



The S O C - K E T



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The Club meets every Thursday noon at the Great Wall Buffet
 (check out our website at www.optimistclubofsalemor.org)

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Salem Boys Choir is having it's Boys on Broadway dessert concert and silent auction on Friday and Saturday, April 13 & 14. Auction will begin at 6:30, with dessert and program to follow. Tickets are \$20 and may be reserved by calling (503) 399-1364, or sending an email to: tickets@salemboyschoir.org.



While the sign-up sheet has made the rounds and Paul stated that the names of the volunteers must be submitted by Friday, April 6, he did hint that anyone who is harboring a desire to become a participant, along with fellow Optimists, will be welcome. As with all such activities, the more the merrier.



Willamette Valley Hospice

Although not everyone claimed to have had personal experiences regarding hospice care, most had a pretty fair idea of what this involves. For those of us who were not previously informed to the degree we might like to have been, our guest speaker, Vivian Wisner, saw to it that all in attendance became somewhat more knowledgeable of the services that hospices perform, particularly as it relates to Willamette Valley Hospice. Although WVH is not the sole source of hospice services in Salem, it is by far the largest. Also, they are a non-profit organization, but there may be one or two in Salem that provide similar services for profit.

While Vivian did an admirable job of explaining hospice services and how and where it got its start, they also have a website (www.wvh.org) that goes into extensive detail as well. As the website explains, the term "hospice" is derived from the same source as the word "hospitality." It can be traced back to early Western Civilization to describe a place of shelter for weary or sick travelers. The term was first applied to specialized care for patients in 1967, at St. Christopher's Hospice in a residential suburb of London, England. The first American hospice began in 1974, in Connecticut. Willamette Valley Hospice got its start in 1974 and was located on Market Street for a time. Over the years they have found it necessary to expand their facilities and are currently located on Edgewater Drive in West Salem.

So, what is hospice care? Quoting from their website, "essentially it is the compassionate care of terminally ill people to allow them to die comfortably, with dignity and, if possible, within their own homes." Lest one think that this is all that is involved, there is also a weekend overnight camp called "Camp Mighty Oaks" which takes place in July. It is designed to provide an outlet for families who have recently experienced the death of a loved one. Limited space prohibits going into great detail concerning the following, but at least one can get an idea of what is involved by reviewing the various categories. These begin with *Grief Counseling*, *Adult Grief Support Groups*, *Children's Grief Support Groups*, *School Grief Support Groups*, *Workplace Bereavement Support*, *Community Memorial Gatherings*, and *Holiday Grief Workshop*.

Of particular interest to Optimists (after all, we do care a little about kids), the Children's Grief Support Groups provide six-week in house counseling for kids ages 5 to 17. Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to attend.

Vivian is a Bereavement Counselor, and has been with WVH for 1 1/2 years. She spoke as though this experience has been deeply rewarding.



From the pen of Arlen Hollinshead.
 "The few, the mighty, the proud! It may sound like a promo for a branch of the military, but it's really those who had the "right stuff" for 1512 Easter eggs Tuesday evening! Hopping around the tables were Flora Butts, Lindy Zimmerman, Judy & Bruce Gilbertson, Vern Tabery, Brandon Hulse, Arlen Hollinshead, Helene and Bob Gough (church friends of Flora and Arlen), with cameo appearances by Nick Zimmerman and (the late, late, late) Wes Alderson. By 6:30 it was all over but the shouting and that came shortly thereafter. Thanks to all the above "stuffy" people!! Also, a special thanks and kudos to Flora Butts and Dave Sevall, who made the candy run and came within a pound or so of having just the right amount!

Remember, the laying and gathering party is this Saturday, in the Morningside United Methodist Church "forest." We'll gather about 8:30 (yes, that's a.m.!!) for the set-up, with the hunt beginning at 10:00 a.m. sharp. We'll need lots of bunnies to hide eggs and herd excited little kids! Clean-up will be minimal and we should be outta there by 10:30! Happy Easter!!



UPCOMING PROGRAMS
April 12 Youth Appreciation
(Most Improved in Academics)
April 19 " "



Also, don't forget the new fundraiser that is currently in the mill; that being donating and selling items through E-Bay. The proceeds are intended to boost the coffers of the Optimist Club Foundation. If necessary, contact Ray Thomas for particulars.

What would a bulletin be without some sort of stab at humor?

Paul Negstad can be blamed for this one: There are twenty bunnies all in a row. What do you call it when 19 of the 20 take a step backward? Answer: A receding hare line.

A midget fortune-teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.

Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

Once you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.

Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.