



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)

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Dave Sevall, Vern Tabery, Frank Milton



The Optimist Club of Salem's 60th birthday celebration is still on the schedule for March 7, Denny's, located at 3155 Ryan Drive SE. The time is to be from 6—9 p.m.

A sign-up sheet is being circulated at this time, and if it is your intention to be present on this occasion, some advance notice will be most helpful. You are urged to contact Maur

Horton or President Bruce a.s.a.p.

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



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Mar. 6 Diane McLaren Chemeketa C.C.
Mar. 13 Youth Appreciation (Most Involved
in Community Affairs)
Mar. 20 ditto



Salem Kids' Relays

It has been announced that the above title is to be official for the upcoming event on Saturday, May 17. It is also Armed Forces Day, but one seriously doubts that involvement by the Armed Forces is meant to be a part of the races. However, lest anyone become complacent, we will need a lot of help from a variety of sources, so don't be too surprised if someone in uniform puts in an appearance and offers to pitch in.

As was stated last week, and assuming you read your bulletin, there is major issue that needs to be addressed. Vern Tabery made it a point to say that the applications have been slow coming in. This is a significant and long overdue opportunity to further the aims and objectives of this club, and promises to provide the kind of broad publicity that has eluded us 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.

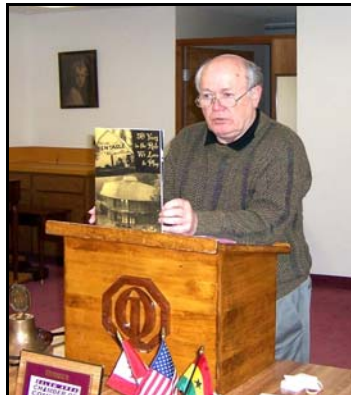
Three members; i.e. Dave Sevall, Frank Masser, & Frank Milton have agreed to be sub-chairs for this event. Thanks guys! With your kind of dedication the Relays are bound to be all that we are hoping for.

We may have more than enough club members to fill the necessary slots, but we need to recruit other volunteers and join in promoting the event and ourselves as its sponsor. This will be one more 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."

Joan Thomas accompanied Ray to the meeting today and, at first, we thought she merely wished to attend incognito; that is until she explained that her eyes had been dilated and needed the added protection of the sunglasses.

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised. "Mine say I'm four to six."



The name of today's speaker is Dick Bond, Vice-President of Pentacle Theater. He has been with the Theater group for forty-one years. That is some commitment, whether

one is an administrator or performer, and he has done quite a bit of both. Since it is too small to read, the title of the booklet that he is holding reads "50 Years In the Role We Love to Play." This, in and of itself, gives you an idea as to its contents.

Pentacle Theater has quite an impressive history, even back to 1954 when fifteen people contributed a few dollars to give birth to a community theater. Actually, it had a modest beginning; the first performances were held in a barn. Of special concern was heating the facility. Not only did the audience have that to deal with, but the performers as well. The year 1959 witnessed its first real winter season.

In the following years Pentacle Theater performed in several locations, one of which was Salem Heights Hall. The present location began in 1963, but there have been many changes to the facility since then. If you have not attended a show there recently, Dick says you owe it to yourself to schedule a new visit.

Here are the shows scheduled for the 2008 season: "The Sunshine Boys" completed its run on February 16, but here is a list of those to be presented:

March 7— March 29 THE DIVINERS This takes place in the depression era and is about a disturbed teenage boy and his friendship with a visiting preacher.

April 18—May 10 DORIAN This presentation is a musical adaptation of the horror story "The Picture of Dorian Gray."

May 30—June 21 BETTY THE YETI This is a satire about a forester who loses his job, splits with his wife, and meets a female Sasquatch in the forests of northern Oregon.

July 11—August 2 DOUBT This gripping story involves Sister Aloysius, a school principal, and her reaction to a priest's behavior when her students and territory are threatened.

Aug. 22—Sept. 13 GUYS AND DOLLS A great story. This is a musical which you undoubtedly have heard about and shouldn't miss seeing.

Oct. 3—Oct. 25 CORPSE! A comedy thriller set in London during the year 1936. It is described as teeming with family betrayal and fraternal deception.

Nov. 14 –Dec. 6 MRS. BOB CRATCHIT'S WILD CHRISTMAS BINGE

Described as an irreverent, rollicking parody of the Charles Dickens Christmas classic The Ghost of Christmas Past.

Note: No doubt anyone on the Pentacle Theater staff can further enlighten interested parties as to the particulars of any show in which there is an interest.