



# The SOC-KET

Bringing  
Out  
The Best  
In  
Children

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## 2007-08 Club Officers

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This lady's name is Cheryl Roberts, and she is President of Chemeketa Community College.

Would you believe, like most other educational institutions, Chemeketa is faced with a budget crunch? Nevertheless, Cheryl displays more than a smidgen of optimism. While the deficit appears to approach the \$2.7 million mark, to help gain support from the

business community, Cheryl is making calls to various executives asking "how can we serve you?" There is a bond measure in the works at the present time, and a decision will need to be made on or around May 1st.

In a publication circulated Thursday, it mentions a statement attributed to the Governor that he held education harmless when he publicized a \$506 million allocation to community colleges. However, the actual funds available for budgeting nets out at \$485 million, \$15 million less than colleges received last biennium. Community colleges are the only sector of education to receive an actual budget decrease, and this on top of a continuing increase in enrollment.

Still, there are various building projects underway at present, including one in McMinnville, along Hwy 18. There is another in progress locally. Both buildings are due to be completed in either 2011 or 2012.

One particular program (of a highly technical nature) that is being talked about at present is the manufacture of bio-diesel, and where better to formulate a plan for production of this commodity than in a proper laboratory in a facility designed especially for this purpose?

While Chemeketa Community College may be experiencing unprecedented growth, along with some unforeseen financial constraints at present, with someone as impressive as Cheryl Roberts at the helm it is one institution of higher learning that is destined to succeed.

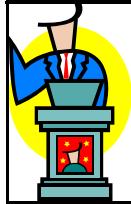
Should anyone desire more information regarding the college or their future plans, there is reason to believe that Cheryl will be more than pleased to answer any and all inquiries.



Bruce Gilbertson celebrated a birthday, and presenting him with cake while those in attendance sang Happy Birthday, were Jamie and Robin (in the background). No one bothered to ask him the number of years, but there was only one candle in the cake, and Bruce found it rather easy to snuff that one out before the cake was cut.



It was at this time that Vern Tabery presented two checks to the Optimist Club (President John Chamberlain); one from the Club Foundation in the princely amount of \$1500 and a second check in the amount of \$500 on behalf of the Frey Foundation. The latter check is designated for use in sponsoring camperships. Without going into specifics, the Club Foundation has grown to a highly significant dollar amount, and a goodly share of the credit for this belongs to Vern.



## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Greetings Optimist Club of Salem!

As the sun has been shining in the mid-Willamette Valley, I hope that it has been shining in your individual lives as well.

The week has been active in the community. The YMCA has a new CEO and because of the Optimist's contribution to "camperships" Arlen and I attended a president's club meeting at Illahe Country Club Tuesday evening. On Wednesday morning there was a 9:00a.m. meeting at city hall regarding the upcoming "kids' relays" on Saturday, May 9th. Vern Tabery, who was last year's "put the whole thing together man" was there, and we had an opportunity to really connect with Country Companies, a co-sponsor along with us, and well as city Parks and Recreation.

This information is shared with all of you because each of you is needed! Your involvement in sharing thoughts and experience, as well as hands on assistance, is needed now! Start talking Optimist Club to friends, neighbors, grocery clerks, or anyone else who might be willing to lend a hand. April and May are going to be big activity months and we need to build up our strength. This will not obligate people to join the Optimist Club, but we need to share our care for KIDS, and how we can make a difference one child at a time!!!



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Jan. 29 Jim Jensen, Past Governor  
PNWD Optimist Int'l. 1999-2000



Vern announced that he has a few contestants lined up for this year's Essay Contest. The event is scheduled for February 5th — not that far away now.



This runner is heading for the finish line at last year's relay races. This year, the race is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, and we are going to need every available person to lend a helping hand. Applications are being circulated now. Be sure to spread the word regarding the races and, more importantly, get a iron grip on some folks who are ready, willing, and able to volunteer their time.

Would you believe it? We actually had a stranger in our midst today. It seems his name is Jack; Jack Cartwright I believe. While it has been a while since he has graced us with this presence, it was a pleasure seeing him.

## IS THIS THE PLACE FOR HUMOR?

(These are actual excerpts from student science papers)

Benjamin Franklin produced electricity by rubbing cats backwards.

The theory of evolution was greatly objected to because it made man think.

Three kinds of blood vessels are arteries, vanes and caterpillars.

To collect fumes of sulfur, hold a deacon over a flame in a test tube.