



# The SOC-KET

Bringing  
Out  
The Best  
In  
Children

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The Club meets every Thursday noon at Willson House  
( check out our website at [www.optimistclubofsalemor.org](http://www.optimistclubofsalemor.org) )

## 2007-08 Club Officers

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While you are going to see far too much of one old guy with white hair, the students are truly the main attraction, so just concentrate on them and forget he even appears here.



Just to avoid repetition, the next three students are from Sprague High School. The first young lady to be recognized for her achievements in music is Danisha Sutton. She excels at the violin, and next year she will be attending Oregon State College on a music scholar-

ship. It is somewhat obscure, but she is wearing an OSU sweatshirt.

Bryce Tomlin plans to attend U of O next year, as if his sweatshirt weren't a dead giveaway. Bryce likes to sing, and judging from his size singing is not all he enjoys doing; maybe foot-



ball! Now, Jenna Von Deylen's forte is in Vocational Technology. She is a whiz at the computer, but her real talents are evident in the woodshop, or is it the other way around. Regardless, she is a very special student. Someone



prevailed upon the photographer (not me) to take the next picture, and it depicts each of them holding a much-deserved award. What a pleasure it is to meet such outstanding young men and women!

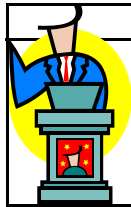
The next student to have been honored is Joe English of Blanchet Catholic School. Brandy O'ban-



non, faculty rep., advised right off that Blanchet does not have a course that can be classified Vocational Tech., but Joe was described as a problem solver, although he excels at both art and photography. Although his future plans are somewhat uncertain at this time, Willamette University was mentioned as a distinct possibility.



The next honoree to receive his award for music is Steven Hansen from Gervais High School. It is not often that the Optimist Club has an opportunity to recognize a freshman for an outstanding achievement, but it is nice to know that all honorees need not be seniors to excel. Steven is a drummer, and plays for the pep band. He also participates in sports, which might be that which calls for the use of crutches. Although a bit early to think of college, he is thinking of Western Oregon University.



## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The effort and desire shown from you all is so greatly appreciated and I can't thank you enough! The willingness to give of your time and effort in the sincere desire that today's youth will experience all that that they are capable of achieving is a priceless gift and means so much to them as well as the aims and objectives of Optimism.

As I reflect on programs, fundraisers, bulletins, emergency meetings, setting up and tearing down, the results never cease to be amazing. In considering the planning, and all of those peripherals that accompany it, I remember that just one person can't do it. It does take one body and that is what our club exemplifies; working together for the betterment of our schools, families, and community. Once again, THANK YOU ALL!!!

This past week has been filled with meetings and the next week is to be a repeat. The good news is, by this time next week, the students, teachers and the principal at Leslie Middle School will have decided what they are going to do to make a difference in Salem. This is a great moment for the Optimist Club because this is a venture that has never been done before, and we are striving to make an impact in Salem so that other adults will want to be a part of this endeavor and make it a community as well as an Optimist achievement



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Feb. 26 TBA

## Salem Kids' Relay Races



This girl is going to be appearing in quite a few bulletins, mainly because her picture is the only one I gleaned from the website. A great deal of assistance is going to be needed to pull this event off in a credible fashion so, as was stated last week, the week before, etc. The Optimist Club can also use a lot of publicity, so get the word out to family, friends, and even casual acquaintances. The event is to be on May 9.

Application forms must be completed for the necessary background checks, so if you intend to add your talents to this festive occasion, be certain to contact Vern Tabery. Should you need his phone number, it is: (503) 588-8539.



The young man on the left is Kevin Detamore. He attends Oregon School for the Deaf. Evidently he is quite the welder. It is uncertain whether this information is accurate, but there is a rumor that he built a golf cart from the ground up. That's something!

Last, but in no way least, is Jeremy Hedges of Western Mennonite School. This young man is recognized for his skill at the computer (programming). He is also the sound director for drama. Chemeketa Community College is being considered.





It is only because there is not enough space on the front page that the welcome mat is here.

**WE HAVE A NEW MEMBER!!**

Sponsored by Bruce Gilbertson, the Reverend David Childress, pastor of Keizer/Clear Lake United Methodist Church became a member on February 17th. He was unable to make last Thursday's meeting, but come and meet the gentleman yourself next week.

## **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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