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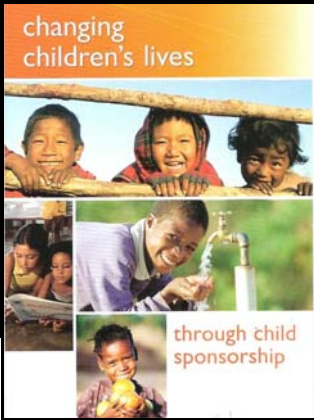
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Optimist Clubs all over have held to the slogan "Bringing Out The Best In Kids," and an organization entitled World Vision has many of the same goals, excepting their program includes sponsorship of individual children who are quite often being deprived of the bare essentials, including food and clothing. Dolores Vance, Child Ambassador for the organization, was our guest speaker and brought her message to us. Quoting from a paragraph on their website, they advertise themselves in this manner. "World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice."

Dolores has been a resident of Salem since 1982, and graduated from Corban College this last May. She stated that there are families that are trying to subsist on less than \$2.00 per day. There are 14,000 kids worldwide who are dying of hunger every day. Dolores displayed a small sign that tugs at one's heart strings. It read: Let my heart be broken by the things that break the heart of God. Those words say a great deal.

Another paragraph from their website reads like this: Whenever we work, our prayer is that our efforts will be used by God to heal and strengthen people's relationships with Him and with one another. We do this by demonstrating God's unconditional love for all people through our service to the poor - which includes providing for daily needs, working to build peace and promote justice, and partnering with churches and individuals to encourage spiritual transformation.

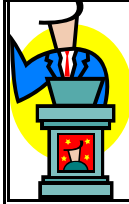
The cost to sponsor a child is \$30.00 per month. For \$35.00 per month, \$5.00 is used to combat HIV/AIDS. Should you care to learn more about their program, one can log onto their website or phone Dolores at (503) 393-8816.

As a side note, Dolores's dad was once the President of an Optimist Club in San Francisco, CA.

We had the pleasure of a visit by a couple of members whom we don't see that often; they being, Frank Masser, Dave Sevall, and Linc Watson. It was good to see you fellows, and you are most welcome any time.



None of us may know who this youngster is, but it does depict involvement with and by kids. Dave Wiley is still hunting for pictures that depict such activities by those we sponsor. If you have some, now would be a good time to share them. He promises to give them back.



THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Hello Salem Optimist Club.

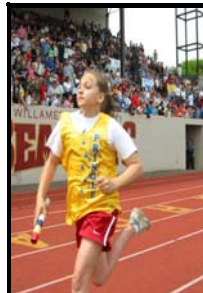
As March is winding down, I thought I would provide an update on a big decision we are in the process of making in regards to the Oktoberfest that takes place in September. We are evaluating if we are going to stay involved. For the past several years we have been selling Philly Cheese Steak sandwiches. It has been financially okay, but the intensity of the labor requirement puts us in the position that it is very likely we can't continue selling that particular food product. I need phone calls and e-mail suggestions on an easy, labor friendly product that will require less manpower. We need something that will take fewer people to be on duty but still provide a source of revenue so we can continue financing awards for the youth.

Due to the fact that we cannot simply advise the Oktoberfest committee that our club is going to continue as we have in the past, we need to tell them what it is we intend to serve. This is where the challenge comes in. It will be necessary to have a product in mind so that we can advise them by April 3.

The fun hats will continue no matter the type of food we intend to serve. So, I am asking all of you to don your "German thinking caps" and fill me in. Because we are in this together, I am asking for your ideas.



April 2 Dr. James Randolph
Pimpollo Mission Trip



Please keep in mind that Saturday, May 9 is the big date for Salem Kids' Relay races and, as usual, we are going to need quite a bit of help.

Have you thought of someone, but have not yet made that contact? Don't put it off for much longer. That person or persons, as the case may be, needs to have a background check and that may take some time also. There is a good chance that the sun

will shine on that date and, after this winter of cold weather, all participants might find that rather enjoyable.



If you do not want to be haunted by an Easter Bunny loaded with eggs, you need to be at the home of one Arlen Hollinshead on Tuesday, April 7, 5:00 p.m. to stuff them.

The distribution of the aforementioned eggs will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 11. The hunt is to begin at 10:00 a.m.

Remember, this activity is being held at Morningside Methodist bunny farm, Inc.



This picture is from Optimist International and depicts some young people who are members of a Junior Optimist Club.

Okay, so why is this important? It is only because there is going to be a meeting of Optimist Club representatives at

McKay High School on March 30th to discuss the formation of a Junior Optimist Club there. This is just great!!!