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Bringing
Out
The Best
In
Children

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The Club meets every Thursday noon at Willson House
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The Optimist Club of Salem's 60th birthday celebration is to be held on March 7, 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.

A number of invitations have been sent to former members and, albeit on a limited scale, the few that have been heard from may well be seen there.

District Governor Steve Anderson will also be among those in attendance. ***Note date correction to Friday March 7.



MOST INVOLVED IN VOCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

While there were only three young men who were honored at today's

meeting, this was an opportunity for them to use a few more minutes to tell their story. Although encouraged to do so, only one of them smiled for the camera, but that's really not anything to dwell on. That which is most important is their achievements and the opportunity to let others know of the skills each possesses.

Starting from the left, the first student is Kody Albrecht, and he is attending Sprague High School. He was accompanied by his father, Allen Albrecht. Bryan Hatzenbihler, whose father happens to be a former Optimist, did the honors of introducing Kody and saying that whenever he had occasion to see Kody in the hallway, it somehow brightened his day. Very similar to the attributes of our other two honorees, Kody includes wood shop, construction work, computer design work, and architecture among his accomplishments. Kody is also a baseball enthusiast, and has participated in Golden Gloves (amateur boxing). His plans include a couple of years at Chemeketa CC, and then perhaps O.S.U., to take up agriculture.

Jose Alvarado is the young man in the middle, and calls North Salem High School his place of skilled activities. The faculty representative stated that Jose was very reserved when he first entered high school, but has since overcome any shyness and become quite outspoken. Jose's attributes include computer science and networking. He is presently a member, or has been, a member of the Honor Society. His future plans include attending O.S.U. and majoring in the field of engineering.

Emilio Polacca attends Chemawa Indian School. From the Hopi tribe of northern Arizona, Emilio does himself proud. There were many nice things said about his achievements since arriving at Chemawa, and he is still just a sophomore. He also has two brothers who also attended Chemawa. That which Emilio shows the greater promise in the wood shop, but this does not mean that his skills are limited to that alone. This writer thinks he heard something about his wanting to become a mechanic, but this may not be correct. As a sophomore, Emilio still has an ample opportunities to make decisions regarding future endeavors.

We of the Optimist Club feel honored to have each of these personages among us, and are impressed by their level of achievement. There is no doubt in anyone's mind that they will be able to accomplish whatever goals they may set for themselves.

Vern Tabery also introduced a guest today, Rebecca Gayley. She has visited us before, and we are pleased she elected to return; hopefully a frequent visitor.

Board meeting next Tuesday at Guest House Restaurant.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Feb. 21 Youth Appreciation (Voc. Tech.)
- Feb. 28 Dick Bond, Pentacle Theater
- Mar. 6 Diane McLaren Chemeketa C.C.



Relay Races



FLASH ANNOUNCEMENT!!

Last week you were told that the relay races are to be designated the "Optimist Club of Salem Kids' Relays". However, a new proposal was introduced by President Bruce. The City of Salem has suggested renaming the event "Barbara Roberts (no relation to the former Governor) Kids' Relay", sponsored by the Optimist Club of Salem. While the club could proceed with those votes we have, it would be a whole lot nicer if there was more input. We need more folks at the meetings to voice their opinions.

Now, since that topic has been introduced, there is another issue that has arisen. Vern Tabery made it a point to say that the applications have been slow coming in. This is a major undertaking and promises to provide the kind of broad publicity that has eluded this club for some time.

Accordingly, if you wish to be a participant on behalf of the Club, you need to submit an application to the City of Salem by April 30. These applications are readily available through the Club. In fact, the first of them have already been circulated.

Don't forget that Vern will be asking for members to fill the position of sub-chairs. The sub-chairpersons will be asked to arrange for personnel to man two booths, one for t-shirts and the other concessions. A third booth is to be set up to provide information with respect to the Optimist Club, and to accept applications also.

We have more than enough club members to fill the necessary slots, but with the addition of other volunteers and planned publicity, this ought to be another outstanding opportunity to get the club's name out before the public.

If you are one of those who is 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."

Vern announced that 11 essays have been entered in this year's contest. That figure is up from last year.