just that there was just so much room available. The Optimist Club discriminates against no student, especially when they are all equally deserving of all the recognition this club can provide.

Those persons who are pictured with the students, starting from the top, are: Frank Masser, Paul Negstad, Bruce Gilbertson, Wes Alderson, and Cheryl Gribskov. Maur Horton did his usual superb job of conducting the meeting.

The Optimist 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 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 to 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, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.*

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