



# The S O C - K E T

Bringing  
Out  
The Best  
In  
Children

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## Salem Kids' Relays

Hey folks!! The applications toward the background check are not coming in. If you're an Optimist you need to be getting on the ball. There are two ways you can do this; come to a meeting and fill one out, or log onto the following to fill one out online: <http://www.cityofsalem.net/export/departments/scserv/recreation/volunteerapp.pdf> While you have until April 30, the sooner we get those in and processed the better. The numbers of people required to man this event still stands at approximately 100. Naturally, more than just we Optimists are going to be involved, but we still need you.

If you have any questions, e-mail Vern Tabery at [vtabery@comcast.net](mailto: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."

Unless a volunteer has stepped forward since last week, there is still a need for someone to head up the concession stand.



If anyone were to ask if we knew of a speaker who has personality plus, we would be compelled to say "We do now!" Cori Clausen is just such a person. While her traveling companion, Sue Bloom, is the possessor of much the same talent, her opportunities to speak were far less.

Cori's role at the Salem Chamber of Commerce is to head up the

program titled "Ready to Learn — Ready to Work!"

What, specifically, is it that Cori does? In describing a typical work day, she spoke of a trip made to one of the High Schools; there to meet one of the staff concerning how their students might better fill the needs of the business community. From there (and this is where she spends the greater amount of time) she would travel about to various businesses to further ascertain what their needs are. So, much of her time is spent performing liaison between schools and the community.



There is a very strong effort being made to keep potential dropouts in school, both Middle & High Schools. It is also the objective to train and maintain a qualified work force. Toward this end 785 hours were committed by volunteers, impacting 7000 students. This ain't hay, folks! There are 18,000 students out there, and so there will be a constant need for people to work with students to keep them in school, and to help them adjust to the community needs when they graduate. This is where the Chamber of Commerce program can help meet the needs of all those who may be affected in one way or another. It was said that schools (high schools in particular) have changed dramatically over the years and, unless one has had an occasion to keep in touch with them, they would be difficult to recognize as they are today.

Cori and Sue distributed folders that contain much more information than is contained here, including "service learning/volunteerism; work experience/internship, and job shadows." There are opportunities to be a guest speaker, a mentor, and also site visits. Should you wish to learn more about this program, logon to [www.salemchamber.org](http://www.salemchamber.org), or phone Cori at the Chamber (503) 581-1466 ext. 308.

Aside from natural talent, where did these young woman get their formal education? Cori got her degree from George Fox College, and Sue attended Linfield College. Each of them must have been outstanding students.

It was a pleasure to welcome Cori and Sue today, and we will welcome either or both should they elect to return one day, either as speakers of guests.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 3 Essay entries  
April 10 Youth Appreciation - Most Improved in Academics  
April 17 Ditto



This article courtesy of Chief Bunny, Arlen.

When someone says "Hop to it", Optimists respond! Now, just who were those Easter bunnies, HOPping around last Saturday — in the sunshine!! Well, they would be Wes and son, Dave, Bruce & son, Torey, Arlen, Maur (phoneless and penniless), Frank (of the Masser variety), Dave Sevall, and Vern. To say that the event was a HUGE success would be an understatement. It's amazing what (who?) comes out along with a little sun! The Energizer bunny may keep going and going and going, but the kids just kept coming and coming and coming! Pastor Michael Powell (yes, Dale's little boy!) was in total awe! Said he didn't know there were so many kids in Salem! He even mentioned it in church Sunday!

Many thanks to the stuffers, candy buyers, setter-uppers, hidiers and tear-downers for all your help. It's all about the kids and, based on the many grins and quiet "thank you's," it appears that task was accomplished manifold. And that's no yolk!!

And did you see the press we got?? WOW!! Besides being mentioned in a couple of articles in the SJ, there were also pics on the SJ website! Hoppy Easter, indeed!



The track, the balloons, and the youngsters may not be familiar, but the Awesome 3000 is one of those events in which Optimists have participated over many years. The date for this years run is scheduled for Saturday, May 3.

Arlen announced that there is to be an auction, April 5, sponsored by Morningside United Methodist Church and held at the Scottish Rite Temple from 5:00—8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 a person or \$25.00 per couple. The fee includes dinner and an opportunity to bid on some fine items. Phone Arlen for additional details.

Children's logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."