



The S O C - K E T



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The Club meets every Thursday noon at -
GREAT WALL BUFFET

2006-07 Club Officers

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Most everyone has seen this picture a time or two in prior issues of The Socket, but the project, while lacking immediate results, still remains on the back burner.



Next Thursday's meeting will be at 6:30 p.m., at the same location. Should it be necessary, please tie a string around finger as illustrated.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Feb 1 Brad Garret OSAA



Here is something else you have seen recently. By wearing a "Just Ask" button, you are encouraging potential Optimists to ask you about the organization. More importantly, there is a pamphlet that President Bruce has available, that provides guidance on what sorts of questions one might expect and how to respond to them. See Bruce for more information. We can always use more members exhibiting interest in youth work.



There is no change from last week. The State Wrestling Tournament is almost upon us and there are many vacancies to fill. Rumors are being circulated that the Armory is going to put to use as well as the Pavilion. While North Salem ROTC is going to be helping out this year, as they did before, there will always be room for more bodies. Make sure yours is one of them!

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.

One of our long-time distinguished members, Joe Miller, put in an appearance today, and announced that he is feeling "greeaatt!"; no pains of any description. He and wife Linda are headed for a three-day visit to Las Vegas to be with daughter Andrea, and take in the Celine Dion show.



Let's all shed a tear for a few of our members who are not doing as well as we might hope for. Dale Powell is still having his problems; Patti Burnley is to undergo surgery for cancer, and Jack Cartwright's wife, Nora Lee has suffered a broken ankle.



Jane Evans, Music Director for West Salem High informed Paul Negstad that their student body will be performing the musical "Once Upon a Mattress" Feb. 2, 3, 9 & 10 @ 7:00p.m. This musical is based on the play "The Princess and the Pea." Tickets will be available from the bookkeeper & at the door. Price is \$8 adults/ \$6 for students.



Say what you will, Carlene J. Lodeski is more than just 1/4 Native American and whose ancestry is that of the Mandan Tribe of Montana and North Dakota (her mother was half Irish and half Native American). She is just as proud of her heritage had she been born exclusively of Native American parentage, and there is

no reason she should not be. She was about 20 years of age when she moved from Montana to Portland, Oregon (her present home), and to her it was as if she had entered another world. If this writer got his facts straight, Carlene chose to further her involvement with Native American culture by becoming affiliated with the Bow & Arrow Culture Club. Carlene is also a member of the Gresham Optimist Club. Her membership in Optimism began because of circumstances involving Multnomah County and the Federal Government. Funds were allocated to the County, to the tune of several thousands of dollars, to finance Native American cultural activities. Evidently, after a period of time, the County decided that the money was not needed and returned it to the federal coffers. Naturally, this deprived the Native American organization of the funds needed to survive. It was about that time that Carlene became acquainted with Past District Governor Jim Slauson, who also happens to be a member of the Gresham Club. He explained that should their organization become affiliated with the Optimist Club, they might enjoy blanket insurance coverage through Optimist International. Thus, the Gresham Club gained a member or two, and the cultural club gained an affiliation that enabled them to carry on their work.

Carlene also explained something about the attire that Native Americans wear at pow-wows. Some think of it as costumes, but she emphasized that it is "regalia," and is often times worth thousands of dollars, costing 100's of dollars just to make.

It was not at all difficult to discern that Carlene is extremely pleased to tell of her heritage, and it was a source of fascination for we Salem Optimists to sit and listen to her tell of her experiences because of it. Her talk consisted of far more than space allows. Thank you Carlene, for making the trip to Salem.



Today we had the distinct pleasure of honoring Alyssa Scott of McNary High School. Although a Junior this year, Deborah Ward, Orchestra Director, felt that Alyssa's talent and dedication is such that she should not have to wait until her Senior year to be so recognized.

Alyssa began the violin while in the Fourth Grade. While she still has a year to go before deciding what paths to follow beyond high school, her present mindset is that she wishes to become a teacher; perhaps of music. She also mentioned that Willamette University has most of her attention right now but, once again, future plans have a way of changing; sometimes abruptly.