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The Club meets every Thursday noon at Willson House
(check out our website at www.optimistclubofsalemor.org)

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Vern Tabery has set the date of February 1 as the deadline for the Essay Contest, and he has had a couple of phone calls regarding the contest. This does not necessarily mean that there will only be two contestants.



Relay Races

Recently, three of our members, Vern, Arlen and Bruce, had a discussion with representatives of the City of Salem regarding the JC Relays. Regrettably, there is no JC Club in Salem any longer, so the city is seeking a service club such as ours to become sponsors. The event itself is to be held on May 17 & 18 at McCulloch Stadium. However, if this writer understood correctly, it will actually encompass three days, with the first one reserved for set-up. Close to 100 volunteers will be needed to pull this off, so we will be contacting friends and relatives, along with more adults from our public schools. In addition, we will be seeking assistance from Willamette University, Corban College, the Oregon National Guard, and perhaps the Marine Corps League.

There will at least two stands at the event: one will be to sell t-shirts and the other concessions (this may include some rare delicacies that we just haven't thought of at this time.

Vern Tabery has agreed to chair this event. He advises that, since youngsters will be the ones doing the racing, adult background checks will be required, except in special circumstances. Applications need to be completed by April 30. There are to be some sub-chairs (as yet to be named) for such things as the two stands previously mentioned.

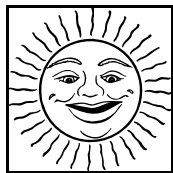
If you are one of those who willing to step forward and be included as a staff member, you may either e-mail Vern at vtabery@comcast.net, or telephone him at (503) 588-8539. Just remember the cut-off date is to be April 30. This is another one of those instances when "the more the merrier."

A bit of important news that was inadvertently omitted from the bulletin is being mentioned here.

As most of you know, the Optimist Club Foundation has a present nest-egg of something over \$60,000.00. Earnings from this fund goes toward two different entities, the Optimist Club Youth Fund (75%), and the Frey Foundation (camperships) 25%.

The actual amounts were \$1800.00 for the one and \$375.00 for the other. This is nothing to be sneezed at.

Any moneys contributed toward the Optimist Club Foundation, which are tax-deductible, will continue to be distributed in this same fashion.



Everybody needs little sunshine occasionally, and Ye Olde Editor just spoke to Barbara, Jerry Sheetz's spouse. She reports that he is doing just fine. Jerry has another three weeks of treatments, and then there is a good chance he will be back among his Optimist buddies.

Quite naturally, we expect Jerry to be on his best behavior. Has anyone ever noticed him to be otherwise? Regardless, Jerry is a stalwart of our club and we miss him.



The Optimist Club of Salem's 60th birthday celebration is to be held on March 8, 2008 at Denny's, located at 3155 Ryan Drive SE. The time is to be from 6—9 p.m. All members and other interested parties are encouraged to attend this special event. It is bound to be something that all will choose to remember.

There are also quite a few former members who are still around, and a conscientious effort is being made to send invitations to as many as are still among us. If you happen to recall a former member who may otherwise be overlooked, let Ray Thomas know who he or she is. Some names have already surfaced, Doug Stoller among them. It was learned that Doug suffered a setback recently, so his health is somewhat questionable at this time.

Some members who have been around for a few years are being asked to recall some of those projects that were once a part of our routine. Soap Box Derby, Junior Optimist Rifle Club, Swing Choir Festival are a few of those events which are a part of this Club's history.

District Governor Steve Anderson will also be among those in attendance.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Jan. 31 TBA

Just a reminder, the Second Quarter Regional one-day meeting will be held Saturday, February 23rd, at the Fire Training Center in Vancouver, WA. Online registration is available at pnwoptimist.org, or you can print a hard copy to send to the District Secretary/Treasurer. A mere \$20.00 gets you a full day's entertainment, plus lunch and snacks!! As many folks as possible are encouraged to attend.

One of those questions being asked as the time for today's meeting approached was "Since we are not having a guest speaker today, how many members do you think will attend?" Well, there were quite a few; i.e., Bruce Gilbertson, Maur Horton, Dave & Linda Wiley, John Day, Arlen Hollinshead, John Chamberlain, Vern Tabery and son Mike (who, by the way, celebrated his 21st birthday yesterday), Ray Thomas, and Ye Olde Editor. Not a bad turnout at all, I'd say. Nice going, members!

DID YOU REALLY THINK THAT HUMOR WOULD BE OMITTED?

Of all the people I know, you're one of them.
Of all the things I've lost, I miss my mind the most.
Of course I want it yesterday. If I wanted it today, I would have called you tomorrow!
OK, who stopped payment on my reality check?
Nostalgia: The good old days multiplied by a bad memory.
Nobody ever forgets where he buried the hatchet.
No guts, no glory, no brain, same story.
Nostalgia is not what is used to be.